The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for 16th Sunday after Trinity*

*September 24, 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 148** is a psalm of praise that calls upon the creation to “praise the Lord.” How does the creation praise the Lord? What is praise? Praise gives all honor and glory to God. Psalm 148 extols “the Lord” – the great “I AM” and the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as the only true God who is both the Creator of the heavens and the earth and the eternal Savior. The whole of God’s creation praises the Lord when the creation does the very things that God has given it to do and performs its work according to the Lord’s will. Psalm 148 teaches us to understand that the whole of God’s creation is in service to the Lord for His good and gracious purposes. Because of the song of praise throughout God’s creation, young men and maidens, old men and children, and every believer and faithful saint of Christ’s Church praises the name of the Lord and extols His salvation in all the earth.

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

**Verse:** 1 Timothy 1:15 – The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 148**

**Year II – Old Testament Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Trinity 16 Gospel – Luke 7:11-17 |
| Monday | Israel Crosses over the Jordan – Joshua 3:1-17 |
| Tuesday | Israel Celebrates the Passover in the Promised Land – Joshua 5:10-15 |
| Wednesday | The Destruction of Jericho – Joshua 6:1-27 |
| Thursday | The Sin of Achan – Joshua 7:1-26 |
| Friday | The Fall of Ai – Joshua 8:1-29 |
| Saturday | Trinity 17 OT – Proverbs 25:6-14 |

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| **Catechism: The First Article of the Creed** | **Grades** |
| I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. | 1st+ |
| He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. | 2nd+ |