

# 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 Christian women in Nepal who face rejection by their families because of their faith.

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Law Enforcement Officers and Judges

## HEALING

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Rock of Ages Lutheran Brethren Church- Pastor Matthew Rienets, Seattle, Washington

## CLB MINISTRIES

Church of the Lutheran Brethren Women's Ministries

# Mission Focus

## Christian Women Faithful in Hardship

Christians in Nepal are rejected by their families and communities but remain faithful to Christ. Increasingly, pressure to return to traditional Hinduism in the country has grown as the influence of radical Hindu nationalists has crossed the border from India. Sister Rupa, a Nepali Christian, was beaten and cast out of her home for her faith in Christ. Voice of the Martyrs workers are helping her set up a small clothing business that will also serve as a platform to continue sharing the gospel. Sister Roshani was also rejected by her family for following Jesus. Despite hardship, she has continued to share Christ and disciple others. “Her courage is inspiring,” said a front-line worker. Pray for Christians like Rupa and Roshani in Nepal who remain courageous and faithful even at the cost of opposition and rejection.



Courageous Christians in Nepal continue community outreach even after rejection and hardship.



## TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

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

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

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



## JANUARY 21- Catechism Class and Faith & Family Nights begins

### BIRTHDAYS

Jan 10 Rylee Kirkland  
Jan 27 Mabel Muri

Jan 11 Starla Marmon  
Jan 29 Vernon Muri



# Welcome!

Second Sunday after Christmas  
January 4, 2026

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 119:97-104  
Prayers of the Church  
**Songs of Praise** Lord I Need You  
Angels From The Realms Of Glory  
How Great Is Our God  
Old Testament Reading I Kings 3:4-15  
Gospel Reading Luke 2:40-52  
**The Apostles' Creed**  
Children's Message  
Tithes and Offerings  
Epistle Reading Hebrews 2:10-18  
Sermon **God's Christmas Gifts to You**  
**Hymn** O Come All Ye Faithful  
**The Lord's Prayer**  
**Benediction**  
**Doxology**

\* 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 29, Isaiah 42:1-9, Romans 6:1-11, Matthew 3:13-17



## HOME TALK

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

### Talking about The Ten Commandments

#### Conclusion of the Ten Commandments

##### What does God say of all His commandments?

**I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments (Exodus 20:5-6).**

##### What does this mean?

This means that God threatens to punish all who fail to keep these commandments. We should, therefore, fear His wrath, and in no manner disobey them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep them. We should, therefore, love Him, trust in Him, and gladly keep His commandments.

#### **110** Are believing children affected by the sin of their parents?

Yes, the effects of sin are far reaching and long lasting, but so is God's love.

**Lamentations 5:7 "Our fathers sinned, and are no more; and we bear their iniquities."**

**Lamentations 3:22 "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end..."**

#### **111** What is sin?

Sin is everything that is contrary to God's holy law and includes both inherited and actual sin.

**1 John 3:4 "Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness."**

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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