

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 the 11 Christians in Libya who have been sentenced to prison for practicing their faith.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Youth for Christ

HEALING

Bryan Fevold, Chris Schaffer, Joyce Hovland, Clay Ceynar, Doyle & Deb Hagen, Wynn Murphy, Richard Helmuth, Jean Elliott, Jessica Wisness Burns, Lori Halverson, Roger Olson, Abby Deibert, Kevin Warren

CHURCH FAMILY

Erik, Kelsie, Grant, Jeslyn, Clark, Claire & Callahan Linseth; Brady Beyer & Cassie Maki

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Calvary Community Church- Pastor Dirk McIvor; Fullerton, California

CLB MINISTRIES

Lutheran Brethren International Missions: Director Dan Venburg, Danny Bronson, Cathy Barlow, our 11 missionary families including David & Janice (Chang) Kuan

Mission Focus

Pray for our missionaries David & Janice (Chang) Kuan

(from the Women's Ministry Newsletter)

Continue to pray for Janice, David and Lucia as they are in Taiwan while Janice receives treatment and follow up for tumors that the doctors found. Pray for healing for Janice, endurance for David, and God's peace for their family.



Growing & Serving



TODAY

After the service- Christmas Program practice
6:00 PM Bedrock Youth Group

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM Coffee & Conversation

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

125th Anniversary of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren



Supper: Soup & Salad Bar

4:00 PM Catechism Class
5:15 PM Supper & Fellowship
6:00 PM Kids- Christmas program practice
Adults- CLB Anniversary documentary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:00 PM "A Christmas to Believe In"
Dinner Theater



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Bedrock Youth Group



BIRTHDAYS

Dec 14	Larry Nelson	Dec 16	Hans Muri
Dec 17	Jessica Sconce	Dec 22	Angela Smith
Dec 25	Sophia Marmon	Dec 26	Marcia Hovet
Dec 30	TJ Downare		



Welcome!

Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 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.



Order of Worship

Welcome
Call to Worship Psalm 146
Lighting of the Advent Candles
Prayers of the Church
Songs of Praise
Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
Open My Eyes That I May See
Epistle Reading James 5:7-11
Gospel Reading Matthew 11:2-15
Children's Message
Tithes and Offerings

Advent Sermon Series

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus - Old Testament Promises of Christ

Sermon The Prophet Greater Than Moses Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Hymn What A Savior

Holy Communion

The Nicene Creed

Benediction

Doxology

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

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 24, Isaiah 7:10-17, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25



HOME TALK

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

Talking about The Ten Commandments

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house (Exodus 20:17a).

What does this mean?

This means that we should fear and love God so that we do not seek by scheming to gain possession of our neighbor's inheritance or house nor pretend to have a legal right to them but always help him to keep what is rightfully his.

101 Of what should your earthly home remind you?

It should remind me that my earthly home is temporary and that God has prepared an eternal home for me. It can also remind me that God loves beauty and order and therefore my home should reflect God's love of beauty as seen in Scriptures and nature.

John 14:2 "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?"
1 Peter 1:3-5 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."



102 What kinds of possessions are there?

There are useful ones and beautiful ones, both of which reflect the kind of God I have.
1 Timothy 6:17b "...God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy."

103 How should I think about my possessions?

I should realize that my possessions belong to God and that I am a caretaker of them.
Psalms 50:10-12 "For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine."

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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