

# Feed My Sheep: Growing in the Word

The Week of Ad Te Levavi (Advent 1)

Dec 3-9, 2017

## The Household Altar:

### Daily Devotion to the Word and Prayer

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
**to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;**  
To herald Your love in the morning,  
**Your truth at the close of the day.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Readings (Family members may take turns reading the Scripture):*

Sun, 12/03.....Matthew 21:1-9  
Mon, 12/04.....Isaiah 57:14-21  
Tue, 12/05.....Acts 17:22-34  
Wed, 12/06.....Luke 1:5-7  
Thu, 12/07.....Isaiah 59:15b-21  
Fri, 12/08.....Revelation 1:1-3  
Sat, 12/09.....Luke 1:8-23

*Verse of the Week (try to commit to memory):*

**Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he. (Zechariah 9:9)**

*Small Catechism of the Week (try to commit to memory):*

What is the Third Article?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

What does this mean?

**I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## *Apostles' Creed*

### *Lord's Prayer*

*Collect (Prayer) of the Week*

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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## In Our Prayers

*Illness:* Barbi Walter; Jennifer VanPelt; Rodney Huffman; Pam Roesler; Pat Sparks; Joe White; Elijah Peterman; Steve Bails; Carolyn Walquist; Theresa Gaziano; Craig Stripling; Margaret Stripling;

*Recovering:* Don Grubb; John Brandt; Anita Kirby; D'Ann Urish; William Schuermann; Amy Surburg; Jerry Biggart  
*Homebound:* Wilma Brittin; Donna Conklen; Esther Cox; Ruth Estes; Irma Peterman; Anita Kirby; Pat Sparks; Jack & Marian Roderick; Betty Biggart

*Armed Forces:* Brandon Goldhammer; Mark Schultz; Jared Williams; Jordan Saner; Grant Barnes; Brandon Brockhouse; Luke Bohm

*Police:* Scott Butterfield; Joshua Stuenkel; Grant Barnes  
*Missionaries:* Rev'd Roy Askins and family (Hong Kong); The Hilberts (Botswana)

## Scripture Study and Sunday School

**Sunday School** ~ "God's People Go Home" (from selected chapters of Ezra and Nehemiah) is the focus for this week's Sunday School lesson. God used unbelieving kings to restore His exiled people to Jerusalem according to His will. God sent Jesus, the King of kings, to Jerusalem to restore His wayward people to Himself forever. As a family, discuss, *"What preparations did the people need to make before they returned to Jerusalem? How can you prepare for worship each week?"*

**Adult Scripture Study** ~ *Hymns!* We all have our favorites; there are so many that masterfully match music and text to sing into our hearts the wonderful truths and promises of God's Word. For the next three weeks (12/3, 12/10, and 12/17) we'll study some of the hymns of Advent and rejoice!

## Weekday Study Opportunities

**Monday Lunch Bunch** (Mon at Noon) – Genesis

**Wednesday Bible Study** (Wed at 9:30 a.m.) – Heaven and Hell

**Breakfast Bible Study** (Thurs at 6:30 a.m.) – Joshua