# 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 Aklampa, a town in central Benin, where voodooists regularly threaten Christians.

### 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, Jessica Wisness Burns, Lori Halverson, Roger Olson, Dixie Selting, Jesse Veeder Scofield, Kari Anderson, Darlene Benth, Patty Roeder, Della Rauschendorfer, Steve Berg, Glenn Oelke, Myron Hovet, Dwite & Joy Brew, Tanner Henderson, Dave Lawrence, Sue Jenks

### CHURCH FAMILY
Mark & Bev Maki; The Beyer family: Brady, Cassie, Braden & Kimberlin

### SISTER CONGREGATIONS
Grace Lutheran Brethren Church- Pastor Ryan Nordlund, Bismarck, North Dakota

### CLB MINISTRIES
Lutheran Brethren International Missions - Director Dan Venburg, Danny Bronson, Cathy Barlow - Our 10 missionary families

# Mission Focus

**Pray for our missionaries - Dave & Sonja Narvesen**

*from Women's Ministries CLB newsletter*



Dave shares these things we can be praying for:

1. Praise the Lord that we found places to stay over our time during Christmas break! Please pray that our time together as a family goes well and that all the details for transportation, packing, etc., comes together without too much stress so that we can still enjoy Christmas.
2. Pray for a young man in the household of a man named Saleh. This young man had a terrible foot infection that went without medical care for months and there was no way to help cure the foot other than amputating it. Along with the help from Pastor Malloum we were able to help him get some funds to be able to go to a hospital for the amputation. Pray for him as he navigates life in a place where a handicap is extremely difficult to have.
3. Pray for us as we process visas for Cameroon and make plans to go there.
4. Pray for Marcus Holzner. He is a former missionary with LBIM, and since he also holds a Mexican passport, he is able to visit Chad and our home in Doh. Pray that his interactions there are good and he finds everything well.
5. Praise the Lord for times of fellowship and friends this last month.
6. Pray for continued perseverance in school. Language school is difficult, and the transition to online has been difficult for Boeden and Ivan. Pray that God would continue to get us caught up after visits and some nasty colds earlier in October. Pray for patience (for Dave) especially.
7. Pray for Sonja as she takes exams in December as it can be a stressful time for her.

# Growing & Serving

Living in **Christ** Together

### TODAY
6:00 PM Bedrock Youth Group

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
9:30 AM Prayer Meeting
10:00 AM Coffee & Conversation

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
5:15 PM Supper & Fellowship
6:00 PM Freedom That Lasts

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
9:30 AM Gather & Grace Mom's Group
2:00 PM Catechism Class
6:00 PM Women's Bible Study



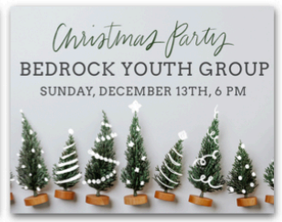




### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study
2:00 PM BYG Service Project
@ Bakken Oil Rush Ministry

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Bedrock Youth Group




### BIRTHDAYS
Nov 29 Grant Linseth
Dec 3 Harold Dragseth
Dec 6 Jason Marmon
Dec 14 Larry Nelson
Dec 16 Addison Gibbens
Dec 26 Marcia Hovet
Dec 30 T.J. Downare
Dec 3 Clarke Linseth
Dec 3 Jeff Gibbens
Dec 10 Amelia Odenbach
Dec 16 Hans Muri
Dec 22 Angela Smith
Dec 28 J.J. Gibbens

BIBLE CENTERED - FAMILY FOCUSED - MISSION DRIVEN

LIVING FAITH

# *Welcome!*

***The First Sunday in Advent***

***November 29, 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 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.

Living in **Christ** Together

# Order of Worship

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| Welcome | | |
| Call to Worship | | Psalm 80:1-7 |
| Prayers of the Church | | |
| **Songs of Praise** | | **Advent Hymn** |
| | | **He Will Come And Save You** |
| | | **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus** |
| Epistle Reading | | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 |
| Gospel Reading | | Mark 11:1-10 |
| The Apostles' Creed | | |
| Children's Message | | |
| Lighting of the Advent Candles | | |
| Tithes and Offerings | | |
| Advent Sermon Series | *The Gifts of the Magi: Gold* | Matthew 2:1-12 |
| **Hymn** | | **All Around The World** |
| **The Lord's Prayer** | | |
| **Benediction** | | |
| **Doxology** | | |

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

## Sermon Notes

***Next Sunday's Readings:*** *Psalm 85, Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-8*




# HOME TALK

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

## Talking about
## The Third Article of the Creed

### Sanctification

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**What does this mean?**

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, My Lord, or come to Him, but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith, just as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith, in which Christian church he daily forgives abundantly all my sins, and the sins of all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant everlasting life to me and all who believe in Christ. This is most certainly true.

**211 Why might you not pay attention to the call of the Holy Spirit?**

I might not pay attention to the call of the Holy Spirit because:

1. The ways of the world are so appealing to me.
2. My human nature desires the ways of the world.
3. I do not appreciate the goodness of God's ways.
4. I want to go my own way.

**Isaiah 65:2 "I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;"**

**Isaiah 53:6a "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned –every one–to his own way;"**

**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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