

Feed My Sheep: Growing in the Word

The Week of Reminiscere

March 17-23, 2019

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.

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

Sun, 03/17.....	Matthew 15:21-28
Mon, 03/18.....	Psalms 130
Tue, 03/19.....	1 Thess. 4:1-8
Wed, 03/20.....	Isaiah 45:20-25
Thu, 03/21.....	Mark 9:17-29
Fri, 03/22.....	James 5:13-20
Sat, 03/23.....	Psalms 25

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

The Lord God opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. (Isaiah 50:4-5)

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

What is the First Article?

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

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 see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

For our pastors. For First Step Women's Center. Those who mourn: Mona Bentley and family; Melissa Stier and family. *The sick and infirm:* Kylee Parker; Kathy Lockenour; Jerry Biggart; Marty Michelson; Eunice Aufdenkamp; Barbi Walter; Mary Burch; Elena Holler; Scott Hess; Melanie Ferricks Capps; Leslie Symons; Elijah Peterman; Steve Bails; Theresa Gaziano; Kay Kasten; Bill Shutt; Sharon Park. *Those recovering:* Patti Schnoor; Dora Findlay; Addelyn Grace Williams; Marilyn Tobias; Dave Urish; Anna May Fawns; Janie Saner; Don James; Kenadee Julian. *The Homebound:* Esther Cox; Ruth Estes; Pat Sparks; Jack & Marian Roderick; Betty Biggart. *Our Synodical Leaders:* Matthew Harrison, President; Mark Miller, District President. *The Church's missionaries and mercy workers:* Rev. Roy Askins and family (Taiwan); The Hilberts (Botswana). *Seminarians:* Sem. Ian Kinney. *For all women with child:* especially Heidi Poyer and Betsy Lash. *The Armed Forces:* Brandon Goldhammer; Mark Schultz; Jared Williams; Jordan Saner; Brandon Brockhouse; Luke Bohm. *Police:* Scott Butterfield; Grant Barnes; Joshua Stuenkel

Scripture Study and Sunday School

Sunday School ~ Today in Sunday School, we learn about Jesus teaching the Pharisee Nicodemus under the cover of night (John 3:1-21). Since the fall into sin, all are born spiritually blind, sinful, and unclean. We are like Nicodemus and cannot see our sin or understand who Jesus truly is for us. As children of God, born of water and the Spirit, we can see our sinfulness and the salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ. Discuss with your children, "How did Baptism change you? What does Baptism do?"

Sunday Scripture Study ~ In our Sunday study we are considering the question, "What On Earth Am I Here For?" This study will help us discover the callings God has placed us in and we'll explore what God teaches us about our lives in His Word.

Weekday Study Opportunities

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

Midweek Bible Study (Wed at 9:30 a.m.) – *Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 12-35)*

Breakfast Bible Study (Thu at 6:30 a.m.) – *The Gospel of John*