

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 Iranian Christians who fled to Turkiye that are now facing deportation back to Iran.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Firefighters an Emergency Medical Responders

HEALING

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Mission Focus

Iranian Christian Family Fears Arrest and Deportation

The Turkish government has made it increasingly difficult for Iranian Christian refugees to remain in the country. Iranians do not need a visa to visit Turkiye, so some Iranian converts to Christianity fled there in recent years seeking refuge. One Iranian Christian family currently living in Turkiye faces the constant threat of being deported back to Iran. In 2017, the couple was arrested in Iran along with their entire house church before fleeing the country. If they were sent back to Iran, they would almost certainly be apprehended upon arrival and their children taken to be raised by strangers. “Right now, they are afraid to leave their home,” said a Voice of the Martyrs front-line worker, “and that has made life very difficult for them and their young children.” He asks for prayer that one of the parents can obtain a work permit in another Middle Eastern country where the family can live in relative safety.



Turkish officials in cities like Istanbul have been increasingly deporting Iranians.

Growing & Serving

Living in
Christ
Together



NO CLASSES OR MEETINGS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

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



BIRTHDAYS

Dec 30	TJ Downare	Jan 1	Kent Pedersen
Jan 2	Wes Kindel	Jan 3	Justin Smith
Jan 3	Duane Tretter	Jan 10	Rylee Kirkland
Jan 11	Starla Marmon	Jan 27	Mabel Muri
Jan 29	Vernon Muri		



Welcome!

First Sunday after Christmas
December 28, 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.

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Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayers of the Church

Songs of Praise

Sing We The Song Of Emmanuel

Come To Us

O Holy Night

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63:7-14

Epistle Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

Children's Message

Tithes and Offerings

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:21-35

Sermon

Simeon's Christmas Sermon

Hymn

Jesus Paid It All

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 119:97-104, 1 Kings 3:4-15, Ephesians 1:3-14, Luke 2:40-52



HOME TALK

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

Talking about The Ten Commandments

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor (Exodus 20:17b).

What does this mean?

This means that we should fear and love God so that we do not tempt away our neighbor's spouse or workers nor deprive him of anything that is his but encourage his wife and workers to remain loyal to him and seek to have his property stay in his possessions.

107 How should you guard against covetousness?

I should guard against covetousness by asking God to make me content with what I have, by wishing my neighbors every blessing, and by helping them to keep what is theirs.
1 Timothy 6:6 "But godliness with contentment is great gain..."
Hebrews 13:5 "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"

108 Why has God spoken these words?

God has spoken these words in order to show me that He is a holy and just God and to encourage me to keep His law and not sin against Him.

Isaiah 42:21 "The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious."

Isaiah 66:2 "All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the Lord. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word."

Psalms 19:7 "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple..."

1 Timothy 1:8 "Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully..."

109 What does God mean when He says, "I ...am a jealous God"?

God means that He will not share first place in the hearts and minds of His people with anyone or anything.

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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