

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 of Easter
May 8, 2022 through May 14, 2022

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! As we stand before the empty tomb we discover along with the faithful women and the disciples that Christ's death was not a tragic failure but rather a glorious success. We realize that He entered suffering and death as an Innocent Victim, but He fought as a mighty warrior who has gained the victory over death and Satan. His resurrection paved the way for our resurrection into eternal life hereafter. The Season of Easter is a "Week of Weeks," forty-nine days, crowned with the Festival of Pentecost, day number 50.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠

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

Memory verse for the week: John 15:7

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 23

Psalm Prayer: Shepherd us, O Lord, with the sweet rod and staff of Your Word, that we may obtain a place in Your eternal habitation, and be filled with the plenitude of the celestial banquet; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
May 8	Leviticus 8	Luke 9:1-17
May 9	Leviticus 9	Luke 9:18-36
May 10	Leviticus 10	Luke 9:37-62
May 11	Leviticus 16	Luke 10:1-22
May 12	Leviticus 17	Luke 10:23-42
May 13	Leviticus 18	Luke 11:1-13
May 14	Leviticus 19	Luke 11:14-36
May 15	Leviticus 20	Luke 11:37-54

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Catechism for the Week: The Ten Commandments (see *LSB* p. 322)

The Ninth Commandment

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; 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 those who protect us at night:

Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are Yours, and to You the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For our parish shut-ins and all who suffer from loneliness
For grace to recall our Baptism and the blessings of daily forgiveness
For our Early Childhood Center and Preschool
For Holy Cross members who have not attended Divine Service recently

For Irene Anderson, Glorine Bahl, Margery Baresel, David & Jeanne Beck, Tim & Alarice Carrao, Livy Contreras, Lloyd Harfst, Phyllis Henry, Steven Henry, Garney & Linda Hill, Tripp Hughes, Irma Kerksiek, Sharon Kernes, Shirley Laber, Kay Medick, Briggette Mwazembe Ron Ringstad, John Schroeder, Darrell Schulz, Nat & Joyce Serfass, Curt & Elenita Wendt and Blanch Weymuth.

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:

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Hymns: 482; 756; 689; 474; 737; 639; 818

Readings: Psalm 116; Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-7; John 16:12-22

Jesus prepared His disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He reminded them of all the blessings of salvation that He came to bring and achieve for us through His cross. As He was about to accomplish this, He informed them that He was going to the Father, at whose right hand He now stands. That will cause temporary sorrow, but thanks to the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, their sorrow will be turned to joy. That joy we now possess as believers in Christ, with bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit.