The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for 19th Sunday after Trinity*

*October 15, 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 96 – The New Song of the Gospel Calls to Faith and is Our Confession** – Several psalms call us to “sing to the Lord a new song!” The substance of the “new song” is the Good News of salvation in Christ, anchored in the “New” Testament in His blood. It is the song of grace and mercy for sinners in Jesus. It is the sung confession of faith in Christ and the sung proclamation of that Gospel that call us to faith in Him. We sing that song! That song goes out into all the earth! And we want the whole earth to sing that song as the nations come to repentance and faith in Christ for salvation. All the gods of mankind are idols, but the God who redeemed us with the blood of His Son is also the Creator of the heavens and the earth. He has established the earth. He calls the nations to repentance and desires all to be saved and to sing this song. This salvation in Christ is the beauty of God’s holiness and what moves the heavens to rejoice. The song of the Gospel restores life to God’s creation and promises resurrection from the dead. On the last day Christ will return to judge the nations by the righteousness of His cross and the truth of His Word.

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

**Verse:** 2 Corinthians 5:21 – For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 96**

**Year II – Old Testament Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Trinity 19 Gospel – Matthew 9:1-8 |
| Monday | Ehud, Israel’s Left-Handed Judge – Judges 2:12-30 (31) |
| Tuesday | Deborah the Prophetess Judges Israel – Judges 4:1-24 |
| Wednesday | The Angel of the Lord Appears to Gideon – Judges 6:1 (2-5) 6, 11-27 |
| Thursday | The Sign of the Fleece – Judges 6:28-40 |
| Friday | The Lord Gives Victory to Gideon with 300 Men – Judges 7:1-23 |
| Saturday | Trinity 20 OT – Isaiah 55:1-9 |

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| **Catechism: The Second Article of the Creed** | **Grades** |
| *What is the Second Article of the Creed?*  And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death | 1st+ |
| That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true. | 2nd+ |