

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 the emotional and spiritual care for persecuted Christian survivors of radical Islamist attacks in Republic of the Congo.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Bakken Oil Rush Ministry

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, Abby Deibert, Kevin Warren

CHURCH FAMILY

Rylee & Lexie Kirkland; Levi, Regan, Bryxlee, Rixtyn & Kazdyn Kono

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Living Faith Church- Pastor Eric Reese, Cape Coral, Florida

CLB MINISTRIES

Lutheran Brethren Seminary Faculty and Students

Mission Focus

Pray for our missionaries Todd & Leah Waldie and their family.

(from the Women's Ministry Newsletter)

Leah shares these way to pray for their family:

1. That our kids would get into a good routine with their new modes of schooling. Our older three (Gabriella, Nathaniel & Jeriah) are doing online school, and I am homeschooling Peter. They all attended public school previously. They started just over a month ago and we have traveled several places since then, which has cut into their school weeks and made it a bit challenging to get into a good routine.
2. We had our French visa appointments in Chicago on November 13. Everything went well and our passports and documents were mailed to Washington, DC. Please pray that the rest of the process will go smoothly and that we will have our passports back in advance of our departure for France on December 29.
3. Please pray for our process of continued downsizing and deciding what we will pack for France and for Chad. This is probably the most overwhelming thing we have left to do before we leave for France.
4. Healing for our son's (Nathaniel) left knee. He had an MRI on November 14 to check for a meniscus tear.



Growing & Serving

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TODAY

After the service- Children's Choir Practice
6:00 PM Bedrock Youth Group

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study at Arianna's house

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM Coffee & Conversation

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Focus: Jesus Warns Against Judging
Supper: Breakfast

4:00 PM Catechism Class
5:15 PM Supper & Fellowship
6:00 PM Classes for all ages



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Bedrock Youth Group



BIRTHDAYS

Dec 10	Amelia Odenbach	Dec 14	Larry Nelson
Dec 16	Hans Muri	Dec 17	Jessica Sconce
Dec 22	Angela Smith	Dec 25	Sophia Marmon
Dec 26	Marcia Hovet	Dec 30	TJ Downare



Welcome!

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 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.

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Order of Worship

Welcome
Call to Worship Psalm 72:1-7
Lighting of the Advent Candles
Prayers of the Church
Songs of Praise
He Will Come and Save You
O Come O Come Emmanuel
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Epistle Reading Romans 15:4-13
Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12
The Apostles' Creed
Children's Message
Tithes and Offerings

Advent Sermon Series

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus - Old Testament Promises of Christ

Sermon *The Blessing of Abraham* Genesis 12:1-5, 15:1-6

Hymn Let Your Kingdom Come

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Doxology

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

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 146, Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-11, Matthew 11:2-15



HOME TALK

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

Talking about The Ten Commandments

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house (Exodus 20:17a).

What does this mean?

This means that we should fear and love God so that we do not seek by scheming to gain possession of our neighbor's inheritance or house nor pretend to have a legal right to them but always help him to see what is rightfully his.

99 Why is covetousness such a serious sin?

Covetousness is a serious sin because of what results from it and because it shows a lack of trust in God to give me what I need.

James 1:14-15 "But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death."

Galatians 5:19-21 "Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

100 What does God require of you in the Ninth Commandment?



God requires me to help my neighbor to find and keep a place to live, and to be content with what I have.

Romans 12:13 "Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality."

Isaiah 58:6-7 "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?"

1 Timothy 6:6 "But godliness with contentment is great gain..."

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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