

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 Bhutan to have strength and courage as they can face imprisonment for their faith.

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, Richard Helmuth, Jean Elliott, Jessica Wisness Burns, Lori Halverson, Roger Olson, Abby Deibert, Kevin Warren

CHURCH FAMILY

Beverly Maki; Jason & Starla Marmon, Ashley Marmon; Alexis Marmon

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Word of Life Lutheran Brethren Church- Pastor Jason Lang, Le Suer; Minnesota

CLB MINISTRIES

North American Missions- CLB 6 Church Plants including Lincoln Church and Community Center; Director Brandon Pangman, Jordan Spina, Mark Johannesen, Lindsey Veum

Mission Focus

Pray for our missionaries Daniel and Nancy (Wu) Wen and their family

(from the Women's Ministry Newsletter)

Daniel and Nancy are unaffected by the visa ban because they are from Taiwan. Pray for endurance and encouragement for their mission in Chad as they return there from home assignment. Pray against loneliness; may God fill their hearts full. Pray for a fruitful ministry and God's work to be done through them as he draws hearts to Him. Pray for protection over them and their children. Pray for them to stay healthy.



Growing & Serving



NO CLASSES OR MEETINGS THIS WEEK



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Worship Service

BIRTHDAYS

Dec 22	Angela Smith	Dec 25	Sophia Marmon
Dec 26	Marcia Hovet	Dec 30	TJ Downare
Jan 1	Kent Pedersen	Jan 2	Wes Kindel
Jan 3	Justin Smith	Jan 3	Duane Tretter
Jan 10	Rylee Kirkland	Jan 11	Starla Marmon
Jan 27	Mabel Muri	Jan 29	Vernon Muri



Welcome!

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 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 24
Lighting of the Advent Candles
Prayers of the Church
Songs of Praise
Advent Hymn
Come To Us
Knowing You
Epistle Reading Romans 1:1-7
Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25
The Apostles' Creed
Children's Message
Tithes and Offerings

Advent Sermon Series

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus - Old Testament Promises of Christ

Sermon *The Davidic King* 2 Samuel 7:8-17
Hymn He Will Come And Save You

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Doxology

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

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 111, Isaiah 63:7-14, Galatians 4:4-7, Matthew 2:13-23



HOME TALK

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

Talking about The Ten Commandments

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor (Exodus 20:17b).

What does this mean?

This means that we should fear and love God so that we do not tempt away our neighbor's spouse or workers nor deprive him of anything that is his but encourage his wife and workers to remain loyal to him and seek to have his property stay in his possessions.

104 Why has God given this commandment?

God has given this commandment to protect a person's means of making a living and forbids me to do anything which would interfere with my neighbor's ability to make a living.

105 What does God require of you in the Tenth Commandment?

God requires that I sincerely wish my neighbors all good, rejoice in their success, and help them to keep what they own.

Hebrews 13:16 "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

106 How does Jesus look upon what you do for others?

Jesus looks upon what I do for others as something that I do for Him.

Matthew 25:40 "And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"

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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