## **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 Pastor Khaled Mezher from Syria, twelve members of his family have been killed during a battle of militia and extremists seeking control of the city of Suwayda.

#### CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Our president, governor, federal and state representatives, mayor, city and county representatives

#### **HEALING**

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

#### HOPE AND COMFORT

The Wisness Family

#### **CHURCH FAMILY**

Doug & Debbie Thompson; Caleb & Shylayna Timmons

#### SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church- Pastor Fred Scragg, Huntington Station, New York

#### **CLB MINISTRIES**

Lutheran Brethren International Missions- Director Dan Venburg, Danny Bronson, Cathy Barlow- Missionaries Todd & Leah Waldie

## **Mission Focus**

#### Pray for LBIM's new missionaries, Todd and Leah Waldie

Todd and Leah have joined International Missions this summer and are preparing to leave for training in Colorado prior to traveling to France for language study in January. Pray for their family as they start this new adventure. Pray for a full recovery for their oldest son as he heals from a sports injury.



Pray for them as they step out on faith to study and prepare to go to Chad not knowing what the visa situation will be. Pray for them to learn and soak up what God has for them. Pray that they will learn French with ease.

Pray for their children. Pray that they would see God's faithfulness to them and their family during this time of big transition. Pray that they would be encouraged and that God will give them an excitement for this next chapter in their lives.

# **Growing & Serving**

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#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER I

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

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting

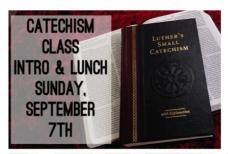
#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

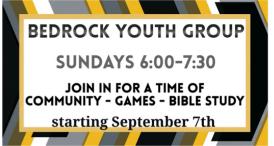
10:00 AM Worship Service

I I:30 AM Catechism Class Intro & Lunch

6:00 PM Bedrock Youth Group







#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Tuesday, September 9- FIRST Coffee & Conversation Wednesday, September 10- FIRST Faith & Family Night Wednesday, September 10- Catechism Class Sunday, September 21- Pastor Nate's Ordination Service Sunday, September 28- The Gideon International Presentation

#### BIRTHDAYS

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Sep 2	Mason Hugelen	Sep 3	Kazdyn Kono
Sep 11	Noah Ellis	Sep 11	David Castillo
Sep 13	Wyatt Wisness	Sep 16	Kevin Warren
Sep 16	Piper Nash	Sep 18	Cassie Maki
Sep 20	Tanya Heiser	Sep 23	Shannon Warrer
Sep 26	Timothy Downare		





## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost • August 31, 2025

W e'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 Psalm 149:1-5

Prayers of the Church

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness** # 98 Songs of Praise

Amazing Grace #107

Be Still My Soul # 77

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:2-10

Luke 14:1-14 Gospel Reading

The Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Tithes and Offerings

Psalm 131 Sermon Text

Sermon

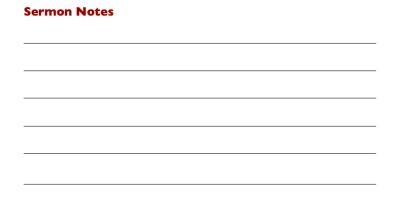
**Blessed Assurance** # 67 Hymn

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Doxology

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





Talking about **The Ten Commandments** 

#### The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder (Exodus 20:13).

#### What does this mean?

This means that we should fear and love God so that we do our neighbor no bodily harm nor cause any suffering, but help and befriend our neighbor in every bodily need.

#### **67** How do you fail to keep the Fifth Commandment?

I fail to keep this commandment if I take my neighbor's life or if I hate or harm my neighbor in any way.

1 John 3:15 "Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in hlm."

#### 68 How do you injure your neighbor in other ways?

I injure my neighbor when I cause him or her to sin, either by leading him or her astray or by being a bad example.

#### **69** What does God require of you in the Fifth Commandment?

God requires in the Fifth Commandment that I help and befriend my neighbor in every need and treat that neighbor with love and kindness (Luke 10:25-37).



#### Hebrews 13:15-16

"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praisethe fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

1 John 3:16 "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."

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 (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"

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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Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 1, Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-35