

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 Second Sunday in Advent
December 6 through December 12, 2020

As you use this devotional resource at home, you may use or omit certain parts, as you think seems fit for your family group. Try to keep some of the basic elements, like Scripture reading and prayer, especially the Lord's Prayer, and add others later. If you cannot sing the hymn, read a stanza or two and reflect on its message. As with all things, they get better with practice! May the Lord bless you and those with whom you pray, and may He graciously bring us back together in worship as the Body of Christ, as we see the great, final Day approaching.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠ (Light two candles on the Advent wreath)

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

Memory verse for the week: Ephesians 2:10

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 85

Psalm Prayer: Forgive, O Lord, the offenses of Your people, and show us Your mercy, to lead us, with righteousness going before, in the way of peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
December 6	Isaiah 14:1-23	2 Peter 3:1-18
December 7	Isaiah 24:1-13	1 John 1:1—2:14
December 8	Isaiah 24:14—25:12	1 John 2:15-29
December 9	Isaiah 26:1-19	1 John 3:1-24
December 10	Isaiah 26:20—27:13	1 John 4:1-21
December 11	Isaiah 28:14-29	1 John 5:1-21
December 12	Isaiah 29:1-14	Jude 1-25
December 13	Isaiah 29:15—30:14	Revelation 1:1-20

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 344 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Catechism for the Week: Table of Duties (see *LSB* p. 328)

What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors

Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent:

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; 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 right reception of the Lord's Supper:

O Lord our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for our forgiveness, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Special Petitions

For our witness to the faith among our neighbors
For doctors, surgeons, nurses and other health care workers
For all ministers of the Word and leaders in the Church

For Irene Anderson, Alan Bahl, Jeanne Beck, Sandy Claussen, Tim & Alarice Carrao, Garney & Linda Hill, Tripp Hughes, Jean Kraft, Eileen Losey, Kay Medick, Diane Pirtle, Nat & 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 in Advent

December 13, 2020

Hymns: 333; 396; 345; 636; 395; 357

Readings: Psalm 126; Isaiah 61:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-28

“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!” The third Sunday in Advent carries the theme of joy at the coming of our Savior. For all of his somber calls to repentance, John the Baptist was truly a prophet of joy. Even before he was born, John leaped in his mother's womb at the presence of Christ while He, too, was still in Mary's womb. He claimed no title except the Voice that Isaiah foretold. John presumed no worthiness to do even servant's work for Jesus, but like a best man at a wedding, his joy was centered completely on Christ the Bridegroom and His great Advent for sinners' sake.