

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 Lent
March 19, 2023 through March 25, 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 Timothy 6:8, 10a *“But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.”*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 121

Psalm Prayer: O Lord God, keeper of Israel, who neither slumbers nor sleeps, keep Your people, and that we would not be burned by day, defend us from the scandals of this world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
March 19	Genesis 21	Mark 6:35-56
March 20	Genesis 22	Mark 7:1-23
March 21	Genesis 24:1-31	Mark 7:24-37
March 22	Genesis 24:32-67	Mark 8:1-21
March 23	Genesis 27:1-29	Mark 8:22-38
March 24	Genesis 27:30—28:22	Mark 9:1-13
March 25	Genesis 29:1-30	Mark 9:14-32
March 26	Genesis 35	Mark 9:33-50

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 708 "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

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

To Everyone

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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, who by Thy Son didst feed five thousand men in the desert with five loaves and two fishes: We beseech Thee to abide graciously also with us in the fullness of Thy blessing. Preserve us from avarice and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness, and in all things perceive Thy fatherly goodness, through Jesus Christ, 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, the family of Rev. Richard Bolland, Ken Bolliger, Tim & Alarice Carrao, Bryan, Tripp Hughes, Marian Johnson, Sharon Kernes, Emma Kranz, Kay Medick, Carl Radke, 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:

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

Hymns: 440; 430; 624; 798; 449; 439

Readings: Psalm 43; Genesis 22:1-14; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 8:42-59