

Proper 17A Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

P Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

C Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

C Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

C 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 First Article: Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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. 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.

LEARN BY HEART*James 1:12*

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

COLLECT

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Ezek 33:7–9; Rom 13:1–10; Matt 18:1–20

INVOCATION

INTROIT (front page)

MEDITATION: *Portals of Prayer* and Catechism

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse (front page)

DAILY READINGS:

SU:	9/3	1 Kings 19:1–21 (1 Kings 20:1—22:53)	Ephesians 3:1–21
M:	9/4	2 Kings 2:1–18	Ephesians 4:1–24
T:	9/5	2 Kings 2:19–25; 4:1–7	Ephesians 4:25—5:14
W:	9/6	2 Kings 4:8–22, 32–37	Ephesians 5:15–33
TH:	9/7	2 Kings 4:38—5:8	Ephesians 6:1–24
F:	9/8	2 Kings 5:9–27	Philippians 1:1–20
SA:	9/9	2 Kings 6:1–23 (2 Kings 6:24—8:29)	Philippians 1:21—2:11

HYMN OF THE MONTH: LSB #865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

APOSTLES' CREED**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

- For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers
- **Birthdays this upcoming week:** Kristin, Michaella, Brian, Kadin
- **Baptism Birthdays this upcoming week:** Carol

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

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen