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 Fifth Week of Easter
May 2, 2021 through May 8, 2021

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! We stand before the empty tomb along with the faithful women and the disciples knowing that Christ's death was not a tragic failure but rather a glorious success. He entered suffering and death as an Innocent Victim, but He fought as a mighty warrior and gained the victory over death and Satan. Faith in the risen Christ brings us tremendous joy because the victory that He won on this great day is also our victory. His resurrection paved the way for our resurrection into eternal life hereafter. The Season of Easter lasts seven weeks, crowned with the Festival of Pentecost.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠
Apostles' Creed (see *LSB* p. 286)
Memory verses for the week: Romans 8:18

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 150
Psalm Prayer: O God, grant that the clear confession of our faith may be Your trumpet; our lips, Your cymbals; our souls, Your harps, and altogether sweetly sing in clear strains the praise of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	Morning	Evening
May 2	Leviticus 20	Luke 11:37-54
May 3	Leviticus 21	Luke 12:1-12
May 4	Leviticus 22	Luke 12:13-34
May 5	Leviticus 23	Luke 12:35-53
May 6	Leviticus 24	Luke 12:54—13:17
May 7	Leviticus 25	Luke 13:18-35
May 8	Leviticus 26	Luke 14:1-24
May 9	Numbers 3	Luke 14:25—15:10

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter:
O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles (May 1):
Almighty God, whom to know is life everlasting, grant that, even as Your Son gave knowledge of everlasting life to the apostles Saint Philip and Saint James by revealing Himself to them as the only way to You, so we may by a true and lively faith know Him as our only Savior now and ever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For the graduates among our ECC, our parish, family and friends
For parents as they protect and raise their children in the fear of the Lord
For the safety of those who must travel long distances regularly
For the Church's mission work in: Japan, South Korea, and Siberia

For Irene Anderson, David & Jeanne Beck, Tim & Alarice Carrao, Livy Contreras, Rev. Perry Copus, Garney & Linda Hill, Tripp Hughes, Sharon Kernes, Jean Kraft, Shirley Laber, Kay Medick, Diane Pirtle, John Schroeder, 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:
Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021
Hymns: 556; 770; 700; 623; 842
Readings: Psalm 47; Acts 10:34-48; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17

Next week is the Sunday immediately before Ascension Day. Prior to His departure, Jesus commanded His disciples to abide in His love. Have you ever thought of yourself as a friend of Jesus Christ? We call Him *Lord* and *Redeemer* and *Savior*, but do we ever call Him *friend*? Certainly, He is all of those things! It is a friendship based on an intense love, love that was shown by "laying down His life for His friends." That great love of Jesus has made us alive! His love empowers us to be friends to others and love them as He has loved us.