

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 Second Sunday of Easter  
April 16, 2023 through April 22, 2023

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Christ's death was not a tragic failure but rather a glorious success. He entered suffering and death as an Innocent Victim to gain the ultimate victory over death and Satan. Faith in the Christ who is risen brings us tremendous joy because the victory that He won on this great day is also our victory. His resurrection paved the way for our resurrection into eternal life hereafter. The Season of Easter is a "Week of Weeks" 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: Acts 2:42 *"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 143

*Psalm Prayer:* O God, who made joy to be heard in the morning of Your holy resurrection, when, returning from the grave, You filled the earth with gladness, after leaving it in darkness, we beseech the unspeakable majesty of Your power, that as You made the apostolic band rejoice then in Your holy arising, so You would enlighten Your Church with the brightness of heavenly radiance, for we with outstretched arms implore Your mercy. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
April 16	Exodus 9:29—10:20	Hebrews 3:1-19
April 17	Exodus 10:21—11:10	Hebrews 4:1-16
April 18	Exodus 12:1-28	Hebrews 5:1-14
April 19	Exodus 12:29—13:16	Hebrews 6:1-20
April 20	Exodus 13:17—14:9	Hebrews 7:1-22
April 21	Exodus 14:10--31	Hebrews 7:23—8:13
April 17	Exodus 15:1-18	Hebrews 9:1-28
April 18	Exodus 15:19—16:12	Hebrews 10:1-18

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 470 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Catechism for the Week: Ten Commandments –First Commandment

*Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter:*

Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Collect:*

Lord God, heavenly Father, who of Thy fatherly goodness hast been mindful of us poor, miserable sinners, and hast given Thy beloved Son to be our shepherd, not only to nourish us by His word, but also to defend us from sin, death, and the devil: We beseech Thee, grant us Thy Holy Spirit, that, even as this Shepherd doth know us and succor us in every affliction, we also may know Him, and, trusting in Him, seek help and comfort in Him, from our hearts obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation, through the same, Thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one true God, world without end. Amen.

Special Petitions

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 parents as they protect and raise their children in the fear of the Lord  
For the children of our Early Childhood Center and their families

For Irene Anderson, Alan & Glorine Bahl, Margery Baresel, Jeanne Beck, 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:

Third Sunday of Easter - April 23, 2023

Hymns: 463; 709; 468; 534; 666; 710

Readings: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:11-16; 1 Peter 2:21-25; John 10:11-16