

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 Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026 through April 25, 2026

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Christ's death was not a tragic failure but rather a glorious success. He entered suffering and death as an Innocent Victim to gain the ultimate victory over death and Satan. Faith in the Christ who is risen brings us tremendous joy because the victory that He won on this great day is also our victory. His resurrection paved the way for our resurrection into eternal life hereafter. The Season of Easter is a "Week of Weeks" crowned with the Festival of Pentecost, day number 50.

### Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠

Apostles' Creed (see *LSB* p. 286)

Memory verse for the week: John 6:35 "*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 133

*Psalm Prayer:* Pour, O Lord, upon Your Church the charity of brotherly love and peace amongst us, that sprinkled with the dew of spiritual anointing, we may rejoice in the grace of Your blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
April 19	Genesis 18	Mark 6:14-34
April 20	Genesis 21	Mark 6:35-56
April 21	Genesis 22	Mark 7:1-23
April 22	Genesis 24:1-31	Mark 7:24-37
April 23	Genesis 24:32-67	Mark 8:1-21
April 24	Genesis 27:1-29	Mark 8:22-38
April 25	Genesis 27:30—28:22	Mark 9:1-13
April 26	Genesis 29:1-30	Mark 9:14-32

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 476 "Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow"

Catechism for the Week: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (see *LSB* p. 325)  
*Fourth Part*

*Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter:*

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Collect:*

Lord God, heavenly Father, who of Thy fatherly goodness dost suffer Thy children to come under Thy chastening rod here on earth, that we may be like unto Thine only-begotten Son in suffering and hereafter in glory: We beseech Thee, comfort us in temptations and afflictions by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not fall into despair, but that we may continually trust in Thy Son's promise, that our trials will endure but a little while, and will then be followed by eternal joy; that we thus, in patient hope, may overcome all evil, and at last obtain eternal salvation, through the same, Thy 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 those who are estranged from the Church or have never known Christ  
For parents as they protect and raise their children in the fear of the Lord  
For our Early Childhood Center and Preschool

For Bernice Baggs, Bev Carter, Greg Fields, Bryan, Linda Hill, Amie Land,  
Jennifer Miller, Katherine Rogers, Darrell Schulz, Sharon Thomas, Chris  
Thompson, 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:

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 26, 2026

Hymns: 487, 483, 467, 756, 737, 477

Readings: Psalm 147; Isaiah 40:25-31, 1 Peter 2:11-20; John 16:16-22