The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for 23rd Sunday after Trinity*

*November 12, 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 8:31b-32 – If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 98**

**Year II – Old Testament Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | 23rd Sunday after Trinity Gospel – Matthew 22:15-22 |
| Monday | Israel Demands a King – 1 Samuel 8:1-22 |
| Tuesday | Saul Is Chosen to Be King – 1 Samuel 9:1-6 (7-9) 10-24 |
| Wednesday | Saul Is Anointed King – 1 Samuel 9:25 – 10:16 |
| Thursday | Saul is Proclaimed King – 1 Samuel 10:17-27 |
| Friday | Saul Saves Jabesh Gilead – 1 Samuel 11:1-15 |
| Saturday | 23rd Sunday after Trinity OT Reading – Proverbs 8:11-22 |

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| **Catechism: 2nd and 3rd Petition of the Lord’s Prayer** | **Grades** |
| Thy Kingdom Come | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also. | 1st+ |
| Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also. | 2nd+ |
| *How is Go’s will done?*  God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when he strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. | 3rd+ |