The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for 7th Sunday after Trinity*

*July 23, 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: Kaph and Lamed – Meditations on the Word of God – In the Kaph section** of Psalm 119, we learn that our life, both spiritually and temporally, is dependent upon the Word of God. It is the Word of God that revives life and gives hope. It is also by the Word of God that we are protected and rescued from the enemies that would destroy the soul. In this section, word, statutes, law, commandments, precepts, and the testimony of Your mouth are all references to God’s Word.

**In the Lamed section** of Psalm 119, the theme of life and salvation through the Word continues. The Word of God stands firm as that by which all of creation is sustained and by which life and salvation comes to us. Apart from the Word of God and holding fast to the Word we perish. In this section, word, ordinances, law, precepts, testimonies, and commandment are the references to the Word of God.

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

**Verse:** 1 Corinthians 1:18 – For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 119 Kaph and Lamed**

**Year I – New Testament Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Trinity 7 Gospel – Mark 8:1-9 |
| Monday | The Great Tribulation – Matthew 24:15-31 |
| Tuesday | **St. James the Elder, Apostle – Mark 10:35-45** |
| Wednesday | The Parable of the Fig Tree – Matthew 24:32-42 |
| Thursday | The Faithful Servant – Matthew 24:43-51 |
| Friday | The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins – Matthew 25:1-13 |
| Saturday | Trinity 8 OT – Jeremiah 23:18-29 |

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| **Catechism: First Petition of the Lord’s Prayer** | **Grades** |
| *What is the First Petition?*  Hallowed by 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+ |