The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for 24th Sunday after Trinity*

*November 19, 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 135: A Psalm of Praise for Our Creator and Redeemer –** Psalm 135 calls us to praise the Lord, our Creator and Redeemer. All who stand in the house of the Lord are to praise the Lord and sing to His name, for it is pleasant. By the name of the Lord, we were baptized and made the children of God. By the name of the Lord, He continues to forgive our sins. And by the name of the Lord, we call upon Him in every trouble. Like the Old Testament Church which was established by the promise of salvation made to the Patriarchs, so the New Testament Church rests her hopes and confidence upon the promises of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus who is both our Creator and our Redeemer. “Our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the Lord pleases He does.” Not only is He the Lord of creation, ordering the cycle of rain, the lightening, and the wind, but He is also the God of salvation who delivered Israel from bondage in Egypt and conquered all her enemies. Psalm 135 leads us in a renunciation of all worthless idols who have no power to create or save. Israel, Aaron, and Levi represent the whole congregation of the Old Testament Church. We, like the Old Testament Church, are called to bless the Lord for there is life and salvation in no other.

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

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 135**

**Year II – Old Testament Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | 24th Sunday after Trinity Gospel – Matthew 9:18-26 |
| Monday | Samuel’s Address at Saul’s Coronation – 1 Samuel 12:1(2-13)14-25 |
| Tuesday | Saul’s Unlawful Sacrifice – 1 Samuel 13:1-14 |
| Wednesday | Saul’s Wars and His Unfaithfulness – 1 Samuel 14:52 – 15:9 |
| Thursday | Saul Is Rejected by the Lord – 1 Samuel 15:10-35 |
| Friday | David Is Anointed King – 1 Samuel 16:1-13 |
| Saturday | Last Sunday of the Church Year OT Reading – Isaiah 65:1-25 |

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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+ |