

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 Reformation Day
October 31, 2021 through November 6, 2021

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 our priestly vocation is prayer for one another and our world around us. The Divine Service helps to “bookend” our weekly life of prayer and indeed gives us the words to speak back to God. The Bible, hymnal and catechism work together to structure and enhance our 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: 1 John 3:2

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 46

Psalm Prayer: O most merciful Lord, our consolation and refuge, sanctify the tabernacles of our hearts with the river of Your grace, so that You, the God of Jacob may help us and every earthly enemy may be overthrown; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
October 31	Deuteronomy 30:1-20	Matthew 19:1-15
November 1	Deuteronomy 31:1-29	Matthew 19:16-30
November 2	Deuteronomy 31-32	Matthew 20:1-16
November 3	Deuteronomy 33	Matthew 20:17-34
November 4	Deuteronomy 34	Matthew 21:1-22
November 5	Jeremiah 1:1-19	Matthew 21:23-46
November 6	Jeremiah 3:6—4:2	Matthew 22:1-22
November 7	Jeremiah 5:1-19	Matthew 22:23-46

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 656 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Catechism for the Week: Sacrament of the Altar (see *LSB* p. 326)

What Is the Sacrament of the Altar?

Where is this written?

Collect for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost:

O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Reformation Day (October 31):

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Militant Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For Holy Cross members who have not recently attended worship
For the children of our Sunday School, and catechism instruction
For our Early Childhood Center, Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten

For Irene Anderson, Glorine Bahl, Margery Baresel, David & Jeanne Beck, Tim & Alarice Carrao, Livy Contreras, Perry Copus, Zachary Copus, Lloyd Harfst, Garney & Linda Hill, Tripp Hughes, Marian Johnson, Irma Kerksiek, Sharon Kernes, Shirley Laber, Kay Medick, Ron Ringstad, John Schroeder, Darrell Schulz, Nat & Joyce Serfass, Elenita Wendt, Blanch Weymuth and Linda Yinger.

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:

All Saints' Day

November 7, 2021

Hymns: 676; 671; 675; 672; 670; 677

Readings: Psalm 149; Revelation 7:2-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus opened His Sermon on the Mount with the "Beatitudes" in order to grant His blessing to all who hear His Words. They describe the Christian who has been washed, sanctified, and soon to be glorified solely by grace through our Lord and His work of mercy on our behalf. We do not strive by our own efforts to make ourselves into saints—we trust in Christ, who has declared us justified and in Him we, with all believers, are saints!