

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 Lenna from Benin, a persecuted Christian woman who is standing firm in her faith and discipling others.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Firefighters and Emergency Medical Responders

HEALING

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

HOPE AND COMFORT

The Wisness Family

CHURCH FAMILY

Shane, Kari, Kambree, McKaelyn & Grant Tosse; Duane & Kathy Tretter

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Living Faith Church- Pastor Eric Reese, Cape Coral, Florida

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

Mission Focus

Abandoned by Husband, Supported by Body of Christ



Despite her suffering, a Christian woman is standing firm in her faith and discipling others as well. Lenna was raised as a Muslim in northern Benin. When she came to faith in Christ a few years ago, her Muslim husband abandoned her and her three children. Not long afterward, Lenna was in a motorcycle accident and lost her right hand and part of her arm. She then struggled to support herself and her children. After learning of her situation, The Voice of the Martyrs helped her start a small business selling basic food items. Lenna also uses her business for kingdom purposes. "She is full of joy and faith in Jesus," said a front-line worker. "In her work at the shop, she is consistently sharing the gospel with other women." Lenna is meeting with other persecuted women and discipling them in the Lord. The front-line worker added that VOM is currently working to provide Lenna with a prosthetic hand.

Growing & Serving



TODAY

Catechism Class Intro & Lunch
6:00 Bedrock Youth Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM Coffee & Conversation

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Focus: Jesus Overcomes Temptation
Supper: Nacho Bar

5:15 PM Supper & Fellowship
6:00 PM Classes for all ages



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:30 AM Children's Choir Practice
6:00 PM Bedrock Youth Group



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 21- Pastor Nate's Ordination & Installation Service
Potluck Celebration- Please bring a dish to share

September 28- The Gideon International Presentation

BIRTHDAYS

Sep 11	Noah Ellis	Sep 11	David Castillo
Sep 13	Wyatt Wisness	Sep 16	Kevin Warren
Sep 16	Piper Nash	Sep 18	Cassie Maki
Sep 20	Tanya Heiser	Sep 23	Shannon Warren
Sep 26	Timothy Downare		



Welcome!

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025

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 9:1-11
Prayers of the Church
Songs of Praise
Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Gospel Reading Luke 14:25-35
The Apostles' Creed
Children's Message
Tithes and Offerings
Sermon Text Psalm 1
Sermon
Hymn
The Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Doxology

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

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 119:169-176, Ezekiel 34:11-24, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10



HOME TALK

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

Talking about The Ten Commandments

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder (Exodus 20:13).

What does this mean?

This means that we should fear and love God so that we do our neighbor no bodily harm nor cause any suffering, but help and befriend our neighbor in every bodily need.

70 Does God forbid you to take our own life?

Yes, God has given me life, and He alone has the right to take it. If I take my own life, I commit murder.

71 How do you harm your health and shorten your life?

I can harm my health and shorten my life by laziness, neglect of my body, recklessness, overeating, drunkenness, chemical dependency, immoral sex, anger, and worry.

72 Is there ever a time when you should risk your health and life?

Yes, it may be necessary to risk my life to defend my country, carry out my occupation, save someone's life, or because of what I believe.

73 Why is human life sacred?

Human life is sacred because God is the one who from the moment of conception created my life.

Psalm 139:13-16 "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of 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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