

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 in Advent
November 28, 2021 through December 4, 2021

As you use this devotional resource at home, you may use or omit certain parts, as you see fit for your family group. Be sure to include the basic elements, like Scripture reading and prayer, especially the Lord's Prayer, and add others later. If you cannot sing the hymn, read a stanza or two and reflect on its message. As with all things, they get better with practice! May the Lord bless you and those with whom you pray, and may He graciously gather us again as the Body of Christ, since we know the great, final Day approaches.

Order of Daily Prayer

Invocation ☩

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

Memory verse for the week: Psalm 90:1-2

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 25

Psalm Prayer: O Lord, our most merciful Father in heaven, be gracious to us and forgive us our sins. Rule in our hearts by Your Spirit, that we may hate and forsake all manner of evil. Restrain our enemies who would deprive us of our salvation, and be with us, and Your whole Church on earth, a very present help in time of need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
November 28	Isaiah 8:9—9:7	1 Peter 4
November 29	Isaiah 9:8—10:11	1 Peter 5
November 30	Isaiah 10:12-34	2 Peter 1
December 1	Isaiah 11:1—12:6	2 Peter 2
December 2	Isaiah 14:1-23	2 Peter 3
December 3	Isaiah 24:1-13	1 John 1:1—2:14
December 4	Isaiah 24:14—25:12	1 John 2:15-29
December 5	Isaiah 26:1-19	1 John 3

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 332 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

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

What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors

Collect for the First Sunday in Advent:

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for life as a baptized child of God:

Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called us to be Your own possession. Grant that our lives may evidence the working of Your Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, according to the image of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

For Holy Cross members who have not attended Divine Service recently
For the children of our Sunday School, and catechism instruction
For our Early Childhood Center, Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten

For Irene Anderson, Glorine Bahl, Margery Baresel, David & Jeanne Beck, Tim & Alarice Carrao, Livy Contreras, Lloyd Harfst, Phyllis Henry, Garney & Linda Hill, Tripp Hughes, Beverly Ingels, Marian Johnson, Irma Kerksiek, Sharon Kernes, Shirley Laber, Kay Medick, Ron Ringstad, John Schroeder, Darrell Schulz, Nat & Joyce Serfass, Elenita Wendt, Blanch Weymuth 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 in Advent

December 5, 2021

Hymns: 346; 344; 608; 354; 625; 343

Readings: Psalm 66; Malachi 3:1-7; Philippians 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-20

Before a time of silence, Malachi wrote down the last inspired prophecy that was recorded in the Old Testament. He was granted the privilege to foretell a coming messenger who would prepare the way before the Lord our Savior. John the Baptist was that Forerunner and his message of repentance was the fitting preparation for the arrival of Jesus Christ. He baptized with water, but Jesus would bring the forgiveness of sins for which John had preached and baptized. Now, as we recall our baptism into Christ, we are prepared this Advent for the coming of Jesus also with John's words of repentance.