

# 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 Reena, a Christian Pakistani 16 year old girl who has been abducted. She has been forced to convert and marry a Muslim man.

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

McKenzie County Food Pantry

## 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, Christine Conant, Jessica Sconce

## CHURCH FAMILY

Fred & Marlene Fridley; Jesse, Anna, Leah & Jack Garcia; Lynn, Tanya & Halie Heiser

## SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Calvary Christian Church- Pastor Dirk McIvor, Fullerton, California

## CLB MINISTRIES

Lutheran Brethren Seminary Faculty & Students

# Mission Focus

## Our missionaries Ethan & Sandy Christofferson

Since 1990, Ethan and Sandy have been faithfully serving with LBIM in Taiwan, sharing the gospel through a wide range of ministries. Ethan is currently teaching a Wednesday morning seminary class and meets weekly with a young man he is discipling in preparation for baptism. Sandy attends a Thursday morning small group with a couple of neighbors and regularly helps another neighbor, who is very devoted to ancestor worship, by visiting her often and occasionally taking her to doctor appointments. Recently, Sandy and Ethan also spent a Sunday afternoon visiting a couple of people who had been hospitalized and participated in their church's Ancestor Memorial Service, where they were encouraged to see several non-Christian friends in attendance.



Please pray that the non-Christian friends and neighbors Sandy and Ethan spend time with would be open to the gospel and come to know the hope found in Jesus. Pray especially for a neighbor who has expressed a desire to become a Christian but fears how her son might respond, that the Lord would give her courage and wisdom. Pray also for meaningful opportunities to share Christ with those devoted to ancestor worship. Finally, pray that God would bless Ethan's teaching, leadership, and discipleship, and that the believers in their community would continue to encourage one another and grow in their faith.

# Growing & Serving



## SUNDAY, MARCH 22

6:00 PM Bedrock Youth Group

## TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

### Supper: Nacho Bar

4:00 PM Catechism Class  
5:15 PM Supper & Fellowship  
6:00 PM Lent Service

Return to the Lord: Stories of Repentance

### Wednesday Lenten Services

Feb. 18 - March 25  
Supper 5:15  
Lenten Worship 6:00

## SUNDAY, MARCH 29

### PALM SUNDAY

*Please have your children meet Savannah Warren in the fellowship hall at 9:45 for the Procession of the Palms*

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

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 2, 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Communion Service  
April 3, 7:00 PM - Good Friday Service  
April 5, 10:00 AM - Easter Sunday



## BIRTHDAYS

Mar 24 Linda Bundy  
Mar 24 Doug Thompson  
Mar 26 Jo Anne Ross  
Mar 27 Corey Hugelen  
Mar 29 Tim Pedersen



# Welcome!

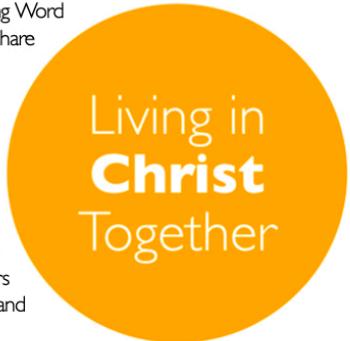
## The Fifth Sunday in Lent March 22, 2026

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 130  
Prayers of the Church  
**Songs of Praise**  
**Hymn of Heaven**  
**Forever Reign**  
**Jesus Messiah**  
Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Epistle Reading Romans 8:1-11  
Children's Choir  
Tithes and Offerings  
Gospel Reading John 11:1-45  
Sermon *The Resurrection and The Life*  
**Hymn** **In Christ Alone**  
Holy Communion  
**The Nicene Creed**  
**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 118:19-29, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, John 12:20-43



## HOME TALK

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

### Talking about The First Article of the Creed

#### Creation

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

#### What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given to me and still sustains my body and soul, my senses and all my members, my reason and all the powers of my soul. I believe that He gives me food and clothing, home and family, and all material blessings; that He daily provides abundantly for all the needs of my life, protects me from all danger, and guards and keeps me from all evil. I believe that He does this because of His fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this I should thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

#### **146** What is the natural condition of people since the Fall?

1. Since the Fall, people are unable truly to know God and understand what He does.  
**2 Corinthians 4:4** "In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."  
**1 Corinthians 2:14** "The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned."
2. Since the Fall, people are unable to love God or please Him, and instead are slaves to evil desires.  
**Romans 8:7-8** "For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God."
3. Since the Fall, the conscience is bothered because of guilt.  
**Genesis 3:8-10** "And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, 'Where are you?' And he said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.'"
4. Since the Fall, people suffer because of sorrow, sickness, and death.  
**Job 14:1-2** "Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble. He comes out like a flower and withers; he flees like a shadow and continues not."
5. Since the Fall, people no longer rule creation as they once did.  
**Genesis 3:17b-19** "...cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

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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