

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 First Week of Easter
April 21, 2019 through April 27, 2019

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! As we stand before the empty tomb we discover along with the faithful women and the disciples that Christ's death was not a tragic failure but rather a glorious success. We realize that He entered suffering and death as an Innocent Victim, but He fought as a mighty warrior who has gained the victory over death and Satan. 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: Matthew 24:27 & 44

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 21	Exodus 14:10-31	Hebrews 7:23—8:13
April 22	Exodus 15:1-18	Hebrews 9:1-28
April 23	Exodus 15:19—16:12	Hebrews 10:1-18
April 24	Exodus 16:13-35	Hebrews 10:19-39
April 25	Exodus 17:1-16	Hebrews 11:1-29
April 26	Exodus 18:5-27	Hebrews 12:1-24
April 27	Exodus 19:1-25	Hebrews 13:1-21
April 28	Exodus 20:1-24	Luke 4:1-15

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 457 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Catechism for the Week: The Ten Commandments (see *LSB* p. 321)

The Sixth Commandment

Collect for Easter Day:

Almighty God, the Father, through your only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for return of the wayward and erring:

Almighty and most gracious God and Father, we implore You to turn the hearts of all who have forsaken the faith once delivered to Your Church, especially those who have wandered from it or are in doubt through the corruption of Your truth. Mercifully visit and restore them that in gladness of heart they may take pleasure in Your Word and be made wise to salvation through faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For our parish shut-ins and all who suffer from loneliness
For grace to recall our Baptism and the blessings of daily forgiveness
For the mission work of Pastor Daniel Jastram (E. Asia & Japan)

For Jeanne Beck, Tony Bell, Alarice & Tim Corrao, Marie Dahlquist, Marie Fischer, Tripp Hughes, Marian Johnson, Eileen Losey, Kay Medick, Diane Pirtle, Jim & Becky Schope, Karl Schroder, Nat Serfass, Esther Stillman, Ginny Valleau, Curt & Elenita Wendt, and Linda Yinger.

Lord's Prayer ✠

Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer or Prayers 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 of Easter

April 28, 2019

Hymns: 463; 477; 470; 464; 737; 482

Readings: Psalm 105; Acts 5:12-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! "As newborn babes, eagerly desire the pure milk of the Word..." wrote the Apostle Peter. Faith does not come from a direct experience with Jesus, as he, Thomas, and the rest of the Apostles had, but from the Word of Christ. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." That blessing is revealed in the Absolution, which our Risen Lord mandated to His disciples to speak in His Name and by His command.