**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 First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2026 through December 5, 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: John 10:27-28 *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 72:1-7

*Psalm Prayer:* Lord God of the living, do not desert us in old age, but help us to follow Your will in both good and bad times, so that forever we may praise your faithfulness, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

| Readings: | Morning | Evening |
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| November 29 | Deuteronomy 19 | Matthew 15:1-20 |
| November 30 | Deuteronomy 20 | Matthew 15:21-39 |
| December 1 | Deuteronomy 21 | Matthew 16:1-12 |
| December 2 | Deuteronomy 24 | Matthew 16:13-28 |
| December 3 | Deuteronomy 25 & 26 | Matthew 17:1-13 |
| December 4 | Deuteronomy 27 | Matthew 17:14-27 |
| December 5 | Deuteronomy 28 | Matthew 18:1-20 |
| December 6 | Deuteronomy 29 | Matthew 18:21-35 |

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 332 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

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

*Collect for the First Sunday in Advent:*
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Collect:*
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank Thee, we bless and praise Thee forever, that Thou didst send Thy Son to rule over us poor sinners, who for our transgressions did justly deserve to remain in the bondage of sin and Satan, and didst give us in Him a meek and righteous King, who by His death became our Savior from sin and eternal death: We beseech Thee so to enlighten, govern and direct us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may ever remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior, and not, after the manner of the world, be offended with His humble form and despised word, but, firmly believing in Him, obtain eternal salvation; through the same, 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 parents as they protect and raise their children in the fear of the Lord
For our Early Childhood Center and Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten
For civility and humility among servants in government
For a godly sense of stewardship in our homes and church

For Bev Carter, Greg Fields, Bryan, Linda Hill, Roberta Keltner, Sid Keltner, Amie Land, Bob Lange, Jennifer Miller, Richard Reece, Katherine Rogers, Carol Salonen, Darrell Schulz, Bob Sturm, 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:
Second Sunday in Advent – December 6, 2026
Hymns: 508, 336, 331, 334, 514, 352
Readings: Psalm 50; Malachi 4; Romans 15:4-13; Luke 21:25-36