

Please bring this sheet home with you to use this week with your family!

Holy Cross at Home

A Daily Prayer and Meditation Guide

For the Week of the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 16, 2018 through September 22, 2018

All baptized Christians are royal priests placed in their respective vocations, in which they offer their own lives as living sacrifices for the sake of their neighbors. An integral part of our priestly vocation is prayer for one another and our world around us. The Divine Service helps to “bookend” our weekly life of prayer and indeed gives us the words to speak back to God. The Bible, hymnal and catechism work together to structure and enhance our prayer, and memorization does not stifle prayer but rather strengthens it.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠

Apostles’ Creed (see *LSB* p. 286)

Memory verse for the week: Romans 5:8

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 116

Psalm Prayer: O Lord, washer away of sins, who quickly comforts the soul that faithfully calls upon You, we beseech You that You would deliver us from the peril of hell, and doing away with the death of sin, restore us to the land of the living; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
September 16	2 Chronicles 35	Colossians 3:1-25
September 17	2 Chronicles 36	Colossians 4:1-18
September 18	Nehemiah 1-2	1 Timothy 1
September 19	Nehemiah 3	1 Timothy 2
September 20	Nehemiah 4	1 Timothy 3
September 21	Nehemiah 5-6	1 Timothy 4:1-16
September 22	Nehemiah 7-8	1 Timothy 5:1-16
September 23	Nehemiah 9:1-21	1 Timothy 5:17—6:2

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 849 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Catechism for the Week: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (see *LSB* p. 325)

The Third Part

Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Sept. 21):

O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For our Sunday School beginning a fall term this week
For our Early Childhood Center, Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten
For those who have been affected by storms
For those who are battling wildfires in western States
For the children of our Sunday School, and catechism instruction

For Jared Adams, Jeanne Beck, Tony Bell, Marian Fields, Marie Fischer, Eileen Losey, Jerry Losey, Don Mulford, Eric & Joan Neill, Jeff Senne, Kay Medick, Jim & Becky Schope, and Elenita Wendt.

Lord's Prayer ☩

Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer or Prayers at the Family Table

V: Let us bless the Lord!

R: Thanks be to God!

Blessing: The Lord Almighty bless us and direct our days and our deeds in ☩ His peace. Amen.

Looking Forward to Next Week:

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 2018

Hymns: 901; 851; 615; 619; 850; 921

Readings: Psalm 54; Jeremiah 11:18-20; James 3:13—4:10; Mark 9:30-37

Have you heard this statement before? "Of course, God wants me to be happy!" People reason this based on our Creator's goodness, and the fact that His love toward us motivated Him to send Jesus Christ His Son to accomplish our salvation. If God has given us the greatest gift of eternal life, surely He must desire our happiness too. But when James writes that we should be wretched, mourn and weep, turning our joy to gloom, he is talking about the struggle of our Christian life. We should never use an expectation of temporary happiness to distract us from the greater blessing of eternity.