

Praying

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

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS Oudong and his wife, Lae, placed their trust in Christ becoming the first Christians in their village in Laos. Two weeks after their conversion, the village head came to their home and told them to stop worshipping Jesus Christ because Buddhism and animism were the only religions permitted in the village. The couple, along with their four children, began to travel two hours each way to gather in worship and fellowship with believers in another city, but this did not satisfy the authorities. The village head told Oudong that his family must leave the village. Front-line workers are intervening to try to keep the family from being expelled and to assist them in attending church for encouragement and fellowship.

PUBLIC SERVICE

- Our president, governor, federal and state representatives, mayor, city and county representatives
- Teachers, Staff, and Students

HEALING

Those involved with the Israel & Russia-Ukraine Conflict, Juniper Power, Bryan Fevold, Jennie Stutsman & Hugo Sanchez (Angela's friends), Chris Schaffer (Rodney's friend), Rachel Meuchel, Brandon Kindred, Cole Houska (Jesse's nephew's son), Christina Smith, Harold Dragseth, Christy Hoffman (Lindsay's sister), Cattleya, David Fandrich, Joyce Hovland

HOPE AND COMFORT

The Beard family for the passing of Chris, Bonny's niece, The Iverson family for the passing of Lou, Merton's sister, The Rusk family for the passing of Pat, Barb's friend

FAMILY

Lane Odenbach; Ryan, Cheri, Grace, James & Amelia Odenbach; Roger & Carol Olson

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church, Pastor Ronald Sunwall, Great Falls, Montana



Faculty & Staff Rev. Clint Knutson, Professor of Systematic Theology

Students Seth Vander Ley (Arianna & Lincoln)



Dean and Linda Bengtson live in Ishinomake, a seaport town in Northern Japan, where much destruction occurred in the "Great Tohoku Earthquake/Tsunami." House of Hope opened in 2015 as a Christian community center. Pastor Haruya Ito and his wife Fume have joined their team as missionary partners. They are excited to be an official neighborhood church!



Carl and Emily are church planting in Lincoln, ND, a community next door to Bismarck. It is one of the fastest growing communities in the state, made up largely of young families who need to hear the good news of salvation in Jesus. A successful children's ministry has been the major focus. Pray that the Lord will add dedicated members to the launch team as they prepare to begin having weekly worship services and that he will provide resources to embark on a building program.



Growing & Serving



MONDAY, APRIL 8

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

1:30 PM Coffee, Conversation & Courage

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Focus: God Promises the Messiah

Supper: Nacho Bar

5:15 PM Supper & Fellowship

6:00 PM Classes for all ages



SUNDAY, APRIL 14

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Service

BIRTHDAYS

Apr 10	Jena Jenks	Apr 11	Matthew Kindel
Apr 15	Harlee Jacobson	Apr 18	Tanner Hugelen
Apr 20	Jackson Kindel	Apr 23	Julie Dragseth
Apr 23	Cheri Odenbach	Apr 26	Scott Jenks
Apr 26	Megan Muri	Apr 26	Kelby Timmons



Welcome!

Second Sunday of Easter • April 7, 2024

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

Gathering Song *

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer

Songs of Praise

First Reading

Epistle Reading

Children's Message

Tithes and Offerings

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Sermon

Hymn

Holy Communion

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the Church

Benediction

Doxology

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

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 4, Acts 3:11-21, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36-49

Come Thou Fount

Psalm 148

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

Holy Forever

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

Resurrection Hymn

John 20:19-31

Believe

May the Peoples Praise You



HOME TALK

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

Talking about The Third Article of the Creed 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?

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 through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith, just as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith, in which Christian church he daily forgives abundantly all my sins, and the sins of all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant everlasting life to me and all who believe in Christ. This is most certainly true.

264 When will a believer be entirely free from sin?

A believer will be entirely free from sin only after leaving this life and entering the presence of God.

1 John 3:2 "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is."

265 What becomes of a believer after death?

The believer goes home to God, where there is rest from all trouble and sorrow in happy fellowship with God until the resurrection of the body.

Luke 23:43 "And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'"

Revelation 14:13 "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'"

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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