

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  
December 18, 2022 through December 24, 2022

“He came once, He still comes today, He will come again!” This has been a refrain for the season of Advent for many generations. While it can be challenging to come together as a family to pray during all those hectic preparations for Christmas, the rewards of frequent reading of the Word and prayer are abundant, especially during Advent. The wreath, the window-calendar, the extra devotional materials—all of these wonderful “ceremonies” do well only if they point our attention to Christ and His Word. May that Word fill you richly now and in the coming year!

### Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠

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

Memory verse for the week: Romans 7:18

*“For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.”*

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, bring them unhurt into Your everlasting rest. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
December 18	Isaiah 43:1-24	Revelation 9:13—10:11
December 19	Isaiah 43:25—44:20	Revelation 11:1-9
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

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; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Collect:*

Lord God, heavenly Father, it is meet and right that we should give thanks unto Thee, that Thou hast given us a more glorious baptism than that of John the Baptist, and hast therein promised us the remission of sins, the Holy Spirit, and everlasting life through Thy Son, Jesus Christ: Preserve us, we beseech Thee, in such faith in Thy grace and mercy, that we may never doubt Thy promise, but be comforted by the same in all temptations: and grant us Thy Holy Spirit that we may renounce sin, and ever continue in the righteousness bestowed upon us in baptism, until by Thy grace we obtain eternal salvation, through the same, Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one true God, world without end. Amen.

For our hearts to truly appreciate spiritually the Christmas celebration  
For those traveling to and from home for Christmas  
For the children of our Early Childhood Center, Preschool and their families  
For Holy Cross members who have not attended Divine Service recently

For Irene Anderson, Alan & Glorine Bahl, Margery Baresel, Jeanne Beck, Rev. Richard Bolland, Tim & Alarice Carrao, Bryan, Lloyd Harfst, Steven Henry, Tripp Hughes, Marian Johnson, Sharon Kernes, Kay Medick, Carl Radke, Ron Ringstad, John Schroeder, Darrell Schulz, Nat & Joyce Serfass 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:

Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

Hymns: 379; 375; 383; 378; 373; 387

Readings: Psalm 80; Micah 5:2-5a; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20