

**Say a prayer, send a card, or give a call**

**Please Pray For:**

*Lenora Allert, Shelley Schuerman, Linda Wintermute,  
Lillian Baker*

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

*12-Bethany Lehmann, 14-Mike Baker, 14-Kathy Gerard  
16-Linda Bahr, 25-Ethan Hookstead*

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

**Altar Flowers today  
in memory of Lester Piel**

**The Congregation at Prayer**

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

**Second Sunday in Advent**

December 6, 2020

**ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER**

L: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R **Amen**

**Apostle's Creed**

**Psalm**

*Psalm 85; antiphon: v. 9*

- <sup>1</sup>LORD, you were favorable to your land;\*  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your people;\*  
you covered all their sin.
- <sup>3</sup>You withdrew all your wrath;\*  
you turned from your hot anger.
- <sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our salvation,\*  
and put away your indignation toward us!
- <sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us forever?\*
- Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- <sup>6</sup>Will you not revive us again,\*  
that your people may rejoice in you?
- <sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,\*  
and grant us your salvation.
- <sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,\*  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.
- <sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,\*  
that glory may dwell in our land.
- <sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;\*  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- <sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground,\*  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- <sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give what is good,\*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him\*  
and make his footsteps a way.

## THE CATECHISM

### The Apostles' Creed

#### AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

- P:** ***The Third Article [SANCTIFICATION]*** 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.  
*What does this mean?*
- C:** **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

#### THE READINGS

Sun	Dec 06	Isaiah 14:1-23; 2 Peter 3:1-18
Mon	Dec 07	Isaiah 24:1-13; 1 John 1:1-2:14
Tue	Dec 08	Isaiah 24:14-25:12; 1 John 2:15-29
Wed	Dec 09	Isaiah 26:1-19; 1 John 3:1-24
Thu	Dec 10	Isaiah 26:20-27:13; 1 John 4:1-21
Fri	Dec 11	Isaiah 28:14-29; 1 John 5:1-21
Sat	Dec 12	Isaiah 29:1-14; Jude 1-25

#### THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

**Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

#### Blessing

L May the almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

#### R: Amen

**Welcome to Worship!** Repentance is one of the main themes in today's readings. In the Old Testament reading from Isaiah, God comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity. In the Epistle, Peter says that the Lord has delayed His return, so that all might reach repentance. In the Gospel, John appears, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. In the collect we pray that we might serve God with "pure minds" brought about by repentance and faith.