

# 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** Ibrahim Saidou was traveling to buy farm supplies when he decided to visit the church where he served as an elder. Ibrahim lived in an area of Burkina Faso where Islamic terrorist groups associated with the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS) actively work to establish purely Muslim territory ruled by Islamic law. These groups regularly attack churches and Christian leaders. On his way to the church, Ibrahim was attacked and murdered by a group of Islamic militants. Pray for his wife and and six children as they were forced to flee the area fearing their own deaths.

## 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, Harold Dragseth, Christy Hoffman (Lindsay's sister), Cattleya, David Fandrich

## HOPE AND COMFORT

The Beard family for the passing of Chris, Bonny's niece, The Iverson family for the passing of Lou, Merton's sister, The Rusk family for the passing of Pat, Barb's friend

## FAMILY

Craig & Julie Nelson; Jacob, Heidi, Gracie, Luke & Chance Nottestad

## SISTER CONGREGATIONS

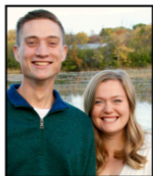
Desert Rose Church, Pastor Loyal Clarke, Tempe, Arizona



**Faculty & Staff** Mrs. Kathy Doering, Administrative Assistant to the Dean  
**Students** Seth Vander Ley (Arianna & Lincoln)



Paul and Teresa Szobody direct a missionary training community in a small Arab village on the edge of the Sahara in Aderé, Chad. Pray for them as they live, study and labor with Chadian families who are preparing to go as partners in mission to unreached tribes. Pray also for their relationships and ministry to the local people.



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 and that he will provide resources to embark on a building program.



# Growing & Serving



## MONDAY, APRIL 1

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

## TUESDAY, APRIL 2

1:30 PM Coffee, Conversation & Courage  
 5:00 PM Elder Board Meeting



## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

**Focus: God Answers Hezekiah**

**Supper: BBQ Sandwiches**

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

## SUNDAY, APRIL 7

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

## BIRTHDAYS

Apr 5 Linda Dragseth	Apr 6 Myron Hovet
Apr 10 Jena Jenks	Apr 11 Matthew Kindel
Apr 15 Harlee Jacobson	Apr 18 Tanner Hugelen
Apr 20 Jackson Kindel	Apr 23 Julie Dragseth
Apr 23 Cheri Odenbach	Apr 26 Scott Jenks
Apr 26 Megan Muri	Apr 26 Kelby Timmons

Living in Christ Together

New to Living Faith?

## Faith 101

Enjoy lunch and discover our Identity, Values & Mission

**Sunday, April 21 12:00-2:00**



Welcome!

Easter Sunday • March 31, 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

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Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 148, Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

## Christ Arose

Psalm 16

## Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound

### Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

## Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

John 20:1-18

A Song to Sing

## I Know That My Redeemer Lives



# 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.

### 261 Why does a believer need the daily forgiveness of sins?

Daily forgiveness is needed because a believer has a sinful nature and sins every day.

**1 John 1:8** "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

### 262 How may a believer live in the daily forgiveness of sins?

A believer may live in daily forgiveness of sins by admitting them, confessing them honestly to God, and willingly forsaking them.

**Proverbs 28:13** "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy."

### 263 What are the results of the daily forgiveness of sins?

The daily forgiveness of sins brings peace and confidence to the believer.

**Matthew 11:28-29** "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

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.

- adapted from We Believe, Rev. Tim Tietbooe, (Faith and Fellowship Press, 2009)

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