

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 Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023 through December 16, 2023

The congregation gathers around the Word of God and the Sacraments each week, and this precious, spiritual food feeds the flock as they return to their callings in life. The purpose of this guide is to encourage family prayer at home, and to base that prayer on the Word of God that was heard in church. Not all of the following material needs to be followed. Please feel free to use what your family finds helpful in your devotional practice together.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠

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

Memory verse for the week: John 10:27-28 *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 72:1-7

Psalm Prayer: Lord God of the living, do not desert us in old age, but help us to follow Your will in both good and bad times, so that forever we may praise your faithfulness, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
December 10	Isaiah 9:8—10:11	1 Peter 5:1-14
December 11	Isaiah 10:12-34	2 Peter 1:1-21
December 12	Isaiah 11:1—12:6	2 Peter 2:1-22
December 13	Isaiah 14:1-23	2 Peter 3:1-22
December 14	Isaiah 24:1-13	1 John 1:1—2:14
December 15	Isaiah 24:14—25:12	1 John 2:15-29
December 16	Isaiah 26:1-19	1 John 3:1-24
December 17	Isaiah 26:20—27:13	1 John 4:1-21

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 333 "Once He came in Blessing"

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

Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent:

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 hast revealed to us that heaven and earth shall pass away, that our bodies shall rise again, and that we all shall appear before the judgment seat: We beseech Thee, keep us by Thy Holy Spirit in Thy word; establish us in the true faith, graciously defend us from sin and preserve us in all temptations, that our hearts may not be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life, but that we may ever watch and pray and, trusting fully in Thy grace, await with joy the glorious coming of Thy Son, and at last obtain eternal salvation, through 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 our hearts to be truly prepared spiritually for the Christmas celebration
For a godly sense of stewardship in our homes and church
For our Early Childhood Center and Preschool
For Holy Cross members who have not attended Divine Service recently

For Irene Anderson, Glorine Bahl, Cole Baresel, Jeanne Beck, Tim Carrao, Royce Closterman, Rev. Perry Copus, Bryan, Linda Hill, Tripp Hughes, Marian Johnson, Emma Kranz, Jackie Mulford, Darrell Schulz, Nat & Joyce Serfass, Chris Thompson 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:

Third Sunday in Advent – December 17, 2023

Hymns: 354; 345; 335; 346; 347; 342

Readings: Psalm 85; Isaiah 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 11:2-11