The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Sexagesima*

*February 4, 2024*

*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 107:17-32 – Psalm of Thanksgiving for God’s Help –** “The 107th psalm is a psalm of thanks for the help that God shows to all people in their distress, whether they are Gentile or Jew. This help the heathen have sought by various idols and we Christians and heathen have sought by various saints [in the past](and to a great extent still do)…We have thus divided all of God’s help among the saints, as the heathen among their idols, and have stolen and robbed from God – to whom alone this psalm is dedicated and to whom alone the psalm calls on us to thank.” Martin Luther, Reading the Psalms with Luther

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

**Verse:** The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 107:17-32**

**Year II – Catechism Stories**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Sexagesima Gospel – Luke 8:4-15 |
| Monday | **Jacob (Israel) Patriarch – Genesis 32:22-31** |
| Tuesday | The Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of Life – Genesis 2:4-14 |
| Wednesday | Man Eats the Forbidden Fruit – Genesis 3:1-24 |
| Thursday | The Passover – Exodus 12:1-14, 17 |
| Friday | The Wedding in Cana of Galilee – John 2:1-11 |
| Saturday | Quinquagesima OT – 1 Samuel 16:2-23 |

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| **Catechism: Sacrament of the Alter** | **Grades** |
| *What is the Sacrament of the Alter?*It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. | 1st+ |
| *Where is this written?*The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write | 2nd+ |
| *Words of Institution:***Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My bod, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”****In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”** | K+ |