

# Feed My Sheep: Growing in the Word

The Week of Oculi

March 24-30, 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, 03/24.....	Luke 11:14-28
Mon, 03/25.....	Psalm 43
Tue, 03/26.....	Ephesians 5:1-9
Wed, 03/27.....	2 Samuel 22:1-7
Thu, 03/28.....	John 8:42-51
Fri, 03/29.....	Revelation 2:1-7
Sat, 03/30.....	Psalm 86

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

**The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28)**

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

What is the Second Article?

**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. 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.**

What does this mean?

**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*

*Collect (Prayer) of the Week:*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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. 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's Sunday School lesson is the account of Jesus and the Samaritan woman from John 4:1-42. In this lesson, we learn that Jesus gives the Spirit, who cleanses us from sin and unrighteousness in the living water of Holy Baptism. Talk with your children about how sin causes us to have guilt and shame before God. Emphasize that through the water and Word of Holy Baptism all guilt and shame are removed. Discuss, "Jesus comes for all people, no matter what race or color they are. Ordinary water leaves us thirsting for more, but the living water of Jesus, which flows from His Word and the font of Baptism, quenches our spiritual thirst forever."

**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*