

Feed My Sheep: Growing in the Word

The Week of Populus Zion (Advent 2)

Dec 10-16, 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, 12/10.....Luke 21:25-36
Mon, 12/11.....Psalm 42
Tue, 12/12.....Romans 15:4-13
Wed, 12/13.....Micah 4:1-7
Thu, 12/14.....Luke 1:26-35
Fri, 12/15.....Romans 2:1-16
Sat, 12/16.....Psalm 91

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

Raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21:28)

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

What is the Introduction of the Lord's Prayer?

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

What is the First Petition?

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

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; Joe White; Elijah Peterman; Steve Bails; Carolyn Walquist; Theresa Gaziano; Craig Stripling; Margaret Stripling;
Recovering: Don Grubb; John Brandt; 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)
Seminarians: Ian Kinney; Evan Scamman; all men studying to be pastors

Scripture Study and Sunday School

Sunday School ~ This week, Sunday School students study "Esther." In the actions of Esther, we see the pattern of deliverance that God sketches throughout the story of Israel, a pattern that finds its fulfillment in Jesus, our Savior. Consider discussing, "How did Esther preserve the Jewish people? Why is the story of Esther important?"

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 two weeks (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*) – 1 John

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

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