

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 after the Epiphany
January 10, 2021 through January 16, 2021

The Epiphany is the great celebration of the revealing (Greek: *epiphaneia*) of our Lord Jesus Christ to all nations, as evidenced by the visit of the Wise Men, the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan, and the miracle of changing water into wine. The climactic scene of Epiphany is the glorious Transfiguration of our Lord, which will be celebrated the Sunday immediately before Ash Wednesday. 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 ✠

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

Memory verse for the week: 1 Timothy 3:6

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 29

Psalm Prayer: Grant, O Lord, strength to Your people against the ills of all adversity; enrich us with the blessing of Your peace, that in the abundance of our quiet we may all give glory to You in Your holy Temple, and forgetting the misfortunes of this life, may ever render to You honor and praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
January 10	Ezekiel 18:1-32	Romans 2:17-29
January 11	Ezekiel 33:1-20	Romans 3:1-18
January 12	Ezekiel 34:1-24	Romans 3:19-31
January 13	Ezekiel 36:13-28	Romans 4:1-25
January 14	Ezekiel 36:33—37:14	Romans 5:1-21
January 15	Ezekiel 37:15-28	Romans 6:1-23
January 16	Ezekiel 38:1-23	Romans 7:1-20
January 17	Ezekiel 39:1-29	Romans 7:21—8:17

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 405 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

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

To Parents

Collect for the Baptism of Our Lord:

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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 the mission of the Church and her missionaries:

Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself. Amen.

Special Petitions

For our local and national lawmakers and leaders

For those who struggle with mental illness and addiction

For young women in a crisis pregnancy and those who consider adoption

For those who hunger and are in need of help and warmth

For Irene Anderson, Alan Bahl, Jeanne Beck, Sandy Claussen, Tim & Alarice Carrao, Phyllis Henry, 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 Prayers 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 after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

Hymns: 901; 589; 397; 730; 684; 810

Readings: Psalm 139; 1 Samuel 3:1-20; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Following His Baptism in the Jordan and His temptation in the wilderness, Jesus selects His disciples and begins to prepare them to serve as the pillars of the one, holy Christian and Apostolic Church. Incredulous Nathanael (whose name means "God has given") is turned by the Holy Spirit to realize that the Man of Nazareth is truly the King of Israel that all faithful believers have desired. Greater things will we see as well—Jesus opens heaven also for us.