

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 There are an estimated 16 million children involved in child labor in South Asia and 3.4 million in Pakistan alone. This statistic includes many Christian children who are trapped in the brick kiln industry. Please pray that God will provide these youth with better opportunities beyond the kilns.

PUBLIC SERVICE

- Our president, governor, federal and state representatives, mayor, city and county representatives
- Doctors, Nurses, and Health Care Workers

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, Danette Odenbach Welsh (Marlene's daughter), 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

HOPE & COMFORT

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

FAMILY

Warren, Laurie, Kaylynn & Emma Hovland; Wyatt & Lauren Huffman, Dillan Hugelen

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Ebenezer Lutheran Brethren Church- Pastor Zach Matthys, Mayville, North Dakota



Faculty & Staff Mr. LaWayne Rogness, Director of Finance
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

Living in
Christ
Together

TODAY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE
ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

1:30 PM Coffee, Conversation & Courage

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Focus: God Loves Israel

Supper: Sandwiches & Soup

5:15 PM Supper & Fellowship

6:00 PM Classes for all ages

7:15 PM Catechism Class



SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Service

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 15 Timothy Kindel

Jan 19 Meghan Jellesed

Jan 25 Danielle Klamm

Jan 29 Vernon Muri

Jan 18 Kelli Walvatne

Jan 24 Jamie Jellesed

Jan 27 Mabel Muri



Welcome!

The Second Sunday after Epiphany • January 14, 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

Children's Message

Tithes and Offerings

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Sermon

Hymn

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.

Oh How Good It Is

Psalms 139:1-10

Holy Spirit In Christ Alone

I Samuel 3:1-20

I Corinthians 6:12-20

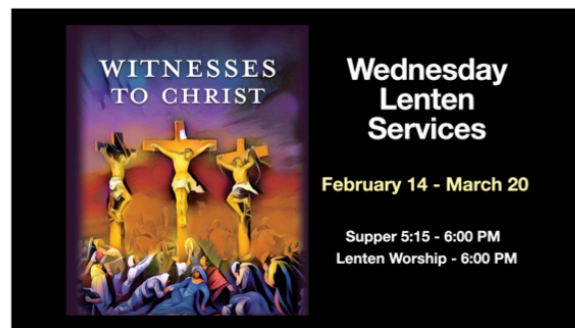
Jesus Paid It All

John 1:43-51

Your Champion

Mark 1:9-13

Nothing But The Blood



Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 62, Jonah 3:1-10, I Corinthians 7:29-35, Mark 1:14-20



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.

241 Why do you say, "The Holy Christian Church"?

I say, "The Holy Christian Church" because the true Church is one spiritual body, of which Christ is the head.

2 Timothy 2:19a "Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: 'The Lord knows those who are his...'"

Luke 17:20-21 "Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, 'The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst.'"

242 Why do you say, "Holy Christian Church"?

I say "Holy Christian Church" because the Holy Spirit lives and works in this communion of believers and because it is made up of those who have responded to God's call and seek to live their lives according to God's will as found in the Scriptures.

Titus 2:13b-14 "...Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."



John 16:7 "But very truly I tell you, it is

for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."

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? (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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