

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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021 through September 18, 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 1:14

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 146

Psalm Prayer: O glorious and almighty God, in whom the souls of the blessed place all the confidence of their hope, grant that we, enlightened by Your help, may be able to love You always with a pure mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
September 12	2 Kings 7	Philippians 1:21—2:11
September 13	2 Kings 8	Philippians 2:12-30
September 14	2 Kings 9-10	Philippians 1:1-20
September 15	2 Chronicles 29	Philippians 3
September 16	2 Chronicles 31	Philippians 4
September 17	2 Chronicles 32	Colossians 1:1-23
September 18	2 Chronicles 34	Colossians 2:8-23
September 19	2 Chronicles 35	Colossians 3:1-25

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 566 “By Grace I’m Saved”

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

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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 Holy Cross Day (Sept. 14):

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 the children of our Sunday School, and catechism instruction

For Irene Anderson, Glorine Bahl, David & Jeanne Beck, Kellie Bertrand, Tim & Alarice Carrao, Livy Contreras, Perry Copus, Zachary Copus, Lloyd Harfst, Garney & Linda Hill, Tripp Hughes, the Family of Ed Johnson, Marian Johnson, Sharon Kernes, Shirley Laber, Kay Medick, Ron Ringstad, John Schroeder, Darrell Schulz, Nat & Joyce Serfass 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:

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

Hymns: 528; 849; 620; 545; 554; 919

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.