

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 2021 through October 2, 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: Matthew 6:25

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 54

Psalm Prayer: Save us, O Lord, by Your Name, and avenge us by Your strength; bring us out of trouble, and fill us with gladness, to the end that while Your salvation is fully bestowed on us, we may joyfully chant Your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
September 26	Nehemiah 9:1-21	1 Timothy 5:17—6:2
September 27	Nehemiah 9:22-38	1 Timothy 6:3-21
September 28	Malachi 1:1-14	Matthew 3:1-17
September 29	Malachi 2:1—3:5	Matthew 4:1-11
September 30	Malachi 3:6--4:6	Matthew 4:12-25
October 1	Deuteronomy 1:1-18	Matthew 5:1-20
October 2	Deuteronomy 1:19-46	Matthew 5:21-48
October 3	Deuteronomy 2:1-15	Matthew 6:1-15

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 851 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

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

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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. Michael and All Angels (Sept. 29):

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For those who have been affected by storms and flooding
For the children of our Sunday School, and catechism instruction
For our Early Childhood Center, Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten

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, Marian Johnson, Sharon Kernes, Shirley Laber, Kay Medick, Ron Ringstad, John Schroeder, Darrell Schulz, Nat & Joyce Serfass, Elenita Wendt and Linda Yinger.

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:

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3, 2021

Hymns: 981; 663; 628; 768; 702; 922

Readings: Psalm 128; Genesis 2:18-25; Hebrews 2:1-18; Mark 10:2-16

The hymn from *Lutheran Worship* begins with the words, "Oh, Blessed home where Man and Wife Together lead a godly life, By deeds their faith confessing!" Jesus blesses the Christian home, not as a reward for deeds or works, but rather as a fulfillment of His promise that was made in the Garden of Eden—even before there was a Fall into sin! He desires always to dwell among us in our homes as well as in our churches, and His gracious words that give and sustain life will always encourage us, no matter what we face.