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Holy Cross at Home

A Daily Prayer and Meditation Guide

For the Week of the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 27, 2021 through July 3, 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: 1 Corinthians 13:7-8

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 124

Psalm Prayer: Praise belongs to You, Lord God, because You have so mightily preserved Your Church against her enemies, both visible and invisible, that the very gates of hell could not prevail against her. Defend us against all evil and preserve us and our children in the true knowledge of You and of our Savior Jesus Christ, whom You have sent, that in Him we may have life. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
June 27	Proverbs 30	John 20:19-31
June 28	Proverbs 31	John 21:1-25
June 29	Joshua 1	Acts 8:1-25
June 30	Joshua 2	Acts 8:26-40
July 1	Joshua 3	Acts 9:1-22
July 2	Joshua 4	Acts 9:23-43
July 3	Joshua 5	Acts 10:1-17
July 4	Joshua 6	Acts 10:18-33

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 722 “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

Catechism for the Week: The Creed (see *LSB* p. 322-323)

The Second Article

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:

Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; 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 the nation:

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For Missionaries Dr. Daniel Jastram and Dr. Joan Jastram (Japan)
For the safety of those who must travel long distances regularly

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:

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

Hymns: 818; 750; 966; 965; 524; 918

Readings: Psalm 132; Ezekiel 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Mark 6:1-13

Lamentations was written by the prophet Jeremiah as a song of mourning over the loss of the temple that had been built by Solomon. For nearly 400 years, that magnificent structure served as the dwelling place of God on earth. As the time of God's reckoning came closer, this holy structure was being defiled with pagan worship, about which many prophets, including Jeremiah, were warning the people. But now that the decisive blow came, the crushed people of God were pleading for mercy as their threatened exile became a sad reality. We need to be taught the severe need for repentance, but also be comforted by the rich promises of forgiveness that are handed to us in the Gospel.