

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 Nativity of Our Lord  
December 25, 2022 through December 31, 2022

As you use this devotional resource at home, you may use or omit certain parts, as you think would fit for your family group. Try to keep some of the basic elements, like Scripture reading and prayer, especially the Lord's Prayer, and add others later as your devotional time builds. 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 bring us back together in worship as the Body of Christ, as we anticipate the Day of His glorious appearance.

### Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠

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

Memory verse for the week: John 6:63

*"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life."*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 111

*Psalm Prayer:* O God, glorious confession of all saints, grant us the fear of Your Name, which You have declared to be the beginning of wisdom, that joined to the councils of Your servants, we may be filled with the banquet of Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
December 25	Isaiah 55:1-13	Luke 1:1-25
December 26	Isaiah 58:1—59:21	Luke 1:26-38
December 27	Isaiah 60:1-22	Luke 1:39-56
December 28	Isaiah 61:1-11	Luke 1:57-80
December 29	Isaiah 62:1-12	Luke 2:1-20
December 30	Isaiah 63:1-14	Luke 2:21-40
December 31	Isaiah 63:15—65:7	Luke 2:41-52
January 1	Isaiah 65:8-25	Luke 3:1-20

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 389 "Let All Together Praise Our Lord"

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

*To Wives*

*Collect for the Nativity of Our Lord:*

Most merciful God, You gave Your eternal Word to become incarnate of the pure Virgin. Grant Your people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that they may be ready for Your visitation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Collect:*

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks unto Thee, that of Thy mercy and compassion Thou didst suffer Thy dear Son to become incarnate, and didst through Him redeem us from sin and everlasting death: We beseech Thee, enlighten our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may ever be thankful for such grace, and comfort ourselves with the same in all tribulation and temptation, and at last 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, the family of 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 Prayer 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:

Circumcision and Name of Jesus

January 1, 2023

Hymns: 389; 370; 382; 374; 725; 390

Readings: Psalm 8; Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 2:21