

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 Fourth Sunday in Advent/ Christmas  
December 19, 2021 through December 26, 2021

As you use this devotional resource at home, you may use or omit certain parts, as you see fit for your family group. Be sure to include 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 gather us again as the Body of Christ, since we know the great, final Day approaches.

### Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠

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

Memory verse for the week: Luke 2:14

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 95

*Psalm Prayer:* O God, the glorious salvation of all Your people, graciously look upon the sheep of Your pasture, and bestowing upon them the salt of prudence, vouchsafe to bring them unhurt to everlasting rest; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
December 19	Isaiah 43:25—44:20	Revelation 11
December 20	Isaiah 44:21—45:25	Revelation 12:1-17
December 21	Isaiah 49:1-18	Matthew 1:1-17
December 22	Isaiah 49:22—51:16	Matthew 1:18-25
December 23	Isaiah 51:17—52:12	Matthew 2:1-12
December 24	Isaiah 52:13—54:10	Matthew 2:13-23
December 25	Isaiah 55:1-13	Luke 1:1-25
December 26	Isaiah 58:1—59:21	Luke 1:26-38

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 357 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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

*To Husbands*

*Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Advent:*

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Collect for Christmas Eve:*

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth, we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For all who work as volunteers to serve their needy neighbors  
For the work of all missionaries, including Drs. Daniel & Joan Jastram  
For those suffering from depression and other mental health issues  
For Holy Cross members who have not attended Divine Service recently  
For Christians around the world celebrating our Savior's birth

For Irene Anderson, Glorine Bahl, Margery Baresel, David & Jeanne Beck, Tim & Alarice Carrao, Livy Contreras, Lloyd Harfst, Phyllis Henry, Garney & Linda Hill, Tripp Hughes, Beverly Ingels, Marian Johnson, Irma Kerksiek, Sharon Kernes, Shirley Laber, Kay Medick, Ron Ringstad, John Schroeder, Darrell Schulz, Nat & Joyce Serfass, Family of Jim Thomsen, 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:

First Sunday After Christmas

December 26, 2021

Hymns: 384; 938; 519; 389; 624; 381

Readings: Psalm 98; Exodus 13:1-15; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40

Jesus Christ, the baby laid in a manger in Bethlehem, worshiped by shepherds, angels and wise men, is given the title "Consolation of Israel." His gracious presence, His words of true Peace, His perfect life and sacrificial death brings true Consolation to all Israel, that is, every believer in Christ. This forgiveness and guarantee of eternal life leads Simeon and every faithful communicant up to this very day to rejoice in the Lord, singing the *Nunc Dimittis*, "Let now your servant depart in peace, according to Your Word."