

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 First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023 through March 4, 2023

Lent is a forty-day period of introspection, confession of sin, and of increased prayer and worship of our Lord. Whether we fast or “give up” something or not, our reflection on God’s Word during this season is the key. It helps ready our hearts to celebrate with true Christian joy at the Easter festival. There is a reason why our Lord Jesus Christ came to this earth, and it was to do battle with Satan for our sake, to be counted as the sinner in the eyes of God, standing in our place, and to suffer and die so that we might live. Partly because of Lent, Easter is so much more meaningful and celebratory.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠

Apostles’ Creed (see *LSB* p. 286)

Memory verse for the week: 1 Peter 5:7-8 “Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 91

Psalm Prayer: Grant us, O Lord, by invocation of Your Name, to tread under foot the deadly poison of the adder and dragon, that You may show us Your salvation, and we would be protected under the shadow of Your shield against the snares of the spiritual enemy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
February 26	Job 33:1-18	John 10:22-42
February 27	Job 33:19—34:9	John 11:1-16
February 28	Job 34:10-33	John 11:17-37
March 1	Job 36:1-21	John 11:38-57
March 2	Job 37:1-24	John 12:1-19
March 3	Job 38:1-18	John 12:20- 36a
March 4	Job 40:1-24	John 12:36b-50
March 5	Job 41:1-34	John 13:1-20

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 663 “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

Catechism for the Week: Christian Questions and Answers (see *LSB* p. 329)
Questions 10-20

Collect for the First Sunday in Lent:

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect:

Lord God, heavenly Father, inasmuch as the adversary doth continually afflict us, and as a roaring lion doth walk about, seeking to devour us: We beseech Thee for the sake of the suffering and death of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and to strengthen our hearts by Thy word, that our enemy may not prevail over us, but that we may evermore abide in Thy grace, and be preserved unto everlasting life; 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.

Special Petitions

For a meaningful Lenten preparation with firm faith in Christ our Lord
For those who are estranged from the Church or have never known Christ
For our government and those who are under oath to defend the Constitution
For the children of our Early Childhood Center and their families

For Irene Anderson, Alan & Glorine Bahl, Margery Baresel, Jeanne Beck, Rev. Richard Bolland, Ken Bolliger, Tim & Alarice Carrao, Bryan, Tripp Hughes, Marian Johnson, Sharon Kernes, Emma Kranz, Kay Medick, Carl Radke, the family of Ron Ringstad, John Schroeder, Darrell Schulz, Nat & Joyce Serfass, Mary Sturm, Blanch Weymuth and Judy Zimmerman.

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:

Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

Hymns: 428; 615; 708; 756; 433; 431

Readings: Psalm 121; Genesis 32:22-32; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7; Matthew
15:21-28