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 Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025 through April 5, 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:	Morning	Evening
March 30	Genesis 4	Mark 2:18-28
March 31	Genesis 6:1—7:5	Mark 3:1-19
April 1	Genesis 7:11—8:12	Mark 3:20-35
April 2	Genesis 8:13—9:17	Mark 4:1-20
April 3	Genesis 11:27—12:20	Mark 4:21-41
April 4	Genesis 13:1-18	Mark 5:1-20
April 5	Genesis 15	Mark 5:21-43
April 6	Genesis 16-17	Mark 6:1-13

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

Catechism for the Week: The Lord's Prayer – *The First Petition* (see *LSB* p. 323-324)

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent:
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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, who by Thy Son didst feed five thousand men in the desert with five loaves and two fishes: We beseech Thee to abide graciously also with us in the fullness of Thy blessing. Preserve us from avarice and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness, and in all things perceive Thy fatherly goodness, through Jesus Christ, 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, Family of Gene Bosse, Tim Carrao, Family of 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:
Fifth Sunday in Lent: April 6, 2025
Hymns: 544, 430, 431, 428, 798, 433
Readings: Psalm 43; Genesis 22:1-14; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 8:42-59