

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 Not long ago, blasphemy allegations rocked an at-risk Christian community in Jaranwala, Pakistan after two believers were falsely accused of desecrating the Quran. A mob quickly formed and Christians became the target as churches and homes were pillaged and burned down. Now, our persecuted family must keep their eyes on Jesus as they work to rebuild their lives.

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, Danette Odenbach Welsh (Marlene's daughter), Brandon Kindred, Cole Houska (Jesse's nephew's son), Matt & Christina Smith family, Pat Rusk (Barb's friend), Harold Dragseth, Chris Beard (Bonny's niece), Christy Hoffman (Lindsay's sister), Cattleya

HOPE & COMFORT

The Tretter & Oelke Family for the passing of Kathy's mom, Jo Ann Oelke

FAMILY

Norris Hildre, Dennis & Naomi Hodnefeld, Myron & Marcia Hovet, Joyce Hovland

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Faith Lutheran Brethren Church- Pastor Anthony Karlik, Briardcliff, New York



Faculty & Staff Dr. Brad Pribbenow, Dean & Professor of Old Testament
Students Seth Vander Ley (Arianna & Lincoln)



Jeremy and Sallee Stanton serve as administrators of the Lutheran Welcome Center, a guest house and conference facility in Ndjamen, designed to provide a place of rest, renewal and gathering for missionaries in Chad. Pray that they would be a blessing and encouragement to the groups and missionaries who use the facility.



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 in the near future and that he will provide resources to embark on a building program.



Growing & Serving



NO CLASSES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

3:00 PM Board of Christian Education Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Service



BIRTHDAYS

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| Jan 8 | Odin Jellesed | Jan 10 | Rylee Kirkland |
| Jan 11 | Starla Marmon | Jan 13 | Barb Quale |
| Jan 15 | Timothy Kindel | Jan 18 | Kelli Walvatne |
| Jan 19 | Meghan Jellesed | Jan 24 | Jamie Jellesed |
| Jan 25 | Danielle Klamm | Jan 27 | Mabel Muri |
| Jan 29 | Vernon Muri | | |



Welcome!

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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 *	Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)
Welcome	
Call to Worship	Psalm 29
Prayer	
Songs of Praise	Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven
	Forever Jesus
Old Testament Reading	Genesis 1:1-5
Epistle Reading	Romans 6:1-11
The Apostles' Creed	
Children's Message	
Prayers of the Church	
Tithes and Offerings	
Hymn	I Want to Walk as a Child of The Light
Gospel Reading	Mark 1:4-11
Sermon	Washed Mark 1:1-11
Hymn	The Power of the Cross
Benediction	
Doxology	

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



Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 139:1-10, 1 Samuel 3:1-20, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

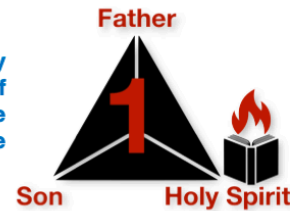


HOME TALK

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.

239 What does the Bible teach about the way the Church began?

The Bible teaches that the Church began when the Holy Spirit was given to all believers on the Day of Pentecost, ten days after Christ's ascension to heaven.

Acts 2:41-42 "So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

240 Why do you say "I believe in the Holy Christian Church"?

I say "I believe in the Holy Christian Church," because I know from God's Word that this church exists, even though I cannot determine with certainty who its members are; and because I know that His church will always continue.

Matthew 16:18-19 "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

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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