**The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost (September 5, 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*:** Matthew 6:25 – Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

**Psalm of the Week:** Psalm 119:49-64 (Zayin and Heth)

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | **Jesus Heals a Deaf Mute – Mark 7:31-37** |
| Monday | The Prophet Nathan Confronts David with His Sin – 2 Samuel 11:26-12:15 |
| Tuesday | David’s Son Dies and Solomon is Born – 2 Samuel 12:16-25 |
| Wendesday | **Midweek Service** – Jeremiah 29:4-14 |
| Thursday | Absalom Dishonors His Father by Treason – 2 Samuel 15:1-15 |
| Friday | Absalom’s Defeat and Death – 2 Samuel 18:1, 5-18, 31-19:6 |
| Saturday | David’s Sacrifice – 1 Chronicles 21:1-22:1 |

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| **The Catechism: The Ten Commandments – The Ninth and Tenth Commandments** | **Grades** |
| *What is the Ninth Commandment?*  **You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.** | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor’s inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it. | 2nd + |
| *What is the Tenth Commandment?*  **You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.** | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor’s wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty. | 2nd + |