CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

Proper 15A Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8

P The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

P Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Blessèd be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

• Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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CATECHISM

The Ninth and Tenth Commandments

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

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.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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.

LEARN BY HEART 1 Peter 4:19

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your lovingkindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Is 51:1–6; Rom 11:33—12:8; Matt 16:13–20

INVOCATION

INTROIT (front page)

MEDITATION: Portals of Prayer and Catechism

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse (front page)

DAILY READINGS:

SU:	8/20	2 Samuel 12:1–25 (2 Samuel 13:1—19:43)	1 Corinthians 12:1–13
M:	8/21	1 Kings 1:1–14, 15–35	1 Corinthians 12:14–31
T:	8/22	1 Kings 2:1–27	1 Corinthians 13:1–13
W:	8/23	1 Kings 3:1–15	2 Corinthians 1:1–22
TH:	8/24	1 Kings 5:1–18	2 Corinthians 1:23—2:17
F:	8/25	1 Kings 7:51—8:21	2 Corinthians 3:1–18
SA:	8/26	1 Kings 8:22–30, 46–63	2 Corinthians 4:1–18

HYMN OF THE MONTH: LSB #941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

APOSTLES' CREED

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- For marriage and family, that husband and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God
- Birthdays this upcoming week: Mary Ellen; Aubrianna; Samuel

COLLECT (front page); **LORD'S PRAYER**

BENEDICTION

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen