

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 First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 12, 2020 through January 18, 2020

The Epiphany is the great celebration of the revealing (Greek: *epiphaneia*) of our Lord Jesus Christ to all nations, as evidenced by the visit of the Wise Men, the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan, and the miracle of changing water into wine. The climactic scene of Epiphany is the glorious Transfiguration of our Lord, which will be celebrated the Sunday immediately before Ash Wednesday. May the Lord bless you and those with whom you pray, and may He graciously bring us back together in worship as the Body of Christ, as we see the great, final Day approaching.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ✠

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

Memory verse for the week: 1 Timothy 3:6

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 29

Psalm Prayer: Grant, O Lord, strength to Your people against the ills of all adversity, enrich us with the blessing of Your peace, that in the abundance of our quiet we may give all glory to You in Your temple, and forgetting the misfortunes of this life, may ever render to You honor and praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
January 12	Ezekiel 34:1-24	Romans 3:19-31
January 13	Ezekiel 36:13-28	Romans 4:1-25
January 14	Ezekiel 36:33—37:14	Romans 5:1-21
January 15	Ezekiel 37:15-28	Romans 6:1-23
January 16	Ezekiel 38:1-23	Romans 7:1-20
January 17	Ezekiel 39:1-29	Romans 7:21—8:17
January 18	Ezekiel 43:1-12	Romans 8:18-39
January 19	Ezekiel 44:1-29	Romans 9:1-18

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 401 “From God the Father, Virgin-Born”

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

To Children

Collect for the Baptism of Our Lord:

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Likeness to Christ

Almighty God, who has given Your only Son to be for us both a Sacrifice for sin and also an Example of godly life, give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive this His inestimable benefit and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For God's blessings as we begin the new year
For the children of our Early Childhood Center and their families
For our government and those who are under oath to defend the Constitution
For the homeless and others who are exposed to the extreme cold

For Berniece Baggs, Glorine Bahl, Jeanne Beck, Gabby Beck, Jack Colvin, Tim Corrao, Linda Hill, Tripp Hughes, Kay Medick, Don Mulford, Dave Senne, Nat and Joyce Serfass, Jayne Shepherd, Jodie 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 after the Epiphany

January 19, 2020

Hymns: 810; 743; 702; 623; 540; 409

Readings: Psalm 40; Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Immediately following His Baptism in the Jordan and His temptation in the wilderness, Jesus wastes no time in selecting the disciples who will be prepared to serve as the pillars of the one, holy Christian and Apostolic Church. John the Baptist points his own disciples to the Savior, saying, "He was before me." So the Lamb of God, who has life in His Name, is the one to whom we listen as we rejoice in and protect the precious sanctity of human life, which is so often challenged in our culture in this day and age.