The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for 3rd Sunday after Trinity*

*June 25, 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 – **Psalm 119:17-32 – Meditations upon God’s Word – The Gimel section** of Psalm 119 teaches us that God deals bountifully with us through His Word. Throughout the entire psalm there are many words that refer to God’s Word as the fountain and source of all blessings from the Lord. Each of these words describes the nuances associated with the blessings that God’s Word gives. The believer longs to hear God’s Word and delights in it. God’s Word gives us understanding and turns us away from covetous desires. God’s Word is our counselor. Though persecuted by the proud and political on account of God’s Word, the believer holds fast to the Word.

**The Daleth section** of Psalm 119 teaches us that God’s Word is that which revives our soul. When we are separated from God’s Word our soul clings to the dust and melts from heaviness. God’s Word strengthens us in the way of truth, the certainty of God’s Word and protects us from the lying way. In this section, word, statutes, precepts, way of truth, judgments, testimonies, and commandments are the references to God’s Word. God’s Word fortifies our hearts against attacks upon our faith. The psalmist petitions the Lord not to be put to shame for holding fast to His Word, a petition He most surely hears and answers.

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

**Verse:** Genesis 15:6 [Abram] believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 119 Gimel and Daleth**

**Year I – New Testament Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | **St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus and Martyr – James 1:1-12** |
| Monday | Who Is the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven – Matthew 18:1-14 |
| Tuesday | If Your Brother Sins – Matthew 18:15-22 |
| Wednesday | The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant – Matthew 18:21-35 |
| Thursday | **St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles – Acts 15:1-21** |
| Friday | Jesus Teaches on Marriage and Divorce – Matthew 19:1-12 |
| Saturday | Trinity 4 OT – Genesis 50:15-21 |

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| **Catechism: Sixth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer** | **Grades** |
| *What is the Sixth Petition?*  And lead us not into temptation | Preschool + |
| *What does this mean?*  God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory. | 3rd+ |