

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 Christians represent only 1% of Pakistan's entire population. Believers are targeted with kidnapping, forced marriages, bonded slavery and more, while laws are designed to silence their voices. Pakistan's blasphemy rules make it extremely dangerous for Christians to declare their faith. Pray for these believers in peril that they may remain safe.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- Our president, governor, federal and state representatives, mayor, city and county representatives
- Firefighters and Emergency Medical Responders
- Farmers & Ranchers

HEALING

Those involved with the Israel & Russia-Ukraine Conflict, 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), David Fandrich, Joyce Hovland, Millie Yoder (Joe's mom)

HOPE AND COMFORT

The Power & Entzi families, for the passing of Juniper

FAMILY

Donny & Kelli Walvatne, Kevin, Shannon & Savannah Warren, Kenneth Warren

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Peace Lutheran Brethren Church, Pastor Luther Stenberg, Olympia, Washington



Faculty & Staff Dr. David Veum, Adjunct Professor of Practical Theology
Students Seth Vander Ley (Arianna & Lincoln)



Dan & Claire Rose and their children, Ashley & Austin, have finished their language study in Ndjamena and have transitioned to the village of Doh, where they will be commencing Fulfulde language learning and start engaging with their Fulbe neighbors. Please pray for smooth transitions, good health, and the Lord's guidance in decision making regarding their future ministry.



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, MAY 20

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, MAY 21

1:30 PM Coffee, Conversation & Courage

THURSDAY, MAY 23

3:00 PM Board of Education Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 26

9:30 AM Morning Prayer
 10:00 AM Worship Service

BIRTHDAYS

May 21	Abigail Kindel	May 24	Seth Vander Ley
May 26	Kathy Tretter	May 27	Grace Odenbach
May 27	Aksel Jellesen	May 29	Rixtyn Kono



Welcome!

Pentecost Sunday • May 19, 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

Old Testament Reading

Epistle Reading

The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Prayers of the Church

Tithes and Offerings

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Sermon

Hymn

Benediction

Doxology

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

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 29, Isaiah 6:1-8, Acts 2:14a, 22-36, John 3:1-17

There is a Redeemer

Psalm 139:1-12

Praise to the Father, the Glorious King

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 2:1-21

Holy Spirit

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

The Holy Spirit's Work

Acts 2

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart



HOME TALK

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

Talking about The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

277 What does it mean to pray in the name of Jesus?

To pray in the name of Jesus means:

1. That I base my prayer on what Jesus did when He, through His death, opened up the way to God.
2. That I am praying according to what Jesus wants for me and the whole world.

278 When should you pray?

Since God is always ready to hear me when I pray, I should have regular times of prayer alone and with other Christians, and always have an attitude of prayer as I think about my Father who is in heaven.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 "...pray without ceasing,"

Ephesians 6:18a "...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication."

Matthew 6:6a "But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret."

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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