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Holy Cross at Home

A Daily Prayer and Meditation Guide

For the Week of the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25 2021 through July 31, 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: Ephesians 2:8-9

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 73

Psalm Prayer: O Lord, make us ever hold fast to You, and in You put all our trust, that we may tell of Your praises in the everlasting gates; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
July 25	1 Samuel 6	Acts 18
July 26	1 Samuel 7	Acts 19:1-22
July 27	1 Samuel 8	Acts 21:15-36
July 28	1 Samuel 9	Acts 21:37—22:16
July 29	1 Samuel 10-11	Acts 22:17-29
July 30	1 Samuel 12	Acts 22:30—23:11
July 31	1 Samuel 13	Acts 23:12-35
August 1	1 Samuel 14	Acts 24:1-23

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 644 “The Church’s One Foundation”

Catechism for the Week: The Lord’s Prayer (see *LSB* p. 324)

The Third Petition

Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 St. James the Elder, Apostle (July 25):

O gracious God, your servant and apostle James was the first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out upon the leaders of Your Church that spirit of self-denying service that they may forsake all false and passing allurements and follow Christ alone. Amen.

For God's continued mercy upon our nation and its leaders
For those who must work outdoors in extreme heat
For those we love who are caught in the temptation of any sin

For Irene Anderson, Glorine Bahl, David & Jeanne Beck, Tim & Alarice Carrao, Livy Contreras, Zachary Copus, Lloyd Harfst, 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:

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

Hymns: 722; 715; 621; 624; 849; 709

Readings: Psalm 145; Exodus 16:2-15; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:22-35

The Church Year lectionary adds a three-Sunday interlude to our journey through the Gospel of Mark. We will switch to John as he records Jesus preaching to the crowds immediately after He fed the five thousand and then walked on the water. Here we examine an important sermon and discussion that explains why Jesus calls Himself the Bread of Life, the sustenance not only for our daily needs, but also for our soul, to life everlasting. Our spiritual hunger and thirst for Christ in faith leads us to His Supper, Holy Communion.