

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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 11, 2021 through July 17, 2021

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: John 14:6

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 132

Psalm Prayer: Remember us, Almighty God, in all our afflictions, and clothe us with priestly righteousness, that we may be fit to be brought into Your everlasting tabernacles; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
July 11	Judges 3	Acts 13:42-52
July 12	Judges 4-5	Acts 14:1-18
July 13	Judges 6:1-24	Acts 14:9—15:5
July 14	Judges 6:25-40	Acts 15:6-21
July 15	Judges 7	Galatians 1
July 16	Judges 13	Galatians 2
July 17	Judges 14	Galatians 3
July 18	Judges 15	Galatians 4

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 839 “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

Catechism for the Week: The Lord's Prayer (see *LSB* p. 323)

The First Petition

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:

O God, whose almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity, grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for agriculture:

Almighty God, You bless the earth to make it fruitful, bringing forth in abundance whatever is needed for the support of our lives. Prosper the work of farmers and all those who labor to bring food to our table. Grant them seasonable weather that they may gather in the fruits of the earth in abundance and proclaim Your goodness with thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For God's continued mercy upon our nation and its leaders
For the safety of those who must travel long distances regularly
For those who must work outdoors in extreme heat

For Irene Anderson, David & Jeanne Beck, Tim & Alarice Carrao, Livy Contreras, Zachary Copus, Garney & Linda Hill, Tripp Hughes, Sharon Kernes, Shirley Laber, Kay Medick, John Schroeder, Nat & Joyce Serfass, Beverly Welty 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:

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

Hymns: 556; 743; 619, 696; 682; 716

Readings: Psalm 73; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44

Our Lord's great miracle of feeding the five thousand began when He was "moved to compassion" over the crowds, as "they were like sheep without a shepherd." But as Jeremiah predicted and proclaimed centuries before, the Lord Himself, moved as He was by that same love for us, came to be the one true Shepherd, and we are His flock. Now that we are brought near to God through the Blood of Jesus Christ, we can take comfort that we are not only going to receive our earthly daily bread, but our merciful Father will give us even more blessings, thanks to the access granted to us by the Holy Spirit.