The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for 6th Sunday after Trinity*

*July 16, 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: Teth and Yod – Meditations on the Word of God –** The Lord always deals with the Christian rightly. His ways are always good, no matter what He permits to come into our lives. His discipline is good. His chastening is good. His merciful and forgiving Word is good. His patience and longsuffering kindness is good. In the Teth section of Psalm 119, the psalmist declares how the Lord did good to him, even when he went astray. The Lord sent affliction that the Christian might learn the humility of faith, be delivered from arrogance and pride, learn the statutes of the Lord, and love the Word of the Lord more than all other treasures. Affliction is sent to drive us into the Word of God. In this section, word, good judgment and knowledge, commandments, statutes, precepts, and law are the references to God’s Word.

**In the Yod section** of Psalm 119, the psalmist confesses that the Lord has created and fashioned him and prays for understanding to learn the Lord’s commandments. Fellow believers rejoice when they see the believer who has hope in God’s Word. The Christian acquiesces to affliction laid upon him, because he knows that the Lord is faithful to him, and the Lord’s mercy and kindness will be for his comfort. In this section, commandments, word, judgments, law, and precepts are the references to God’s Word.

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

**Verse:** Romans 12:17-18 – Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 119 Teth and Yod**

**Year I – New Testament Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Trinity 6 Gospel – Matthew 5:20-26 |
| Monday | Render to Caesar the Things That Are Caesar’s – Matthew 22:15-22 |
| Tuesday | Questions About the Resurrection – Matthew 22:23-33 |
| Wednesday | The Greatest Commandment – Matthew 22:34-46 |
| Thursday | Woe to the Scribes and Pharisees – Matthew 23:1-36 |
| Friday | Jesus Predicts the Signs of the End – Matthew 23:37 – 24:14 |
| Saturday | **St. Mary Magdalene – John 20:12, 10-18** |

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| **Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar** | **Grades** |
| *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*  It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and to drink. | 1st+ |
| *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*  These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation. | 1st+ |