

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 Third Sunday in Advent
December 12, 2021 through December 18, 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: Mark 10:7-9

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 146

Psalm Prayer: O glorious and almighty God, in whom the souls of the blessed place all the confidence of their hope, grant that we, enlightened by Your help, may be able to love You always with a pure mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings:	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
December 12	Isaiah 32:1-20	Revelation 4
December 13	Isaiah 33	Revelation 5
December 14	Isaiah 34-35	Revelation 6
December 15	Isaiah 40:1-17	Revelation 7
December 16	Isaiah 40:18—41:10	Revelation 8
December 17	Isaiah 42	Revelation 9:1-12
December 18	Isaiah 43:1-24	Revelation 9:13—10:1
December 19	Isaiah 43:25—44:20	Revelation 11

Hymn of the Week: *LSB* 345 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

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

Collect for the Third Sunday in Advent:

Lord, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for the disabled:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of life and everything in Your creation that enriches our physical lives. By Your merciful guidance, aid and strengthen those with physical disabilities, and enable them to find fulfillment in their lives and encouragement and support for all their endeavors; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For all who work as volunteers to serve their needy neighbors
For the work of all missionaries, including Drs. Daniel & Joan Jastram
For those suffering from depression and other mental health issues
For Holy Cross members who have not attended Divine Service recently

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, Family of Jim Thomsen, 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:

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 19, 2021

Hymns: 347; 934; 357; 352; 602; 933

Readings: Psalm 95; Micah 5:2-5; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-56

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the "coming into flesh" of our Lord and Savior Jesus, the eternal Son of God. There never was a time when He did not exist, however His human nature had a definite beginning, that is, when the Angel Gabriel visited the Virgin Mary and proclaimed God's Word of blessing to her. When she heard this holy, powerful, creating Word, our Lord Jesus Himself was conceived by the Holy Spirit in Mary's womb. This body is not meant only to receive our worship, which He certainly deserves, but most of all to offer Himself as a sacrifice, as Hebrews explains so richly.