

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 Shaukat and Kiran, a married Christian couple from Lahore, Pakistan, were recently arrested by police on false charges of blasphemy after their children were accused of desecrating the Quran. If convicted, they could face life in prison. Please petition the Lord for their safe and timely release.

PUBLIC SERVICE

- Our president, governor, federal and state representatives, mayor, city and county representatives
- Law Enforcement Officers and Judges

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

Arlen, Chelsea & Evelina Jacobson; Jamie, Meghan, Aksel, Demi, Odin & Henry Jellesed

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Word of Life Lutheran Brethren Church, Pastor Jon Ronnevik, Fort Collins, Colorado



Faculty & Staff Dr. Troy Tyndall, President
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 Ndjamena 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



TUESDAY, JANUARY 30
 1:30 PM Coffee, Conversation & Courage

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31
Focus: God Protects Joash
Supper: BBQ Sandwiches

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

7:15 PM Catechism Class

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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



BIRTHDAYS

Jan 29	Vernon Muri	Feb 1	Heston Jenks
Feb 1	Nathanael Ellis	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 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany • January 28, 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 * **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 111

Prayer

Songs of Praise

**Battle Belongs
Glorious Day**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Epistle Reading

I Corinthians 8:1-13

Children's Message

Tithes and Offerings

Hymn

Fill My Cup Lord

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-34

Sermon

Kingdoms in Conflict

Hymn

O Come to the Altar

Holy Communion

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the Church

Benediction

Doxology

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 147:1-11, Isaiah 40:21-31, I Corinthians 9:16-27, Mark 1:35-45



The Finnesgard family, a traveling worship team which is part of our Lutheran Brethren church family has ministered at Living Faith in 2020 and 2022. Their motorhome, in which they live year round, is in need of replacement. If you would like to consider supporting them in this need, details are available at givebutter.com/stonescrymotorhome

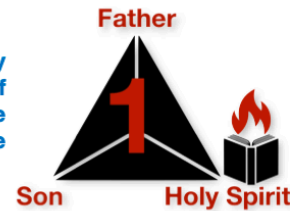


HOME TALK

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.

246 Why do Christians unite in this way [around the Word and Sacraments and form congregations]?

Christians unite in this way to order that the Gospel might be preached in purity and the sacraments administered according to the Gospel.

Hebrews 10:25 "...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Ephesians 4:11-13

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts 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 (I 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 (I 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" (I 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?

(I 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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