

Feed My Sheep: Growing in the Word

First Sunday after Christmas

Dec 31, 2017 – Jan 6, 2018

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, 12/31.....Luke 12:35-40
Mon, 1/1.....Numbers 6:22-27
Tue, 1/2.....Rev. 5:1-5
Wed, 1/3.....Luke 5:30-39
Thu, 1/4.....1 Samuel 2:1-10
Fri, 1/5.....Hebrews 3:1-6
Sat, 1/6.....Luke 12:4-12

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

Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation. (Luke 2:29-30)

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

What is the Fifth Petition?

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

What is the Sixth Petition?

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Collect (Prayer) of the Week

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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 ~ In Sunday School today, the children learned how each of us is like the lame beggar as we stand before God (Acts 3). Yet through the Means of Grace, God's Word and Sacraments, God bestows on us what Christ accomplished on the cross: forgiveness of sins. In your family discussions, talk about what it means to have the "forgiveness of sins."

Adult Scripture Study ~ This week at Adult Scripture Study it's an "*Ask the Pastor*" Sunday. Bring your questions and curiosities to class and ask away! Pastor reserves the right to say "I don't know" or "I'll find out".

Weekday Study Opportunities

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

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

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