**The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost (September 19, 2021)*

*Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and prayer, as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

***Invocation***

**In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

***Apostle’s Creed***

***Verse*:** 1 John 4:9 – In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

**Psalm of the Week:** Psalm 119:81-96 **(Kaph & Lamedh)**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | **Jesus Foretells His Death Again and Disciples Argue About Greatness – Mark 9:30-37** |
| Monday | Solomon’s Prayer at the Temple Dedication – 1 Kings 8:22-40 |
| Tuesday | God’s Word to Solomon – 1 Kings 9:1-9 |
| Wednesday | **Midweek Service** – Ezekiel 37:24-28 |
| Thursday | The Queen of Sheba and Solomon’s Wealth – 1 Kings 10:1-13 |
| Friday | Solomon’s Heart Turns from the Lord – 1 Kings 11:1-13 |
| Saturday | Solomon’s Death and the Revolt Against Rehoboam – 1 Kings 11:41 – 12:19 |

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| **The Catechism: First Article of the Creed** | **Grades** |
| I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals and all I have | 1st + |
| He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true. | 2nd + |