The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Oculi*

*March 3, 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 150: A Call to Praise the Lord –** Psalm 150 concludes the psalter with a call to praise the Lord – the eternal God of the promise of salvation. This praise of the Lord is rooted in His saving grace proclaimed in the Gospel of Christ and celebrated by all of creation. The song of praise begins in the church, the mouth-house of the Gospel, and extends throughout creation from the sanctuary to the mighty firmament. Every instrument is called upon to give all glory and honor to God – trumpet, lute, harp, timbrel, dance, stringed instruments, flutes, and cymbals. All the known instruments of the ancient world were employed in the service of the Lord. Finally, the psalm concludes with the simple, yet profound call to all: “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” All living things are creatures dependent upon Him! He is both the Creator and Savior! All glory to the Lord! Praise the Lord! It is in the Lord’s praise that we find our peace and contentment, hope and optimism for the future.

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

**Verse:** 1 Corinthians 13:7-8a – Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 150**

**New Testament Stories Year II – Lent in Gospel of Mark**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Oculi Gospel – Luke 11:14-28 |
| Monday | Palm Sunday – Mark 11:1-19 |
| Tuesday | Jesus is Anointed in Bethany – Mark 14:1-11 |
| Wednesday | **Lenten Midweek – Christ Handed Over Willingly – John 10:14-18** |
| Thursday | Jesus Celebrates the Passover – Mark 14:12-31 |
| Friday | Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane – Mark 14:32-52 |
| Saturday | Laetare Gospel – John 6:1-15 |

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| **Catechism: Table of Duties: What Hearers Owe Their Pastors: First Half**  *(Preschool and Kindergarten children review the primary texts of the first three commandments)* | **Grades** |
| *What does God’s Word say the hearers of God’s Word owe their pastors?*  The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. | 1st+  1 Corinthians 9:14 |
| Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. | 2nd+  Galatians 6:6-7 |
| The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.” | 3rd+  1 Timothy 35:17-18 |