

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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
August 16, 2026 through August 22, 2026

The congregation gathers around the Word of God and the Sacraments each week, and this precious, spiritual food feeds the flock as they return to their callings in life. The purpose of this guide is to encourage family prayer at home, and to base that prayer on the Word of God that was heard in church. Not all of the following material needs to be followed. Please feel free to use what your family finds helpful in your devotional practice together.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ☩

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

Memory verse for the week: 1 John 4:9 *"In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him."*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 49

Psalm Prayer: Lord Jesus, You condemned the rich because they have already received their reward, and You proclaimed the poor blessed because the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Teach us to seek imperishable goods and to have confidence in Your Blood, poured out as the price of our redemption; to You be the glory now and forever. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
August 16	Joshua 6	Acts 10:18-33
August 17	Joshua 7	Acts 10:34-48
August 18	Joshua 8	Acts 11:1-18
August 19	Joshua 10	Acts 11:19-30
August 20	Joshua 23	Acts 12:1-25
August 21	Joshua 24	Acts 13:1-12
August 22	Judges 2	Acts 13:13-41
August 23	Judges 3	Acts 13:42-52

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 508 "The Day is Surely Drawing Near"

Catechism for the Week: Christian Questions and Answers (see *LSB* p. 329)
Questions 1-9

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we beseech Thee so to guide and direct us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not forget our sins and be filled with pride, but continue in daily repentance and renewal, seeking our comfort only in the blessed knowledge that Thou wilt be merciful unto us, forgive us our sins, and grant us eternal life; 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 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 the blessings of freedom in our country

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

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity – August 23, 2026

Hymns: 797, 545, 349, 578, 620, 794

Readings: Psalm 146; Isaiah 29:17-24; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Mark 7:31-37