The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for All Saint’s Day (Observed)*

*November 5, 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 132 begins with recalling how David would not rest until he had provided for the tabernacle of the Lord and the Ark of the Covenant where the Old Testament believers would worship and receive the Lord’s saving gifts. For us in the New Testament Church, Christ is the Tabernacle of the Lord’s saving presence. He promises to be found where His Word is preached, and His sacraments are administered. He has made precious promises to His holy Christian Church and to each member of the communion of saints. As the Lord was faithful to David and His place of rest in Zion, so the Lord is faithful to us. The testimony of the Lord in the Gospel of Christ is certain. His priests are clothed with His righteousness. He grants rest and refreshment to His saints who shout for joy in His presence. Like the Old Testament saints who prayed this Psalm of Ascents as they approached the Lord’s tabernacle, we know that when we enter into the house of the Lord that Jesus Himself is present with His good gifts and Spirit.

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

**Verse:** 2 Timothy 3:15 – from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 132**

**Year II – Old Testament Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | **All Saint’s Day (Observed) Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12** |
| Monday | The Song of Hannah – 1 Samuel 2:1-11 |
| Tuesday | The Lord calls to the Boy Samuel - 1 Samuel 2:12, 18-21; 3:1-20 |
| Wednesday | The Ark of the Covenant Is Captured – 1 Samuel 3:21 – 4:18 (19-22) |
| Thursday | The Ark of the Covenant Brings Judgment upon the Philistines –  1 Samuel 5:1 – 6:1 |
| Friday | The Ark of the Covenant Is Returned to Israel – 1 Samuel 6:1 – 7:1 |
| Saturday | 23rd Sunday after Trinity OT Reading – Proverbs 8:11-22 |

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| **Catechism: Introduction and 1st Petition to the Lord’s Prayer** | **Grades** |
| Our Father who art in heaven. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father. | 1st+ |
| Hallowed be Thy name | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also. | 2nd+ |
| *How is God’s name kept holy?*  God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father! | 3rd+ |