

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 Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025 through March 22, 2025

Lent is a forty-day period of introspection, confession of sin, and of increased prayer and worship of our Lord. Whether we fast or “give up” something or not, our reflection on God’s Word during this season is the key. It helps ready our hearts to celebrate with true Christian joy at the Easter festival. There is a reason why our Lord Jesus Christ came to this earth, and it was to do battle with Satan for our sake, to be counted as the sinner in the eyes of God, standing in our place, and to suffer and die so that we might live. Partly because of Lent, Easter is so much more meaningful and celebratory.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠

Apostles’ Creed (see *LSB* p. 286)

Memory verse for the week: 1 Timothy 6:8, 10a *“But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.”*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 121

Psalm Prayer: O Lord God, keeper of Israel, who neither slumbers nor sleeps, keep Your people, and that we would not be burned by day, defend us from the scandals of this world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
March 16	Job 31:1-40	John 9:24-41
March 17	Job 32:1-22	John 10:1-21
March 18	Job 33:1-18	John 10:22-42
March 19	Job 33:19—34:9	John 11:1-16
March 20	Job 34:10-33	John 11:17-37
March 21	Job 36:1-21	John 11:38-57
March 22	Job 37:1-24	John 12:1-19
March 23	Job 38:1-18	John 12:20-36a

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 708 “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

Catechism for the Week: The Creed – *The Third Article* (see *LSB* p. 323)

Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent:

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect:

Lord God, heavenly Father, grant us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, that He may strengthen our hearts and confirm our faith and hope in Thy grace and mercy, so that, although we have reason to fear because of our conscience, our sin, and our unworthiness, we may nevertheless, with the woman of Canaan, hold fast to Thy grace, and in every trial and temptation find Thee a very present help and refuge, through Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one true God, world without end. Amen.

Special Petitions:

For our government and those who are under oath to defend the Constitution
For a meaningful Lenten preparation with firm faith in Christ our Lord
For parents as they protect and raise their children in the fear of the Lord
For our Early Childhood Center and Preschool

For Edward, Bernice Baggs, Cole Baresel, Tim Carrao, Royce Closterman, Ben Cutter, Bryan, Al Halstenberg, Alice Harfst, Kelly & Steven Henry, Sandy Hiatt, Tripp Hughes, Keith Johnson, Elizabeth & Bennett Kellogg, Eila Kern, Emma Kranz, Ed Scarborough, Darrell Schulz, Gary Shaffer, Sharon Thomas, Chris Thompson and Elenita Wendt

Lord's Prayer ✠

Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer or Prayer 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:

Third Sunday in Lent: March 23, 2025

Hymns: 668, 604, 614, 421, 716, 659

Readings: Psalm 136; Exodus 8:16-24; Ephesians 5:1-9; Luke 11:14-28