

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 Si Si Than's family who has converted from Buddhism to Christianity and other fellow Myanmar Christians.

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, Jessica Wisness Burns, Lori Halverson, Roger Olson, Christine Conant, Dixie Selting, Jesse Veeder Scofield, Kari Anderson, Fred Braun, Darlene Benth, Patty Roeder, Sue Jenks, Della Rauschendorfer

HOPE AND COMFORT

The Bundy, Jenks & Marmon families; The Noreen Woolen family

CHURCH FAMILY

Doug & Debbie Thompson; Caleb & Shylayna Timmons; Duane & Kathy Tretter

SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Faith Lutheran Brethren Church- Pastor Anthony Karlik, Briarcliff Manor, New York

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Mission Focus

Wife's Endurance Wins Husband to Christ

from The Voice of the Martyrs icommittoprayer.com



Si Si Than with two of her children

Christ. Pray for this family as they seek God's will for their lives. Pray also for other women who experience abuse because of their faith in Jesus.

A man placed his faith in Christ after the witness of his wife. Si Si Than, 35, was raised in a devout Buddhist family but experienced real peace when she heard the gospel. After her husband discovered her new faith, he began to insult, rebuke and physically abuse her. On one occasion, he dragged her out of the church and attacked her with a knife, leaving her with serious injuries. Many people advised divorce, but Si Si Than chose to stay, asking God to bring him to salvation. After several years, her husband placed his trust in Jesus Christ, and his life was transformed. He gave up drinking and smoking and began reading the Bible and attending church services. Today, they are a joyful Christian family, and more family members have turned from Buddhism and placed their faith in Jesus

Growing & Serving



TUESDAY, JULY 28

9:00 AM Prayer Meeting



SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Worship Service



BIRTHDAYS

Jul 30	Alexis Marmon	Jul 30	Warren Hovland
Jul 30	Dillan Hugelen	Aug 2	Grant Muri
Aug 3	Debby Skoglund	Aug 5	Kyle Dragseth
Aug 11	Katy Maunu	Aug 13	Wayne Johnson
Aug 19	Amanda Kindel	Aug 20	Arlen Jacobson
Aug 23	Lynn Heiser		



Welcome!

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 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
Prayers of the Church
Songs of Praise

Psalm 125

**In Christ Alone
Goodness Of God
It Is Well**

Old Testament Reading
Epistle Reading
Children's Message
Tithes and Offerings
Gospel Reading
Sermon

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Romans 8:28-39

Matthew 13:44-52

Basics of Discipleship: Hope

Hymn
Holy Communion
The Nicene Creed
Benediction
Doxology

Jesus Thank You

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

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday's Readings: Psalm 136:1-9, Isaiah 55:1-5, Romans 9:1-13, Matthew 14:13-21



HOME TALK

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

Talking about The Second Article of the Creed

Redemption

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, bought and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil-not with silver and gold, but with His holy and precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death-in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

180 What did Christ do when He redeemed you from sin?

1. He took on Himself my guilt and the punishment for my sin.

Galatians 3:13a "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us..."

2. He broke the power of sin so it no longer should dominate my life.

Romans 6:14 "For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace."

3. He promised that someday I will be free from the presence of sin.

1 John 3:2b "...but we know that when he [Jesus] appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is."

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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