

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 Armando, a Christian man who continues faithfully witnessing to his community despite living in a dangerous area in Mozambique.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Our president, governor, federal and state representatives, mayor, city and county representatives

HEALING

Bryan Fevold, Chris Schaffer, Joyce Hovland, Clay Ceynar, Doyle & Deb Hagen, Wynn Murphy, Richard Helmuth, Jessica Wisness Burns, Lori Halverson, Roger Olson, Christine Conant, Dixie Selting, Jesse Veeder Scofield, Kari Anderson, Darlene Benth, Patty Roeder, Della Rauschendorfer, Trisha Beck, Tanner Henderson, Barb Johnson, Peter Kamphaugh

HOPE AND COMFORT

The Nash Family

CHURCH FAMILY

Warren & Laurie Hovland; Corey, Joce, Mason & Quincy Hugelen; Tanner Hugelen

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church- Pastor Ben Miller; Sidney, Montana

CLB MINISTRIES

Lutheran Brethren International Missions- Director Dan Venburg, Danny Bronson, Cathy Barlow - Our 10 missionary families

Mission Focus

Pray for our missionaries Dean & Linda Bengtson in Japan

Dean and I first met in Japan 43 years ago, when we were both here on separate short-term mission projects. We were involved with the English teaching ministry for many years, and also helped with a church plant. 15 years ago, the earthquake and tsunami in northern Japan forever changed both of us and the direction of our ministry. Since that time, we have been in the seaport town of Ishinomaki, where House of Hope officially opened 11 years ago.

As we have done from the beginning, we continue to hold many concerts and special events, and are trying to reach some of the newer families in our neighborhood. A lot of our time has always been spent developing relationships. It's still a challenge to get people to attend chapel time and Bible studies, as our area remains steeped in Buddhism, Shintoism, and folk religion.

Please pray for a spiritual breakthrough - in our neighborhood as a whole, and with the specific people we spend the most time with. Pray for wisdom in how to have natural conversations about faith, and how to encourage a number of our neighbors who are currently dealing with serious health issues. And pray for encouragement for our wonderful teammates, Pastor Haruya, and his wife, Fumi. We are so grateful for them.



Growing & Serving



TODAY

6:00 PM Bedrock Youth Group Begins

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 AM Bedrock Youth Group Service Project
@ Bakken Oil Rush Ministry
6:00 PM Women's Bible Study



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

2:00 PM Catechism Class

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Bedrock Youth Group



BIRTHDAYS

Sep 20	Tanya Heiser	Sep 21	Noah Kindel
Sep 23	Shannon Warren	Sep 25	Casey Kindel
Sep 26	Timothy Downare		



Welcome!

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 20, 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.



Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayers of the Church

Songs of Praise

Old Testament Reading

Epistle Reading

The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Tithes and Offerings

Gospel Reading

Sermon

Hymn

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 25:1-10, Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Phil. 2:1-4, 14-18, Mat. 21:23-27

Psalms 27:1-9

**Come Thou Fount
Holy Spirit
How Firm A Foundation**

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Matthew 10:34-42

Life Lost for Jesus

For The Cause



HOME TALK

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

Talking about The Second Article of the Creed

Redemption

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, bought and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil-not with silver and gold, but with His holy and precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death-in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

193 What are five stages in the exaltation of Christ?

Five stages in the exaltation of Christ are: 1) His descent in to hell*; 2) His resurrection; 3) His ascension; 4) His mediation at the right hand of God the Father; 5) His second coming.

194 Why did Christ descend into hell*?

Christ descended into hell to announce the victory He had won over death and Satan (1 Peter 3:18-19).

* *Hell*, as used here does not refer to the place of final punishment. It refers rather to Hades, a place for the spirits of the dead between death and final punishment or reward.

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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