The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for 20th Sunday after Trinity*

*October 22, 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 98 – A Psalm of Rejoicing in Christ’s Salvation –** Psalm 98 is a psalm that rejoices in Christ’s salvation. Jesus is the Father’s “right hand” and “holy arm!” He gained the victory over sin, death, and the power of Satan by His suffering and death upon the cross. In the preaching of the Gospel, “the Lord has made known His salvation” and the “righteousness” of Christ He proclaims to the nations for their salvation. By the death, resurrection, and preaching of the Gospel of Christ, the Lord openly shows His salvation to the nations and proclaims this salvation to the ends of the earth. Psalm 98 overflows with the expression of joy, singing, and joyful music in praise of the Lord whose salvation moves the earth. Even the creation is involved in the proclamation of the Gospel and in anticipation of the future coming of our Lord Jesus Christ who will “judge the earth” according to the “righteousness of His cross.”

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

**Verse:** John 15:26 – “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 98**

**Year II – Old Testament Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Trinity 20 Gospel – Isaiah 55:1-9 |
| Monday | The Birth of Samson – Judges 13:1-25 |
| Tuesday | Samson’s Philistine Wife and His Riddle – Judges 14:1-20 |
| Wednesday | The Foxes, the Torches, and the Jawbone of a Donkey – Judges 15:1-20 |
| Thursday | Samson and Delilah – Judges 16:1-31 |
| Friday | The Family of Elimelech and Naomi – Ruth 1:1-22 |
| Saturday | **Reformation Observed First Reading** – Revelation 14:6-7 |

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| **Catechism: The Third Article of the Creed** | **Grades** |
| I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. | 1st+ |
| In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.  This is most certainly true. | 2nd+ |