

# 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 a church in Burkina Faso that was attacked by Islamic terrorists, killing two of its members.

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Youth for Christ

## HEALING

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# Mission Focus

## Two Killed in Church Attack in Burkina Faso

In May, armed Islamic terrorists attacked a church outside of Fada N'Gourma in eastern Burkina Faso, killing two members. As church members were inside holding a prayer meeting, the terrorists entered the building and killed two men, allowing women and children to flee. The attackers entered the pastor's nearby home and ransacked it, then burned four motorcycles, several motorbikes and two carts vital for local transportation. One of the murdered men was a church elder named Amadou Thiombiano, who is survived by his wife and three children. The second person killed was 18-year-old Jeremi Thiombian. The Voice of the Martyrs front-line workers are taking steps to care for Amadou's widow and children. They request prayer for that family as they process and grieve what happened and for all who were affected in this deadly assault.



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# Growing & Serving

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## TODAY

Faith & Family Night Teachers & Helpers  
Luncheon and Meeting

## MONDAY, AUGUST 25

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study at Arianna's house

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Service

**BEGINS**  
**September 10th**

**5:15-6:00**  
**Supper & Fellowship**

**6:00- 7:00**  
**Classes for all ages**

**Faith & Family Night**



## BIRTHDAYS

Sep 2 Mason Hugelen  
Sep 11 Noah Ellis  
Sep 13 Wyatt Wisness  
Sep 16 Piper Nash  
Sep 20 Tanya Heiser  
Sep 26 Timothy Downare

Sep 3 Kazdyn Kono  
Sep 11 David Castillo  
Sep 16 Kevin Warren  
Sep 18 Cassie Maki  
Sep 23 Shannon Warren



*Welcome!*

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost • August 24, 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.

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# Order of Worship

Welcome	
Call to Worship	Psalm 50:1-15
Prayers of the Church	
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 66:18-23
Epistle Reading	Hebrews 12:4-24
Children's Message	
Tithes and Offerings	
Gospel Reading	Luke 13:22-30
Sermon	<i>The Narrow Door</i>
<b>Hymn</b>	
Holy Communion	
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	
<b>Benediction</b>	
<b>Doxology</b>	

\* 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 131, Proverbs 25:2-10, Hebrews 13:1-17, Luke 14:1-14



## HOME TALK

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

### Talking about The Ten Commandments

#### The Fourth Commandment

**Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you (Exodus 20:12).**

##### What does this mean?

This means that we should fear and love God so that we do not despise our parents and those in authority nor provoke them to anger, but honor, serve, obey, love, and think highly of them.

#### **63** What should be your attitude toward your parents if they are divorced or separated?

I should still love them, try to understand them, and ask God to help me to honor them.

#### **64** When do you sin against the Fourth Commandment?

I sin against the Fourth Commandment when I do not show my parents or those in authority over me proper respect and when I hurt them by disobedience, ingratitude, or by committing other sins.

#### **65** What is meant by the promise added to this commandment?

The promise which is added to this commandment means that a special blessing rests upon obedient children and upon nations where parents and those in authority are honored.

**Proverbs 14:34** "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

#### **66** Does this mean that anyone who dies young has been disobedient to parents?

No, we are all part of a fallen world and share naturally in the evils that all human beings experience.

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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