

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 North Korea is widely considered to be one of the most dangerous countries in the world for Christians. Here, an estimated 400,000 people worship Christ in secret-fearing imprisonment, torture and death. Please pray for these brave believers.

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, 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, Lou Iverson (Merton's sister)

HOPE & COMFORT

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

FAMILY

Mike, Jena, Brylee, Myah & Heston Jenks; Scott Jenks, Wayne & Barb Johnson

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Living Word Community Church - Pastor David Abel - Phoenix, Arizona



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



Paul and Alexa Fraser, along with their children Arthur and Oswald, are new LBIM missionaries, settling into Sendai, Japan, in their first year! They look forward to partnering with the Japanese Lutheran Brethren Church and being missionaries among their neighbors, partnering in contextual mission. Please pray for them as they learn and adapt to their new environment, learning the language, trying new things and starting school for Paul, Alexa, and soon Arthur.



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



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 1:30 PM Coffee, Conversation & Courage
- 3:30 PM Mission Partnership Team Meeting
- 5:00 PM Elder Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Focus: God Answers Hezekiah

Supper: Pasta Bar

- 5:15 PM Supper & Fellowship
- 6:00 PM Classes for all ages

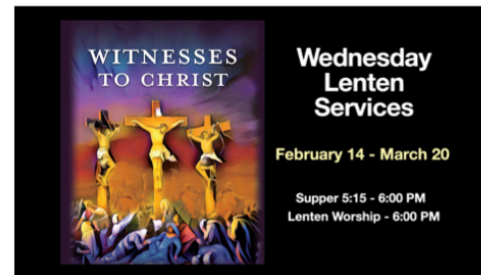
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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



BIRTHDAYS

Feb 4	Andrea Timmons	Feb 5	Lexyn Henderson
Feb 6	Jordyn Pedersen	Feb 7	Jeffrey Kindel
Feb 8	Tanner Henderson	Feb 9	Pieter Buckle
Feb 10	Silas Kindel	Feb 11	Leah Garcia
Feb 15	Marlene Fridley	Feb 17	Evelina Jacobson
Feb 18	Kamre Boltz	Feb 21	Ethan Yoder
Feb 22	Anna Garcia	Feb 22	Henry Jellesed
Feb 23	Luke Nottestad	Feb 24	Bridger Smith
Feb 26	Samuel Kindel	Feb 27	Naomi Hodnefield
Feb 27	Kenneth Warren		



Welcome!

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany • February 4, 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 50:1-6, Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Corinthians 3:4-4:6, Mark 9:2-9

The Lord is my Salvation

Psalm 147:1-11

Worthy is the Lamb Crown Him With Many Crowns

Isaiah 40:21-31

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Create in Me

Mark 1:35-45

Clean

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

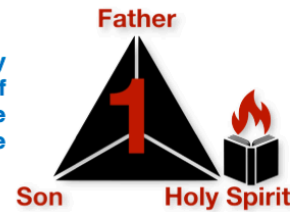


HOME TALK

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.

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It is important for me to be a member of a congregation because:

1. It means that I publicly declare that I am a Christian and therefore part of Christ's body, the Church.
2. It means that as a part of the body of Christ I support it with my loyalty, offerings, and spiritual gifts.
3. It means that I have submitted to the Lordship of Christ as exercised by the shepherding of the pastor and elders of the congregation and am willing to submit to the congregation's teaching and spiritual guidance.

248 Who may be a member of a congregation of Christian people?

Anyone who has been baptized, who confesses faith in Christ as Savior, and who follows the procedures for membership in a particular congregation may be a member.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version



Witnesses to Christ People from His Passion

John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: "Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:30-31). Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

Historically, the Fourth Gospel is likened to an eagle—an image that suggests John soars to heights of glory and grandeur. That's because the evangelist paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the bread of life, the resurrection and the life, and the way, the truth, and the life. Life in Jesus. That's God's gift to you!

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John's Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we'll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus three times).

Please join us for supper at 5:15 and worship to follow at 6:00 as we hear the witness of these people in John's Gospel:

February 14 Ash Wednesday
John the Baptist, John 1:29-34

February 21
Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha, John 12:1-11

February 28
Malchus, John 18:1-11

March 6
Peter, John 18:12-27

March 13
Barabbas, John 18:33-40

March 20
Pontius Pilate, John 19:1-16

March 29
Good Friday: John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25-37

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