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Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.

Praise Choruses

*Hymn #16 *How Great Thou Art!*

Scripture Reading Eric Kollmann

Prayer

Special Music Haley Bradburn

*Hymn #165 *Hallelujah, What a Savior*

Offering

Children's Sermon

*Hymn #365 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Sermon James 5:12 Greg Kollmann

"Yes is enough"

*Hymn #422 *Take Time to Be Holy*

*Benediction

*Doxology #39

* = Please stand as you are able

Opportunities This Week

Today	After the Service	Graduation Reception
	3:30 p.m.	LBYF
Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Family Fellowship and Bible Club
Next Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	3:30 p.m.	LBYF

Announcements

• **Today**, immediately following the service, we will be holding a **Graduation Reception** honoring our graduates. Plan on joining us for cake and beverages. Give our graduates a hearty "Congratulations" – **Dakota Hall, Julia Knudsen, Ry Yoshida, Lydia Ostyn, Sean West, and Kiara Lindstrom.**

• We're looking for couples and singles who might be interested in participating in a **Supper Club**. This is a great opportunity to get to know people in our congregation. There will be a sign up sheet and more information on the bulletin board. Any questions can be directed to Patricia Knee (466-9514) and Zena Knudsen (989-9207)

• **New Summer Small Group Study: *Strange Fire*** video series looking into the doctrines, claims, and practices of the modern charismatic movement including speaking in tongues, healing, prophecy and the ties to the Word of Faith prosperity gospel. We will meet at the home of Dale and Becky Wilson, 625 W Arbor Pointe Way, Nampa on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month during the summer from 6:30-8:30PM beginning June 12th.

• Don't forget to get signed up for **Family Camp**. Deadline for registration is **June 14th**, but the earlier the better. We are also still in need of teachers for the 1st-3rd grade kids, so prayerfully consider sharing your love for God with our young ones.

Let Us Pray...

- Jamie Miller's dad as he recovers from a broken ankle.
- For our Christian brothers and sisters who are facing persecution in the Middle East and around the world.
- Please pray for Erin Kleveland and her family as she continues to struggle with a persistent illness.
- For those unable to attend this morning.
- For Janice Schaefer and the treatments she is receiving for cancer.
- That people in our community would be brought to saving faith through the witness of each of us here at the Lutheran Brethren Church of Nampa.

Do you have an announcement or prayer request you'd like printed in the bulletin? Email pastorjeremywilson@gmail.com and we'll be sure to include it.

Bringing **Faith** Home

Genesis 3:8-15

What does the text say?

What had Adam and Eve done right before these verses?

What did Adam and Eve do when they heard that the Lord was near? Why? (vv. 8-10)

Who did Adam blame for his sin? Who did Eve blame for her sin? (vv. 11-13)

Where will the seed of the serpent and the seed of Eve each be injured? (v. 15)

What does the text mean?

What is it about sin that makes all of us want to hide from God? (See Deuteronomy 23:14; Jeremiah 14:10; 2 Peter 2:9-11)

Why is it important to acknowledge our own sin and not look for ways to place our blame on others? (Job 40:6-9; 2 Samuel 12:11-13; Hebrews 7:26-28)

How did God fulfill His promise to end the fight between the seed of the serpent and the seed of Eve? (See Isaiah 27:1-3, 65:17-25; Ezekiel 36:23-26; John 3:14-15 [also Numbers 21:6-9]; Revelation 20:1-10)

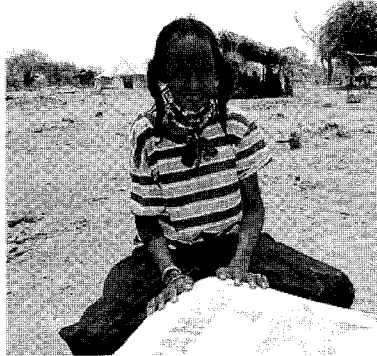
What does the text do?

Reflect on the fear Adam and Eve had of the Lord after sinning against Him. Then consider the Lord's promise to undo this terrible effect of sin.

BLESSED ARE THE HUNGRY

The boy sitting next to the sack of grain guards it like a sentinel guarding a treasure. Behind him are hastily set up shelters, providing minimal housing for thousands more like him. This is the refugee camp in Chad called Democratie (democracy). He is thin and obviously hungry. The amulets around his neck reveal his fear of the world around him and his trust in magic charms for protection. What brought him to this place?

He came from the Central African Republic, where civil unrest and unabated violence has raged for over a year. This boy is a Fulbe nomad. As such, his heritage and identity would be found in his cattle. Perhaps his father was killed, defending their cattle from marauding soldiers. Did the boy flee through the bush with his family, or alone? Where is his family? Where is home? Without cattle and without land, all seems lost for this boy and his fellow displaced refugees.



Yet we hear Jesus say, "Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied" (Luke 6:21). Speaking through Isaiah, the Lord says, "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: ...to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter..." (Isaiah 58:7).

The donations of Lutheran Brethren congregations and individuals have become God's blessing to this boy and thousands more. LBIM has facilitated the installation of nine water wells in six different refugee camps, providing clean and abundant water where there was none. Also, 400 large sacks of grain have been distributed in these communities. While not a long term solution, lives have been saved.

This new ministry has been led by Pastor Malloum Eloi, a Chadian Lutheran Brethren missionary, and Nathanael Szobody, LBIM missionary.

Pastor Malloum writes: "Three Muslim men from Democratie approached me at my local market. They said, 'What you are doing for our people, our own Muslim brothers would never do. We have seen Muslims come in with help, but they will only help their own family. You Christians are coming in and helping us—Muslims and strangers, who you did not even know. We have never seen this before, and it has deeply impacted us.'"

"The truck driver delivering the grain said, 'What you are doing is obviously a result of a true faith in a true God, and a commitment to follow his true way. And people are noticing.'"

"The local political representative of the region said, 'Your mission's intervention here is a powerful testimony. You noticed a need, and in one short month, you organized and intervened and helped in a very significant way. It is obvious that your faith enabled this to happen. Look, the results are speaking on your behalf.'"

To those who gave and prayed, Malloum writes, "Scripture tells us that those who give a cup of cool water to one who is in need will not lose their reward. This project has resulted in multiple opportunities for the gospel to go forth. One man told me that through this ministry, we are saving those that are dying. May this be true in both the physical sense and the spiritual sense. I am convinced that much eternal fruit will result from this ministry. Thank you for your compassion for the people of Chad."

Nathanael Szobody writes, "This gift of wells and grain is a strong statement to the refugees and Muslim political officials in the region that the Church is devoted to caring for these poorest of the poor who are rejected by the rest of the world. I am eager to see North American and Chadian churches take steps to complete the message through a continued personal involvement in these nascent Fulbe communities—that those who mourn may be comforted, that those among them who hunger and thirst for God's righteousness may be filled with the love of Jesus." *Dan Venberg*

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st TAIWAN Acts 7:44-8:4

A group of Hakka Christians meet the first Monday of every month to pray for ministry to the Hakka. Pray that many others would join in prayer and that God would work in and through them.

2nd N. AMERICA Acts 8:5-25

Pray for protection and discernment for couples and families who are sensing God's call to global ministry. Pray also for encouragement from family and congregations.

3rd CHAD Acts 8:26-40

Nathanael and Carrie Szobody ask prayer for the continuing work on their house. Continue to pray for Carrie, who miscarried several weeks ago, and the entire family for good health and strength.

4th EAST ASIA Acts 9:1-19a

Liz Christenson writes that their son **Tim** finishes his first year of international school tomorrow. Praise God for a good year. Pray for Tim as he says goodbye to some friends for a year, and some probably for good. This is the nature of life for missionary kids with family home assignments.

5th JAPAN Acts 9:19b-31

Praise God that there have already been many opportunities to use House of Hope in Ishinomaki

to house volunteers and host events. Pray that it will become a lighthouse for the gospel in that neighborhood.

6th TAIWAN Acts 9:32-42

Victory LB Church, Hsinchu, has accepted the oversight of a Gospel Center in Baushan. They have asked about **Mike Kittelson** helping with ministry to the Hakka people in that neighborhood. Pray that God would bring about this opportunity to proclaim the gospel to the Hakka.

7th N. AMERICA Acts 9:43-10:33

Roger and Sue Olson report that 42 students attended their first Talk Time at Rock of Ages LBC Japanese Ministries on April 16th. Pray that the Spirit would work through Roger and Sue during these next ten months as they share the love of Christ in word and deed with these students.

8th EAST ASIA Acts 10:34-48

Stephen and Sandra Bickler ask prayer for **Naffy** and **Shekina** who are finishing a short-term experience in East Asia. Pray that God will clarify if they are being called long-term and, if so, that he will direct their path.

9th CHAD Acts 11:1-18

Learning and becoming fluent in another language takes time and

patience. Pray for **Paul** and **Teresa Szobody** as they study Arabic, still another language in preparation for their future ministry.

10th JAPAN *Acts 11:19-30*

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** ask prayer for the volunteers coming to the House of Hope this month, including a team from California. Pray that their presence in the neighborhood will be a light that helps people find hope in Jesus.

11th NEPAL *Acts 12:1-24*

After the major earthquake in April, charities warn that lack of shelter, contaminated water and poor sanitation could cause outbreaks of cholera, dysentery and other diseases. Pray for aid workers bringing relief to the suffering. Pray also for those who have lost loved ones and their possessions.

12th TAIWAN *Exodus 1,2*

China Lutheran Seminary graduation is tomorrow. Let us pray for each of the graduates as they move into ministry. Pray that many new students would come to CLS to prepare for ministry in the church in Taiwan.

13th N.AMERICA *Exodus 3:1-4:17*

Pray for **Dan Venberg** in his ministry of informing and encouraging churches to be involved in work among unreached Muslim people groups in Chad. May our hearts be moved to see these people groups as God sees them.

14th TAIWAN *Exodus 4:18-6:9*

Victory LBC in Ju-bei is growing and senior pastor **Li** is being ordained today. This church plans to buy a property that is twice

the size of their current building. They are also seeking two new staff members. Pray for God's guidance at this time of transition.

15th CHAD *Exodus 6:10-7:25*

Nathanael Szobody is thankful for the opportunity to get to know some of the young men that are helping them build their house. Pray for **Ali** and **Issa**, with whom they have shared the Word. Pray for their hearts to be receptive.

16th JAPAN *Exodus 8*

Pray for **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** in the friendships they have made in their neighborhood in Ishinomaki. Pray for God's leading in conversations and time spent with these new friendships.

17th EAST ASIA *Exodus 9*

Pray for **Joel Christenson** as he prepares to lead Koinonia: an international gathering of national and global mission leaders in September. Pray for good planning for the event and for capable volunteers to assist in management.

18th TAIWAN *Exodus 10,11*

Pray for the salvation of two sisters that **Sandy Christofferson** and another Christian from Enlin LBC regularly visit. One of them was in a motorcycle accident and the other is very bitter over people who have deceived her in the past. Happy birthday to **Sandy** today.

19th CHAD *Exodus 12:1-36*

Pray for Chad's involvement in the fight against Boko Haram in Nigeria. Pray for protection for civilians in Nigeria affected by the violence and that God would bring defeat to the terrorists.

20th TAIWAN *Exodus 12:37-13:22*

The Hakka Mission Seminary graduation is tomorrow. May God bless the graduates as they lead churches in reaching others for Christ and in discipling those who already believe.

21st FRANCE *Exodus 14:1-15:21*

Pray for **Danny** and **Mandy Bronson** and their boys as they say goodbye to family and friends and return to France at the end of this month for more language study for Mandy. Pray also for a good transition, good friends for the boys and many opportunities for each of them to grow in fluency in French.

22nd JAPAN *Exodus 15:22-16:36*

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** are thankful to God for the many Christian artists and volunteers he sends their way. Please pray that he will also provide them with wisdom, good health and stamina for the busy summer schedule.

23rd TAIWAN *Exodus 17*

Kris Larsen asks prayer for **Xinrei**, a friend of their daughter **Ellie**, as she prepares for baptism. She is just nine years old! Praise God for working in this girl's heart.

24th N.AMERICA *Exodus 18*

The last 2 doctor appointments for 1 year old **Samuel** are on the 25th and 26th, just days before **Danny** and **Mandy Bronson** and their family leave for France. Pray for great reports for Samuel, and for God's peace for all of them. Happy 7th birthday **Zeke**!

25th CHAD *Exodus 19,20*

Pray for **Steve** and **Stella Banks** who continue to administrate the

Welcome Center in Ndjamena. Praise God for their willingness to give of their time in this way.

26th JAPAN *Acts 12:25-13:12*

Pray for the one student at the seminary and for those who teach. Pray especially that churches in Japan would hear God's call to identify, encourage and support those whom God is calling into ministry in his mission.

27th EAST ASIA *Acts 13:13-43*

Joel and **Liz Christenson** are coming on home assignment for a year at the end of June. Pray that they will complete their work well in East Asia and experience good fellowship with those they will not see for a year.

28th CHAD *Acts 13:44-52*

Pray that God would continue to use the wells that have been installed by LBIM in many villages to open doors to share the good news of God's living water for everyone.

29th TAIWAN *Acts 14:1-12*

Andrew and **Kris Larsen** ask for prayer that they would have opportunities to share Jesus with their friends, **Yvonne** and her daughter, **Yuzhen**. Pray that their hearts would be softened by God's love.

30th N. AM/CHAD *Acts 14:13-28*

Marcos Holzner continues to do translation work for the Bilala people. Pray that God would use this work to open their hearts and minds to the gospel of Jesus.