

# 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 Pakistani Christian woman who was imprisoned for more than 18 months after being falsely accused of blasphemy.

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Doctors, Nurses, and Health Care Workers

## 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

## CHURCH FAMILY

Kent, Anita & Luke Pedersen; Jordyn Pedersen; Tim & Julie Pedersen

## SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Desert Rose Church- Pastor Loyal Clarke, Tempe, Arizona

## CLB MINISTRIES

Lutheran Brethren International Missions - Director Dan Venburg, Danny Bronson, Cathy Barlow, and our 10 missionary families

# Mission Focus

## Our missionaries Paul & Teresa Szobody

Paul and Teresa are currently settling into a new home and home assignment in South Carolina. They plan to travel and visit a few churches as well as work on a translation, into simple, Chadian French, of a textbook for teaching Christian doctrine to budding pastors and missionaries. This is a great need as the Chadian students and church workers don't have this literature, and it is so expensive in their poverty. After a home assignment, Paul and Teresa hope to obtain visas so they can initiate a new group of Chadian families into missionary training and then transition the leadership of the ministry, before their retirement, to Matthias and Ellie Szobody.



# Growing & Serving

Living in  
Christ  
Together

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

6:00 PM Bedrock Youth Group

## MONDAY, JANUARY 19

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

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

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

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

**Focus: Jesus' Authority Over Death**  
**Supper: Italian Soups**

4:00 PM Catechism Class  
5:15 PM Supper & Fellowship  
6:00 PM Classes for all ages



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

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

After the service: **Potluck and Annual Meeting**  
**Please bring a dish to share.**

6:00 PM Bedrock Youth Group

**Official Announcement: The Pastor and Elders would like to announce their recommendation of church memberships for Tanner and Lexyn Henderson by application, and Nate and Cherise Nash by transfer letter from Lutheran Brethren Fellowship Church in Williston.**

The 2025 Annual Report is available TODAY at the Welcome Desk for you to take home and review before next week's Annual Meeting.

## BIRTHDAYS

Jan 27	Mabel Muri	Jan 29	Vernon Muri
Feb 1	Heston Jenks	Feb 1	Nathanael Ellis
Feb 5	Lexyn Henderson	Feb 6	Jordyn Pedersen
Feb 8	Tanner Henderson	Feb 8	Sigrid Nash
Feb 9	Pieter Buckle	Feb 11	Leah Garcia
Feb 15	Marlene Fridley	Feb 17	Evelina Jacobson
Feb 22	Anna Garcia	Feb 24	Bridger Smith



Welcome!

The Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 18, 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.

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# Order of Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayers of the Church

**Songs of Praise**

Old Testament Reading

Epistle Reading

**The Apostles' Creed**

Children's Message

Tithes and Offerings

Gospel Reading

Sermon

**Hymn**

**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 27:1-14, Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-25

Psalm 40:1-11

Isaiah 49:1-7

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

*A Cloud of Witnesses*



## HOME TALK

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

### Talking about The Three Articles of the Creed

#### **120** What is a creed?

A creed is a statement of belief.

#### **121** Name the three creeds believed worldwide by Christians?

The three creeds are the Apostles' Creed. The Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed.

#### **122** Why is the creed in our catechism called the Apostles' Creed?

The creed in our catechism is called the Apostles' Creed because it is a summary statement of the Apostles' doctrine as found in the Bible.

#### **123** When you confess the Apostles' Creed, what are you confessing?

I am confessing that I believe in one God who reveals Himself in three distinct persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This God has made all things, and continues to care for and seek to save what He has made.

#### **124** Why do we say "I Believe" and not "We Believe" in each of the three articles of the Apostles' Creed?

We say "I Believe" because faith is personal; no one can be saved by someone else's faith.

**Mark 16:16** "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

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.

- adapted from We Believe, Rev. Tim Ysteborg, (Faith and Fellowship Press, 2009)

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