The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for 2nd Sunday after Christmas*

*January 5, 2025*

*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.*

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

**Verse:** Galatians 3:26-27 – for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 8**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| **Day** | **New Testament Reading** | **Old Testament Reading** |
| Monday or  **Epiphany of Our Lord** | Luke 3:10-14 or  **Matthew 2:1-12** | Genesis 1:1-31 or  **Isaiah 60:1-6** |
| Tuesday | Luke 3:15-20 | Genesis 2:1-25 |
| Wednesday | Mark 1:1-8 | Genesis 4:1-25 |
| Thursday | Mark 1:9-11 | Genesis 5:1-32 |
| Friday | Luke 3:21-22 | Genesis 6:9-22 |
| Saturday | Luke 3:23-38 | Genesis 7:1-24 |

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| **Catechism: Holy Baptism** | **Grades** |
| How can water do such great things?  Certainly not just water but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit. | 3rd+ |
| As St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, | K+ |
| whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, | 1st+ |
| so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” | 2nd+ |