The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for 13th Sunday after Trinity*

*September 3, 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 30 is part of the first “of David” collection (Ps 3-41). It is a psalm of individual thanksgiving, like Psalms 18, 30, 32, 34, and 118, among others. A common view, which seems plausible, is that one of these psalms would have been sung by an Israelite when presenting a thank offering at the sanctuary. Psalms of individual thanksgiving usually look back on specific acts of deliverance by the Lord. They often include a word of praise, a description of the psalmist’s trouble, his prayer to God for help, a description of how God has delivered him, and a call for others to join the psalmist in praising God. The psalms in this category emphasize these elements to varying degrees, and within a particular psalm the author can move back and forth among them very freely. To interpret these psalms correctly, it is important to note that they often do not tell the story of the psalmist’s trouble and his deliverance in chronological order. That seems to be true of Psalm 30.” Braun, J. A. (2002). *Sermon Studies on Selected* *Psalms* (p. 90).

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

**Verse:** Luke 12:15 – But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 30**

**Year II – Old Testament Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Trinity 13 – Luke 10:23-37 |
| Monday | Spies Are Sent into Canaan – Numbers 13:1-3 (4-16) 17-33 |
| Tuesday | Israel Refuses to Enter Canaan and Moses Intercedes for Them –  Numbers 14:1-24 |
| Wednesday | The Rebels Are Sentenced to Death – Numbers 14:26-45 |
| Thursday | Rebellion Against Moses and Aaron – Numbers 16:1-19a |
| Friday | The Lord Confirms That Moses Is His Prophet – Numbers 16:19b-40 |
| Saturday | Trinity 14 OT – Proverbs 4:10-23 |

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| **Catechism: Ninth and Tenth Commandments** | **Grades** |
| The Ninth Commandment:  You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor’s inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it. | 2nd+ |
| The Tenth Commandment:  You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor’s wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty. | 2nd+ |