

# Feed My Sheep: Growing in the Word

Christmas Eve (Advent 4)

Dec 24-30, 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, 12/24.....Luke 2:1–20  
Mon, 12/25.....Micah 5:2–5a  
Tue, 12/26.....Acts 6:8—7:2a, 51–60  
Wed, 12/27.....John 21:20–25  
Thu, 12/28.....Matthew 2:13–18  
Fri, 12/29.....Psalm 96  
Sat, 12/30.....Luke 12:35–40

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

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. (John 1:14)**

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

What is the Fourth Petition?

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

What does this mean?

**God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

What is meant by daily bread?

**Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

## *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:* Crystal Barnes; Barbi Walter; Jennifer VanPelt; Rodney Huffman; Joe White; Elijah Peterman; Steve Bails; Carolyn Walquist; Theresa Gaziano; Craig Stripling; Margaret Stripling;

*Recovering:* Lynda Musselman; 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; all men studying to be pastors

## Scripture Study and Sunday School

**Sunday School** ~ All are invited to carol at Villa West this morning. Please meet in the sanctuary after the bell rings to receive your caroling booklet.

**Adult Scripture Study** ~ No adult scripture study this morning, we will go to Villa West to carol.

## Weekday Study Opportunities

**Monday Lunch Bunch** (*Mon at Noon*) – No Class until 1/8

**Wednesday Bible Study** (*Wed at 9:30 a.m.*) – No class until 1/3

**Breakfast Bible Study** (*Thurs at 6:30 a.m.*) – No class until 1/4