# 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 Christians in Ethiopia.

# CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Law Enforcement Officers and Judges

#### HEALING

Bryan Fevold, Chris Schaffer, Joyce Hovland, Clay Ceynar, Doyle & Deb Hagen, Wynn Murphy, Ken Mickelson, Richard Helmuth, Jean Elliott, Jessica Wisness Burns

**CHURCH FAMILY** 

Nathan, Megan, Mabel, Grant, Vernon & Hans Muri

SISTER CONGREGATIONS Grace Lutheran Church, Pastor Timothy Johnson, Edmonds, Washington

CLB MINISTRIES Lutheran Brethren Seminary Faculty and Students

# **Mission Focus**

A Christian convert from Islam rejected by his family was encouraged by receiving a copy of God's Word. Muse was raised in a Muslim fundamentalist religious family and came to faith in Christ through the testimony of a missionary working in his region of Ethiopia. Muse's eldest brother was a

respected Islamic scholar, and when he learned that Muse had converted to Christianity, he threatened him to renounce his new faith. When Muse would not, he was evicted from the family home and forced to drop out of school, moving to a nearby town where he took on daily labor to support himself. His new life has been challenging, and his relationship with his family is deeply strained. When The Voice of the Martyrs workers distributed Bibles at Muse's church, Muse was overjoyed to learn he would receive a copy. "This is my first time seeing a new Bible," he said, clutching it to his chest. "Now, I have the Bible I have prayed for many years."



Muse holding his new Bible.

# **Growing & Serving**

 MONDAY, JULY 21

 Living in

 6:30 PM

 Women's Bible Study at Arianna's house

 Christ

TUESDAY, JULY 22 9:00 AM Prayer Meeting

7:00 PM Faith 101



SUNDAY, JULY 279:30 AMMorning Prayer10:00 AMWorship Service

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Aug 2 Bedrock Youth Group Event- Raging Rivers Water Park



## **BIRTHDAYS**

July 30Alexis MarmonJuly 30Dillan HugelenAug 3Debby SkoglundAug 12Lane OdenbachAug 20Arlen Jacobson

July 30 Warren Hovland Aug 2 Grant Muri Aug 5 Kyle Dragseth Aug 13 Wayne Johnson Aug 23 Lynn Heiser





# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost • July 20, 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.

# Living in **Christ**

Together

Order of Worship

Welcome Call to Worship Prayers of the Church

Psalm 27:7-14

Songs of Praise	I Stand Amazed #223
	Lord I Need You
	It Is Well With My Soul #495
Old Testament Reading	Genesis 18:1-10a
Epistle Reading	Colossians 1:21-29
The Apostles' Creed	
Children's Message	
Tithes and Offerings	
Gospel Reading	Luke 10:38-42
Sermon	Serving and Resting
Hymn	What A Friend We Have In Jesus
Benediction	
Doxology	

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

#### **Sermon Notes**

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 138, Genesis 18:20-33, Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 11:1-13



HOME TALK

# Talking about The Ten Commandments

# The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy (Exodus 20:8). What does this mean?

This means that we should fear and love God so that we do not despise His word and the preaching of it, but consider it to be holy and gladly hear and learn it.

# **50** What day did the Christians in the New Testament set apart as a day to worship God and hear His Word?

Christians in the New Testament set apart Sunday, the first day of the week, the day when Christ arose from the dead and the day when the Holy Spirit was given.

# **51** Does Sunday replace the Sabbath Day of the Old Testament?

No, most Christians observe Sunday, the first day of the week, as a matter of free choices as did the early Christians, not in order to keep the law, but to rest their bodies and to have a set time to worship God and hear His Word.

Romans 14:5 "One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind."

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<sup>7</sup> 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:

**I. 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. OFFICERS

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