

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 Roughly 2.5 million Malawians are part of the Muslim Yao people group. God has been moving significantly among the Yao people in the last two decades. But in recent years, Yao Christians have experienced severe pressure. They are attacked and beaten, cast out of their communities, and fear for their lives. Churches have been burned down. Pray that Yao Christians will have courage to stand firm in their faith amid intense opposition.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- Our president, governor, federal and state representatives, mayor, city and county representatives
- Firefighters and Emergency Medical Responders
- Farmers & Ranchers

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), Christina Smith, Harold Dragseth, Christy Hoffman (Lindsay's sister), David Fandrich, Joyce Hovland, Millie Yoder (Joe's mom)

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

Ron & Barb Quale; Jo Anne Ross; Rodney, Susan & Fallon Sampsel; Andrew Sconce

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Word of Life Lutheran Brethren Church, Fort Collins, Colorado



Faculty & Staff Dr. Brad Pribbenow, Dean, Professor of Old Testament
Students Seth Vander Ley (Arianna & Lincoln)



Dean and Linda Bengtson live in Ishinomake, a seaport town in Northern Japan, where much destruction occurred in the "Great Tohoku Earthquake/Tsunami." House of Hope opened in 2015 as a Christian community center. Pastor Haruya Ito and his wife Fume have joined their team as missionary partners. They are excited to be an official neighborhood church!



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



TODAY

12-2:00 PM Faith 101 Class & Lunch @ the Olson's house

MONDAY, APRIL 22

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

1:30 PM Coffee, Conversation & Courage

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Focus: God Warns Judah

Supper: Texas Cowboy Stew

5:15 PM Supper & Fellowship

6:00 PM Classes for all ages



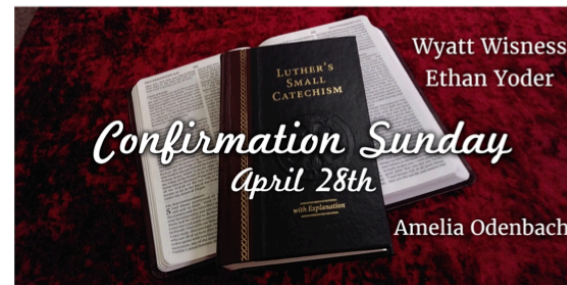
THURSDAY, APRIL 25

3:00 PM Board of Christian Education Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Service



BIRTHDAYS

Apr 23 Julie Dragseth

Apr 26 Scott Jenks

Apr 26 Kelby Timmons

Apr 23 Cheri Odenbach

Apr 26 Megan Muri



Welcome!

Fourth Sunday of Easter • April 21, 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 Church Arise
Welcome	
Call to Worship	Psalm 23
Prayer	
Songs of Praise	Psalm 150 Praise the Lord More Like Jesus
First Reading	Acts 4:1-12
Epistle Reading	1 John 3:16-24
Children's Message	
Tithes and Offerings	
Hymn	Open My Eyes That I May See
Gospel Reading	John 10:11-18
Sermon	<i>Jesus & The Dirty People</i> Mark 2:13-17
Hymn	Jesus Thank You
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.

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 150, Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 4:1-21, John 15:1-8



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.

267 What change will then take place in your body and the bodies of all other believers?

My body and the bodies of all other believers will become like the body of the risen Christ which will never die again.

Philippians 3:20-21 "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 "So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body."

268 What will happen to those who reject Jesus as Savior?

Those who reject Jesus as Savior will be condemned to eternal death.

Matthew 25:41, 46 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'" "...And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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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