The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for 11th Sunday after Trinity*

*August 20, 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: Qoph and Resh – Meditations upon the Word of God –** Is there anything that we need for life and salvation for which God’s Word is not the source? No! The Word of the Lord is the fountain and source of everything that we need. In the **Qoph section** of Psalm 119, the psalmist speaks of the linkage between the Word of God and prayer. God speaks to us and prayer, as the voice of faith in God’s Word, speaks to God for everything that we need according to His Word. “I rise before the dawning of the morning and cry for help; I hope in Your word.” God hears our prayers on the basis of His loving promises to us in Christ. In this section, statutes, testimonies, word, and commandments are the references to the Word of God. In the **Resh section** of Psalm 119, the psalmist cries out to the Lord for Deliverance from affliction, for the revival of his soul, for salvation renewal in the Word of God. Our relationship with God and everything we need from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comes from His Word. In this section, law, word, statutes, judgments, and testimonies are 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:** Mark 10:7-9 – “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. ‘So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 119: 145-160**

**Year II – Old Testament Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Trinity 11 Gospel – Luke 18:9-14 |
| Monday | The Restitution Offering – Leviticus 5:17 – 6:4 |
| Tuesday | The Ministry of the Priests Begins – Leviticus 9:1-16, 22-24 |
| Wednesday | The Profane Fire of Nadab and Abihu – Leviticus 10:1-7 |
| Thursday | The Day of Atonement – Leviticus 16:1-17, 20-22, 34 |
| Friday | The Priestly Blessing – Numbers 6:22-27 |
| Saturday | Trinity 12 OT – Isaiah 29:17-24 |

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| **Catechism: Fifth and Sixth Commandments** | **Grades** |
| The Fifth Commandment:  You shall not murder | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need. | 2nd+ |
| The Sixth Commandment:  You shall not commit adultery | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other. | 2nd+ |