

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 Pastor Gul was arrested and sentenced to six years in prison for the activity of his Christian faith. His elderly parents, brother and sisters continue to gather for worship with other Christians in their small, rented home, although the constant judgment and scrutiny from the community have created an atmosphere of anxiety and distress for them. They expressed both deep pain and joy that Gul "had been chosen by God to bear his name and bring hope and the gospel to inmates." In a recent visit, Gul reminded his father of the story of Joseph. He expressed that he, like Joseph, is in prison for a divine reason. He was confident God would use his time in prison to bring glory to his name and lead many to salvation in Christ. Pray for Gul's faith to shine brilliantly in the darkness of prison and for his family to remain steadfast and encouraged.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- Our president, governor, federal and state representatives, mayor, city and county representatives
- Doctors, Nurses, and Health Care Workers

HEALING

Those involved with the Israel & Russia-Ukraine Conflict, Bryan Fevold, Chris Schaffer, Joyce Hovland, Clay Ceynar, Doyle & Deb Hagen, Laura Sanford, Wynn Murphy, Ken Mickelson, Richard Helmuth, Jean Elliott, Ted Kayler

FAMILY

Bonnie Cluchie; Lee & Grace Delp; TJ, Michaela, Aspen & Timothy Downare

HOPE AND COMFORT

The Buckle & Kregel Family, The Dragseth Family

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Peace Lutheran Brethren Church, Pastor David Pierce, Olympia, Washington

**Lutheran Brethren Seminary**

TRAINING LEADERS

Faculty & Staff Rev. Machael Natale- Dir. of Student Life & Associate of Recruitment
Students Seth Vander Ley (Arianna & Lincoln), Dauda & Deborah Iliya

**LBIM**

REACHING THE UNREACHED

Dean & Linda Bengtson live in Ishinomaki, 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. Haruya Ito joined their team as a full-time outreach pastor. They are excited to become an official neighborhood church this year!



Daniel, Isabelle and Christine Lawson are headed on a mission trip in July to northern Japan in partnership with LBIM. Their team of 8 will be visiting several of our LB congregations and connecting with the Japanese LB seminary and pastors. Pray that this trip will make a difference in the lives of the people of Japan!

Pray for the Lawsons as they consider if the Lord is calling them to return to Japan as future missionaries.



**NAM**

PLANTING CHURCHES

Pastor Carl and Emily are church planting in Lincoln, ND. Continue to pray that God will bless their ongoing weekly ministries, continue to gather those hungry for the Gospel, and help Lincoln church to reach these people with His love and redemption. We praise God that they have purchased a building and pray that he will provide the volunteers and the resources to prepare the building to gather.



Growing & Serving

Living in Christ Together

MONDAY, MAY 5
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study
SUNDAY, MAY 11
9:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Worship Service



Bedrock Youth Group
Outdoor Games
in Arnegard
Friday, May 30th, 6 pm

The GOOD SHEPHERD
JOHN 10:1-21
June 20-22
Grace LB Church, Bismarck
2025 WESTERN REGION CONVENTION



BIRTHDAYS

May 4	Petra Kindel	May 7	Nathan Muri
May 8	Daniel Marmon	May 10	Cody Kirkland
May 10	Savannah Warren	May 11	William Wisness
May 14	Fallon Sampsel	May 14	Lexie Kirkland
May 15	Laurie Hovland	May 24	Seth Vander Ley
May 26	Kathy Tretter	May 27	Grace Odenbach
May 27	Aksel Jellesed	May 29	Rixtyn Kono



Welcome!

Third Sunday of Easter • May 4, 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.

Living in Christ Together

Order of Worship

Gathering Song * Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Welcome

Call to Worship * Psalm 1

Prayer

Song of Praise * How Great Thou Art

God's Ten Commandments

Presentation The Ten Commandments Mason Hugelen

Song of Praise * Psalm 150

The Apostles' Creed

The First Article - The Ministry of the Father Congregation

The Meaning of the First Article Catechism Class

The Second Article - The Ministry of the Son Congregation

The Meaning of the Second Article Catechism Class

The Third Article - The Ministry of the Holy Spirit Congregation

The Meaning of the Third Article Catechism Class

The Sacraments

Presentation Baptism Quincy Hugelen

Presentation Communion David Castillo

Hymn * I Love To Tell The Story

The Bible Says Questions & Answers Catechism Class

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

Prayers of the Church

Tithes and Offerings

Presentation of Certificates of Christian Knowledge

Prayer with Parents

Hymn * Be Thou My Vision

Benediction *

Doxology *

* If you are able, please stand for elements of the service noted with asterisks.

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 23, Acts 20:17-35, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-33



HOME TALK

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

Talking about The Ten Commandments

13 How many kinds of law did God give?

God gave three kinds of law: 1) The ceremonial law; 2) The civil law; and 3) The moral law.

14 What were the ceremonial and civil laws?

The ceremonial and civil laws in the Old Testament showed the Hebrew people how they should worship God and how they should behave themselves in their tribes.

15 What is the moral law?

The moral law tells me about my duty toward God and my fellow human beings.

16 Which of these laws is still in effect?

The New Testament shows us that only the moral law is still binding. The ceremonial and civil laws no longer apply (Ephesians 2:14-18).

Hebrews 7:18-19 "For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

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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