The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for 2nd Sunday after Trinity*

*June 18, 2023*

*Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and prayer, as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

Catechesis Notes for the week – **A Meditation Upon God’s Word –** “The 119th psalm is a long psalm, containing prayers, comforts, instructions, and thanks in great number. It is chiefly written to make us excited about God’s Word. It praises God’s Word throughout and warns us against both the false teachers and against boredom and contempt for the Word. Therefore, it is primarily to be counted among the psalms of comfort. Its primary concern is that we have God’s Word in its purity and hear it gladly. From this concern, then, come powerful prayers, instructions, thanks, prophecies, worship of God, suffering, and all that pleases God and grieves the devil. But where one despises the Word and is satiated by it, there all these cease. For where the Word is not purely taught, there is truly an abundance of prayers, instructions, comforts, worship, suffering, and prophecies – but totally false and condemned! For it is then only service to the devil, who is thus impure with all his heretics.” – Martin Luther, Praying the Psalms

***Invocation* -In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Verse:** John 3:15-16 – Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 119 Aleph and Beth**

**Year I – New Testament Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Trinity 2 Gospel – Luke 14:15-24 |
| Monday | The Confession of Peter and His Rebuke –  Matthew 16:13-23 |
| Tuesday | Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me – Matthew 16:24-28 |
| Wednesday | The Transfiguration – Matthew 17:1-13 |
| Thursday | A Boy Is Healed – Matthew 17:14-21 |
| Friday | Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection –  Matthew 17:22-27 |
| Saturday | **The Nativity of St. John the Baptist – Luke 1:57-80** |

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| **Catechism: First Petition of the Lord’s Prayer** | **Grades** |
| *What is the First Petition?*  Hallowed be Thy name. | Preschool + |
| *What does this mean?*  God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also. | 2nd+ |
| *How is God’s name kept holy?*  God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father! | 3rd+ |