

# 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 a former Kurdish soldier in Syria that has been threatened for his ministry work after placing his faith in Christ.

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Teachers, Staff, and Students

## HEALING

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

## CHURCH FAMILY

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Living Word Lutheran Church- Pastor Jeff Hoverson, Minot, North Dakota

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Lutheran Brethren Seminary Faculty and Students

# Mission Focus

## North American Church Plant:

### Word of Life in New Prague, Minnesota

(From the CLB Women's Ministry Newsletter)

Nick and Brittany Olson write:

Thank you for praying for our church plant. Here are a few specific requests and praises:

1. For our family: Please pray for Brittany's pregnancy with baby number five—health, rest, and strength for her and the baby.
2. For our church's needs: Pray for God's provision as we continue to navigate financial challenges and trust Him for what we need to keep the work going.
3. For our people: We thank God for new families He's bringing our way—especially Sean and Brittany—and pray that they would grow in faith and find meaningful community here.
4. For our outreach: Please pray for our community events.
5. For our partnerships: We're grateful for new friendships with the New Prague Times and the Peace Center Food Shelf. Pray that these relationships continue to deepen and bless our city.

We're thankful for your prayers—they matter more than you know.



# Growing & Serving

Living in  
Christ  
Together

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting

10:00 AM Coffee & Conversation



SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Service

JANUARY 21- Catechism Class and Faith & Family Nights begins



BIRTHDAYS

Jan 11 Starla Marmon

Jan 29 Vernon Muri

Jan 27 Mabel Muri



# Welcome!

The Baptism of our Lord  
January 11, 2026

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**  
Old Testament Reading  
Epistle Reading  
Children's Message  
Tithes and Offerings  
Gospel Reading  
Sermon  
**Hymn**  
Holy Communion  
**The Nicene Creed**  
**Benediction**  
**Doxology**

Psalm 72:1-15

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12  
The Worship of the Magi

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

## Sermon Notes

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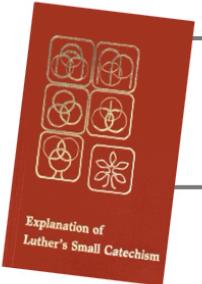
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Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 40:1-11, Isaiah 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42a



## HOME TALK

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

### Talking about The Ten Commandments

#### Conclusion of the Ten Commandments

##### **What does God say of all His commandments?**

**I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments (Exodus 20:5-6).**

##### **What does this mean?**

This means that God threatens to punish all who fail to keep these commandments. We should, therefore, fear His wrath, and in no manner disobey them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep them. We should, therefore, love Him, trust in Him, and gladly keep His commandments.

#### **112 What is inherited sin (often called original sin)?**

Inherited sin is the inborn tendency to wickedness, deep corruption, and evil inclination of my human nature, with no power to believe in God or save myself by my good works.

**Psalm 51:5** "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me."

**Romans 5:12** "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned..."

#### **113 What is actual sin?**

Actual sin is all evil thoughts and desires, words, and deeds which come from inherited sin.



#### **114 Is neglecting to do what is good as sinful as doing evil?**

Yes. "Anyone...who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins" (James 4:17).

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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