

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 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15 through November 21, 2020

All baptized Christians are royal priests placed in their respective vocations, in which they offer their own lives as living sacrifices for the sake of their neighbors. An integral part of their priestly vocation is prayer for one another and their world around them. The Divine Service helps to “bookend” their weekly life of prayer and indeed gives them the words to speak back to God. The Bible, hymnal and catechism work together to structure and enhance prayer, and memorization does not stifle prayer but rather strengthens it.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ☩

Apostles’ Creed (see *LSB* p. 286)

Memory verse for the week: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 45

Psalm Prayer: O Christ, the Word of the Father, by whom all things were created; keep, we beseech You, Your Church gathered together from all nations, that loving You with a pure heart, we may inherit participation of Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
November 15	Jeremiah 30:1-24	Matthew 26:57-75
November 16	Jeremiah 31:1-34	Matthew 27:1-10
November 17	Jeremiah 33:1-22	Matthew 27:11-32
November 18	Jeremiah 37:1-21	Matthew 27:33-56
November 19	Jeremiah 38:1-28	Matthew 27:57-66
November 20	Daniel 1:1-21	Matthew 28:1-20
November 21	Daniel 2:1-23	Revelation 18:1-24
November 22	Daniel 2:24-49	Revelation 19:1-21

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 508 “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

Catechism for the Week: Sacrament of the Altar

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Collect for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for those outside the Church:

Almighty and everlasting God, You desire not the death of a sinner but that all would repent and live. Hear our prayer for those outside the Church. Take away their iniquity, and turn them from their false gods to You, the living and true God. Gather them into Your holy Church to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Special Petitions

For those who mourn the loss of family members or friends

For our witness to the faith among our neighbors

For those leaders who have been elected to serve by God's permission

For Irene Anderson, Jeanne Beck, Sandy Claussen, Tim & Alarice Corrao, Linda Hill, Tripp Hughes, Jean Kraft, Eileen Losey, Kay Medick, Diane Pirtle, Nat and Joyce Serfass, and Beverly Welty.

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:

Third Sunday after All Saints' Day

November 22, 2020

Hymns: 668; 531; 637; 851; 537; 917

Readings: Psalm 39; Ezekiel 34:11-24; 1 Cor. 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46

Saint Peter wrote from the midst of a Roman dungeon and while awaiting his imminent death: "We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness." We need to hear this message at the end of our church year because our lives are so often distracted with other things that we neglect our coming salvation. We will soon be getting frantically ready for Christmas and everything that goes with it, but most important is that we are spiritually ready for the coming of our Savior and King, who is already here with us for forgiveness in the Divine Service, according to His promise.