

# 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 Maida, a Sudanese refugee living in Egypt, who has been sentenced on false charges as retaliation for placing her faith in Christ..

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Law Enforcement Officers and Judges

## 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, Dixie Selting, Jesse Veeder Scofield

## HOPE AND COMFORT

The Nash and Benoit family

## CHURCH FAMILY

Mike, Jena, Brylee, Myah & Heston Jenks; Wayne & Barb Johnson; Randy & Mary Kindel

## SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church- Pastor Ronald Sunwall, Great Falls, Montana

## CLB MINISTRIES

Lutheran Brethren Seminary Faculty and Students

# Mission Focus

## Pray for Our CLB Church Plant in Parker, Colorado

### New Hope Church

### Jason and Savanna Rogness

(From the WMCLB newsletter)

Savanna shares these ways we can pray:

- Prayers of praise and thankfulness for a couple of new families that have joined our Sunday evening services and were with us for Easter.
- Jason led a very successful Borderless Mexico mission trip with 31 people in conjunction with Lutheran High School. We are thankful for the continued relationships that have been built with our church families in Mexico and with the students at Lutheran High School in Parker.
- We ask continued prayers for our discipleship groups that meet Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as a new men's group that will meet twice a month. We ask for wisdom in how to better connect each of our groups and for eyes to see those in our community that need us.



# Growing & Serving



## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Focus: Jesus is Transfigured

Supper: Pot Pie

4:00 PM Catechism Class

5:15 PM Supper & Fellowship

6:00 PM Classes for all ages

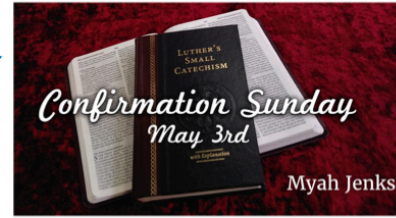


## SUNDAY, MAY 3

### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Service




## BIRTHDAYS

- Apr 26 Megan Muri
- May 2 Chelsea Jacobson
- May 3 Quincy Hugelen
- May 7 Nathan Muri
- May 10 Cody Kirkland
- May 10 Elsie Sconce
- May 12 Elliana Downare
- May 14 Lexie Kirkland
- May 15 Laurie Hovland
- May 17 Christina Kindel
- May 24 Seth Vander Ley
- May 26 Kathy Tretter
- May 27 Grace Odenbach
- May 27 Aksel Jellesed
- May 29 Rixtyn Kono

- May 1 James Odenbach
- May 3 Amanda Wisness
- May 4 Petra Kindel
- May 8 Daniel Marmon
- May 10 Savannah Warren
- May 11 William Wisness
- May 14 Fallon Sampsel



Welcome!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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 23  
 Prayers of the Church  
**Songs of Praise** He Is Able  
 Goodness Of God  
 Holy Holy Holy  
 Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:1-16  
 Epistle Reading I Peter 2:19-25  
 Children's Message  
 Tithes and Offerings  
 Gospel Reading John 10:1-15  
 Sermon *Jesus is Our Good Shepherd*  
**Hymn** It Is Well With My Soul  
 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 146, Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60, I Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14



## 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.

#### **154** What do you and all other human beings deserve because of the Fall?

I deserve God's wrath and condemnation.

**Ezekiel 18:4b** "...the soul who sins shall die."

**Romans 5:18a** "Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men..."

#### **155** What then has God done for you?

God has in love sent His one and only son, Jesus Christ, to be my Savior, to save me from my sin and God's wrath and condemnation.

**John 3:17** "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

**Ephesians 1:4** "...even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him."

**2 Timothy 1:9** "...[God] who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began..."



#### **156** What is God's purpose for you and the world?

God's purpose is to recreate His image in me and to make a new heaven and a new earth.

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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