

Praying

MINISTRY WORKERS

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2 ESV)

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Pray for the Malian churches that have been threatened with closure by Islamists.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

McKenzie County Food Pantry

HEALING

Bryan Fevold, Chris Schaffer, Joyce Hovland, Clay Ceynar, Doyle & Deb Hagen, Wynn Murphy, Richard Helmuth, Jean Elliott, Jessica Wisness Burns, Lori Halverson, Roger Olson

CHURCH FAMILY

Jo Anne Ross; Rodney & Susan Sampsel; Fallon Sampsel; Nate, Jessica & Elsie Sconce

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Bethany Lutheran Brethren Church- Pastor Ryan Nilsen, East Hartland, Connecticut

CLB MINISTRIES

North American Missions - CLB Church Plants - Lincoln Church and Community Center; Director Brandon Pangman, Jordan Spina, Mark Johannesen, Lindsey Veum

Mission Focus

Jihadis Threaten Christians, Close Churches

Islamists are threatening at least nine Malian churches in an area close to the border with Burkina Faso. "The jihadis showed up on motorcycles on September 25, locked the doors to the churches and demanded each church pay the equivalent of a \$1,200 tax to reopen," said a Voice of the Martyrs front-line worker. "The brethren from these churches were also denied the right to harvest their crops unless they pay the demanded amount or they deny Christ." The front-line worker said people in those communities fear what will happen when the terrorists return because the churches don't have the money to pay. Even if they did, the jihadis would likely continue to demand more, and the government has done little to protect the region. "Pray that those Christians will keep their eyes focused on Christ," said the front-line worker. He also asked for prayer for Malian Christians to have God's wisdom in this situation.



Malian children receiving Action Bibles.

Growing & Serving



SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

Potluck and Annual Meeting

6:00 PM Bedrock Youth Group

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study @ Arianna's house

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting

10:00 AM Coffee & Conversation

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

Focus: Jesus Defends His Authority

Supper: Nacho Bar

4:00 PM Catechism Class

5:15 PM Supper & Fellowship

6:00 PM Classes for all ages



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Service

6:00 PM Bedrock Youth Group

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 27 Mabel Muri
Feb 1 Heston Jenks
Feb 5 Lexyn Henderson
Feb 8 Tanner Henderson
Feb 9 Pieter Buckle
Feb 15 Marlene Fridley
Feb 22 Anna Garcia

Jan 29 Vernon Muri
Feb 1 Nathanael Ellis
Feb 6 Jordyn Pedersen
Feb 8 Sigrid Nash
Feb 11 Leah Garcia
Feb 17 Evelina Jacobson
Feb 24 Bridger Smith



Welcome!

The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 2026

We're glad you're here to worship with us. If you're visiting with us today, we hope you'll stick around for a bit after the service. We'd love to get acquainted with you. If you'd like us to contact you, please scan our QR code on the back of the bulletin, or fill out a visitor card at our Welcome Center.

BIBLE CENTERED Through God's saving Word we have been adopted into God's Family and share in the saving work of Jesus Christ.

FAMILY FOCUSED As brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we serve each other and worship, learn and work together.

MISSION DRIVEN We are engaged in Jesus' disciple-making mission - winning souls for Christ by the preaching of the Word and personal witnessing, and strengthening believers through Christian fellowship in the Word and Sacraments.



Order of Worship

Welcome
Call to Worship Psalm 27:1-14
Prayers of the Church
Songs of Praise
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:1-4
Epistle Reading I Corinthians 1:10-18
Children's Message
Tithes and Offerings
Gospel Reading Matthew 4:12-25
Sermon
Hymn
Holy Communion
The Nicene Creed
Benediction
Doxology

* If you are able, please stand for elements of the service noted in bold.

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 15, Micah 6:1-8, I Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12



HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a

Talking about The Three Articles of the Creed

125 How does God make Himself known to you?

God has made himself known to me:

1. In the way He created, cares for, and rules the world.

Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork."

Romans 1:20 "For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse."

2. In my conscience, which is troubled when I do wrong and happy when I do what is right.

Romans 2:14-15 "For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them..."

3. In the written word, the Bible.

John 20:30-31 "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

John 16:13 "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version



The Lord's Supper

Who may participate?

This sacrament is meant for believers in Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 11:27-29). It is the way that God unites His church, sustains the church and grows faith, hope and love as the church participates in this shared grace together. Communion is God's way of delivering assurance of the forgiveness of sins to the flock.

What is received?

Christ gives to the communicants His body and blood - in, with, and under the bread and wine. He declares the forgiveness of sin to all believers, and strengthens their faith.

I feel I'm unworthy to receive

Being unworthy of Jesus' body and blood is the primary reason to receive the forgiveness of sins promised in communion. But it is possible to receive communion with an unworthy attitude. Therefore, self-examination is called for (I Corinthians 11:28, 31).

I do well to ask myself:

1. Do I believe Jesus' promises? "Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6).

2. Do I recognize Jesus' presence? "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (I Cor. 11:27, 29).

3. Am I reconciled with my fellow believers? If we do not value reconciliation with others, we put ourselves in a place where we are distancing ourselves from God's will for us. We are living in rebellion.

4. Do I recognize my sinfulness and that it will be the death of me? (I John 1:5-10)

5. Is my hope in Jesus alone as the one who can give me eternal life?

We invite those who confess Jesus as their Savior from sin and death to receive the gift of forgiveness of sins offered and gifted in this sacrament.

A Note for Parents

Because communion requires time for self-examination, we do not encourage communion for children until they are old enough to be taught and old enough for self-examination. Through teaching they will appreciate its significance. Catechism Classes provide an opportunity to learn about the Lord's Supper. These classes are taught with the use of Luther's Small Catechism ... If you would like a copy of the Small Catechism for personal instruction or to instruct your children please contact the Pastor or the church office.

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