

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 Holy Cross Day

September 13, 2026 through September 19, 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: Isaiah 7:14 *"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 55

Psalm Prayer: Lord Jesus, You were rejected by Your people, betrayed by the kiss of a friend, and deserted by Your disciples. In our trouble, give us the confidence that You had in the Father and the assurance of our salvation now and forever. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
September 13	1 Samuel 14:47—15:9	Acts 24:1-23
September 14	1 Samuel 15:10-35	Acts 24:24—25:12
September 15	1 Samuel 16:1-23	Acts 25:13-27
September 16	1 Samuel 17:1-9	Acts 26:1-23
September 17	1 Samuel 17:20-47	Acts 26:24—27:8
September 18	1 Samuel 17:48---18:9	Acts 27:9-26
September 19	1 Samuel 18:10-30	Acts 27:27-44
September 20	1 Samuel 19:1-24	Acts 28:1-15

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 454 "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

Catechism for the Week: The Ten Commandments (see *LSB* p. 321)

The Third Commandment

Collect for Holy Cross Day:

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast created all things: We thank Thee that Thou hast given us sound bodies, and hast graciously preserved our tongues and other members from the power of the adversary: We beseech Thee, grant us Thy grace, that we may rightly use our ears and tongues; help us to hear Thy word diligently and devoutly, and with our tongues so to praise and magnify Thy grace, that no one shall be offended by our words, but that all may be edified thereby, 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 teachers & students who are starting a new school year

For Bernice Baggs, Bev Carter, Greg Fields, Bryan, Phyllis Henry, Linda Hill, Sid Keltner, Amie Land, Jennifer Miller, Katherine Rogers, Carol Salonen, 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:

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity – September 20, 2026

Hymns: 797, 552, 756, 633, 741, 742

Readings: Psalm 30; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Ephesians 3:13-21; Luke 7:11-17