The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Last Sunday of the Church Year*

*November 26, 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 101 – The King’s Coronation Psalm –** Every psalm ultimately finds its fulfillment in Christ. Psalm 101 is a coronation psalm for the king. Verses 1-4 are the promises that the king makes. How fitting they are in the mouth of our Lord. He sings of mercy and justice. He behaves wisely. He walks with integrity and a perfect heart. He renounces all evil and does not set it before his eyes. He turns away from wickedness. Verses 5-8 are the King’s pledge of how He will govern His people. He will govern them with truth. All slander, falsehood, and arrogance will be put away. He will protect the faithful of the land who walk in integrity and uprightness. The liar shall not continue in the presence of the Lord. He will destroy the wicked of the land and every evil doer will be cut off from the city of the Lord. At the heart of such evil is the dishonesty of an impenitent heart. In the kingdom of Christ, truth is manifest in the honesty of a humble and contrite heart that confesses sin and confesses the truth of God’s Word in a salvation that we do not deserve but which is wholly provided for us by the King. To Him belongs everlasting allegiance and faithfulness, for there is salvation in no one else.

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

**Verse:** Matthew 24:27 – For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 101**

**Year II – Old Testament Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Last Sunday of the Church Year Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13 |
| Monday | David Plays the Harp for Saul – 1 Samuel 16:14-23 |
| Tuesday | Goliath the Philistine Giant – 1 Samuel 17:1-19 |
| Wednesday | David Journeys to the Battlefield – 1 Samuel 17:20-37 |
| Thursday | David Kills Goliath – 1 Samuel 17:32, 37-54 |
| Friday | Saul Resents David – 1 Samuel 17:55 – 18:16 |
| Saturday | Ad Te Levavi OT – Jeremiah 23:5-8 |

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| **Catechism: 4th Petition of the Lord’s Prayer** | **Grades** |
| Give us this day our daily bread. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, event to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. | 1st+ |
| *What is meant by daily bread?*Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like. | 2nd+ |