

# Feed My Sheep: Growing in the Word

The Week of Advent 4

December 23-29, 2018

## The Household Altar:

### Daily Devotion to the Word and Prayer

In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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

Sun, 12/23.....	Luke 1:39-56
Mon, 12/24.....	Matthew 1:18-25
Tue, 12/25.....	Luke 2:1-20
Wed, 12/26.....	John 1:1-14
Thu, 12/27.....	Isaiah 7:10-14
Fri, 12/28.....	Isaiah 9:2-7
Sat, 12/29.....	Psalms 98

*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 meaning of the Second Article of the Creed?  
**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

**This is most certainly true.**

*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*Collect (Prayer) of the Week:*

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same 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

*Mourning:* The family of +Anita Kirby+

*Illness:* Pat Cunningham; Kenadee Julian; Kylee Parker; Kathy Lockenour; Jerry Biggart; Marty Michelson; Eunice Aufdenkamp; Barbi Walter; Ben Ladage; Elena Holler; Scott Hess; Melanie Ferricks Capps; Leslie Symons; Elijah Peterman; Steve Bails; Carolyn Walquist; Theresa Gaziano; Kay Kasten; Bill Shutt; Sharon Park

*Homebound:* Donna Conklen; Esther Cox; Ruth Estes; 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. Roy Askins and family (Taiwan); The Hilberts (Botswana)

*Others:* Sem. Ian Kinney; all men studying to be pastors

## Scripture Study and Sunday School

**Sunday School** ~ Students will prepare for the Family Christmas Eve Service during the Sunday School hour. All are welcome to attend! Please speak with Betsy if you have a question about your child's participation in the service.

**Sunday Scripture Study** ~ We're finishing up the book of Revelation over the next few Sundays! This week we finish discussing chapter 20, before moving into the revealing of the new heavens and new earth in chapters 21-22. Please come study the Scriptures in the Parish Hall.

## Weekday Study Opportunities

**Monday Lunch Bunch** (Mon at Noon) – Off until 1/7/19

**Midweek Bible Study** (Wed at 9:30 a.m.) – Off until 1/9/19

**Breakfast Bible Study** (Thu at 6:30 a.m.) – Off until 1/10/19