

# 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 Christian villagers from the town of Kokoana, in Burkina Faso where Islamists have murdered 21 Christians, including the local pastor:

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Firefighters and Emergency Medical Responders

## HEALING

Bryan Fevold, Chris Schaffer, Joyce Hovland, Clay Ceynar, Doyle & Deb Hagen, Wynn Murphy, Richard Helmuth, Jessica Wisness Burns, Lori Halverson, Roger Olson, Christine Conant, Dixie Selting, Jesse Veeder Scofield, Kari Anderson, Fred Braun, Darlene Benth, Patty Roeder, Sue Jenks, Della Rauschendorfer

## HOPE AND COMFORT

The Noreen Woolen family

## CHURCH FAMILY

Seth, Arianna & Lincoln Vander Ley; Brett, Amanda, Wyatt, William & Ava Wisness

## SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Faith Lutheran Brethren Church- Pastor Brent Walker, Blue Earth, Minnesota

## CLB MINISTRIES

Church of the Lutheran Brethren Women's Ministries

# Mission Focus

## Pray for Todd and Leah Waldie

from Women's Ministries CLB newsletter

Leah shares these ways to pray:

1. That our older three children can finish strong with their online classes (we're hoping by the middle of August.) With training and transitions last year, they weren't able to start their classes until the end of October, so unfortunately this means having to finish school over the summer months.
2. For times of refreshment for Todd and me as we take a break from formal language learning classes this summer; that we have learned so far will continue to soak into our brains, and that we will be ready to start back up again with classes on September 1.
3. For good health and fun times together as a family this summer.
4. For our daughter, Gabriella, who heads back to the U.S. on August 22 to complete her senior year at her high school in Eau Claire. And for the rest of us as we say goodbye (for now) and adjust to being a family of all boys!
5. For continued patience and grace with each other in the process of language learning and living cross-culturally. That we will be able to help our kids process the hard things and feelings in a healthy way as we learn how to process our own emotions in healthier ways.
6. Please continue to pray for a resolution to the visa ban so that we will be able to head back to Chad after our time of language learning in France.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support! -Leah



# Growing & Serving

Living in  
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## TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Service

*Radiant Faith*  
Ladies Retreat 2026  
AUGUST 15, 2026  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
(Doors open at 9:15 AM)  
Early Bird \$25 through June 30 | Full Price \$40  
Living Faith Church • Watford City, ND  
Register online today!

Special Guest  
Pastor Mike Natale  
from Lutheran  
Brethren Seminary  
Sunday,  
August 16th  
Lutheran Brethren  
Seminary

COMING SOON!  
9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE  
Beginning September 13th

## BIRTHDAYS

Aug 2 Grant Muri  
Aug 5 Kyle Dragseth  
Aug 13 Wayne Johnson  
Aug 20 Arlen Jacobson

Aug 3 Debby Skoglund  
Aug 11 Katy Maunu  
Aug 19 Amanda Kindel  
Aug 23 Lynn Heiser



Welcome!

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 2, 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.

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# Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayers of the Church

**Songs of Praise**

Old Testament Reading

Epistle Reading

The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Tithes and Offerings

Sermon Text

Sermon

**Hymn**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Doxology**

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

## Sermon Notes

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**Next Sunday's Readings:** Psalm 18:1-6, Job 38:4-18, Romans 10:5-17, Matthew 14:22-33

Psalm 136:23-26

Isaiah 55:1-5

Romans 9:1-5

Mark 12:28-31 & 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

*Basics of Discipleship: Fellowship*



## HOME TALK

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

### Talking about The Second Article of the Creed

#### Redemption

**I believe 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, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall 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 creature, bought and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil-not with silver and gold, but with His holy and precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death-in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

#### **181** How does being redeemed by Christ make you free from death?

1. Physical death will become an entrance for me into the place Jesus has prepared for all believers.

**John 14:1-2 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?"**



2. Spiritual death has lost its power over me.

**John 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."**

3. Eternal death in hell will not touch me.

**Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."**

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

#### The Lord's Supper

##### Who may participate?

This sacrament is meant for believers in Jesus Christ (1 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 (1 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" (1 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?** (1 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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