

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 Holy Week

April 9 through April 15, 2017

As Lent draws to a close, we are further reminded of our Lord's Holy Passion. With every step, Jesus is closer to the cross. With every step, our redemption and salvation is drawing nigh. Before He offers up His life as the final sacrifice, Jesus speaks concerning the End of the World and the Last Judgment. But at Good Friday, we eagerly await to hear from our Savior the final verdict that has been declared ahead of time: "It is Finished!" Death and sin and the devil have been forever defeated, and Easter joy is ready to commence with newfound vigor for God's people!

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ☩

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

Memory verse for the week: Psalm 51:17

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 118

Psalm Prayer: O most merciful God, consolation of our troubles, You bedew the tabernacles of the righteous with joy and gladness, exalt Your Church with the power of Your mighty right hand, that it may become the gate of righteousness, and so bind itself together with the steadfast cornerstone as to shine with glory in Your resurrection. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
April 9	Exodus 8:1-32	Hebrews 1:1-14
April 10	Exodus 9:1-28	Hebrews 2:1-18
April 11	Exodus 9:29—10:20	Hebrews 3:1-19
April 12	Exodus 10:21—11:10	Hebrews 4:1-16
April 13	Exodus 12:1-28	Hebrews 5:1-14
April 14	Exodus 12:29—13:16	Hebrews 6:1-20
April 15	Exodus 13:17—14:9	Hebrews 7:1-22
April 16	Exodus 14:10--31	Hebrews 7:23—8:13

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 451 "Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted"

Catechism for the Week: Ten Commandments –First Commandment

Collect for Palm Sunday:

Almighty and everlasting God the Father, who sent your Son to take our nature upon Him and to suffer death on the cross that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility, mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of our Savior Jesus Christ in His patience and also have our portion in His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for Maundy Thursday:

O Lord Jesus, since You have left us a memorial of Your Passion in a wonderful sacrament, grant, we pray, that we may so use this sacrament of Your Body and Blood that the fruits of Your redeeming work may continually be manifest in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for Good Friday:

Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross, and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Special Petitions

For the children of our Early Childhood Center and their families

For Kathie Jo Elliott, Debbie Holquin, George Franklin, Jeffery Senne, Don Mulford, Delores Mulqueen, Yvonne Van Duser, Cindy Olson, Charles Kraft, Bonnie Thomsen, Barbara Wollberg

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:

Easter Day; The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 16, 2017

Hymns: 457; 461; 480; 633; 619; 465; 467

Readings: Psalm 16; Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Lent and its repentant focus are done. For the past 40 days, our eyes have been fixed upon Jesus, who suffered for our sin. Now is the time of joy and celebration, for Easter means the transaction of Christ's death for us is complete. And because our Lord the "Firstfruits" is risen, we share in the hope that we too shall rise at the Last Day and enter into perfect joy! This is the Day that the Lord has made!