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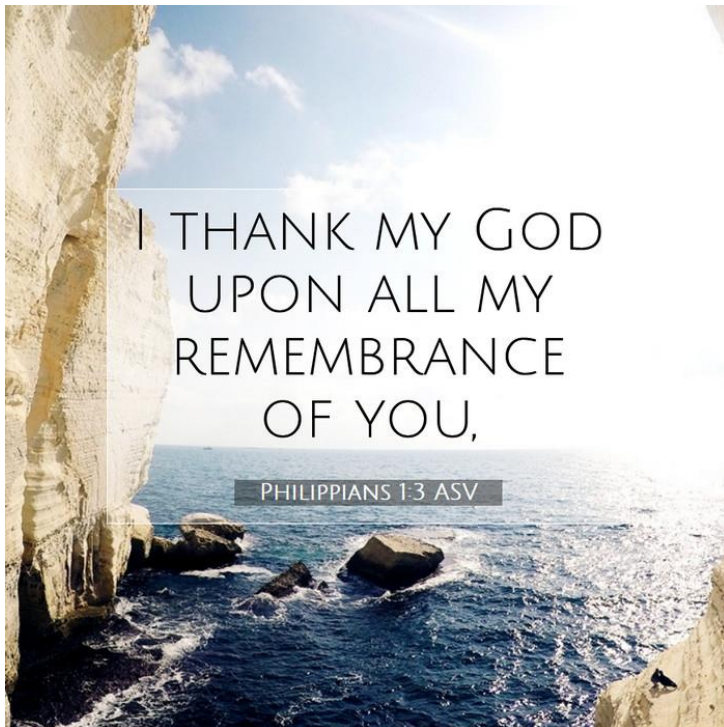
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October 13, 2024 ✝ **Pentecost 21**



✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 90 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

**Our Worship Services will be Posted to Our Website Each Sunday Evening.
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<https://www.sslcwest.org/worship.html>

Opening Hymn: 649 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

LSB 649



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement, p. 12)

Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

[P] In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

G **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy upon me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. Through faith in Him, which was created in you by the Holy Spirit, you are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

G **Amen.**

Kyrie *Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.* W.S. p. 13

♪ Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

Gloria in Excelsis *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."* W.S. p. 13

**♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly things and to find in You our heavenly treasure. We pray this in Your saving name, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-10 (EHV)

As for me, brothers, when I came to you, I did not come with superior speech or wisdom in order to proclaim to you the testimony of God. ² For I had no intention of knowing anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness, in fear, and with much trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not marked by persuasive words of human wisdom, but by a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith would not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

⁶ Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature, but it is not a wisdom of this world or of the rulers of this world, who are being reduced to nothing. ⁷ Instead we speak God's wisdom that has been hidden in mystery—before the ages, God foreordained that this wisdom would result in our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this world knew it. (If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.) ⁹ But as it is written:

*What no eye has seen and no ear has heard
and no human mind has conceived—*

that is what God has prepared for those who love him.

¹⁰ But God revealed it to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

Hymn of Thanksgiving: 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

LSB 806

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the
Ho-ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give
thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en
Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

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Second Reading

John 3:5-17 (EHV)

P The second reading is from John 3:5-17

G Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

⁵ *Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! ⁶ Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. ⁸ The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

⁹ *"How can these things be?" asked Nicodemus.*

¹⁰ *"You are the teacher of Israel," Jesus answered, "and you do not know these things? ¹¹ Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony.*

¹² *If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.*


¹⁴ *"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but^[e] have eternal life.*

¹⁶ *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Alleluia and Verse

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Allelujah!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"

 **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
These words are written that we may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

W.S. p. 15

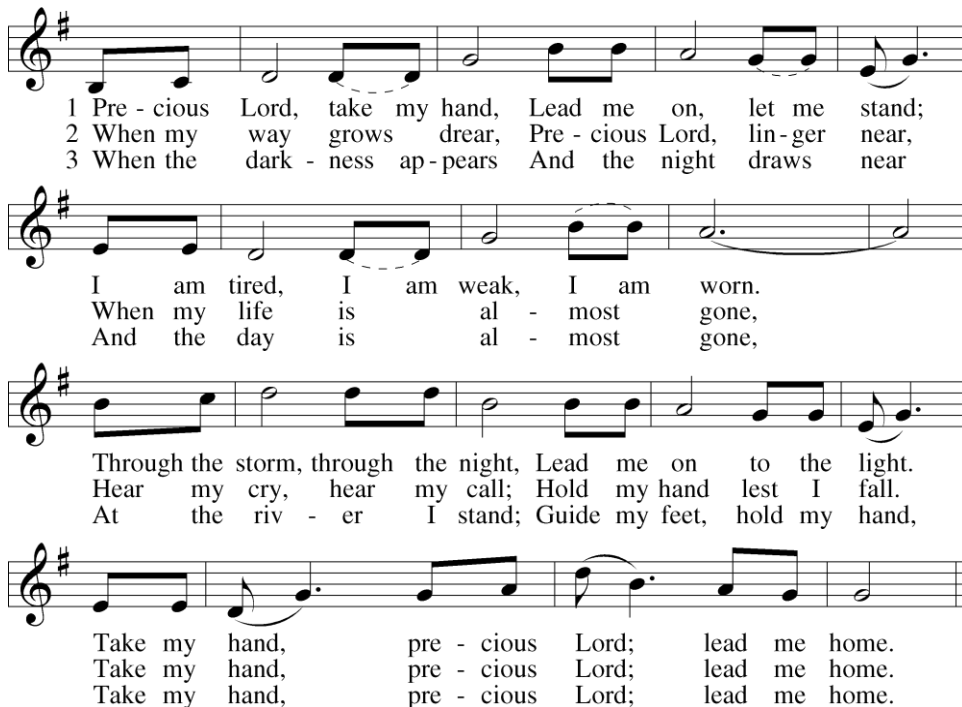
G I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And 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, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

Hymn of the Day: 739 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

LSB 739



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 When my life is al - most gone,
 And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

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Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 5:5-9 (NKJV)

⁵ Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶ So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. ⁹ Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

Sermon Theme: Important Things to Remember – “We Walk By Faith, Not By Sight!”

- ✝ Can you think of some specific times in your life when you **“walked by faith and not by sight” (v. 7)?** How did things turn out?

- ✝ How could the Apostle Paul—and we!—be so **“confident” (v. 6, 8)? (v. 5)**

- ✝ Think of ways you can **“walk by faith and not by sight” (v. 7)** during this time of transition. How can you help your fellow believer do the same?

Offertory

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♪ ***Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.***

Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*
(† *If you have an offering to give today, please place it in the plate in the church entryway.* †)

Sermon Hymn: 720 (tune of hymn 733 LSB) ***We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight***

- 1** *We walk by faith and not by sight, No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe Him near.*
- 2** *We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice And cry "My Lord and God!"*
- 3** *Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near And seek where You are found.*
- 4** *For You, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.*
- 5** *Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are, With full and endless sight.*

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Prayer / Prayer Requests *We bring our prayers to God.*

Lord's Prayer

- ☒** **Our Father** who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

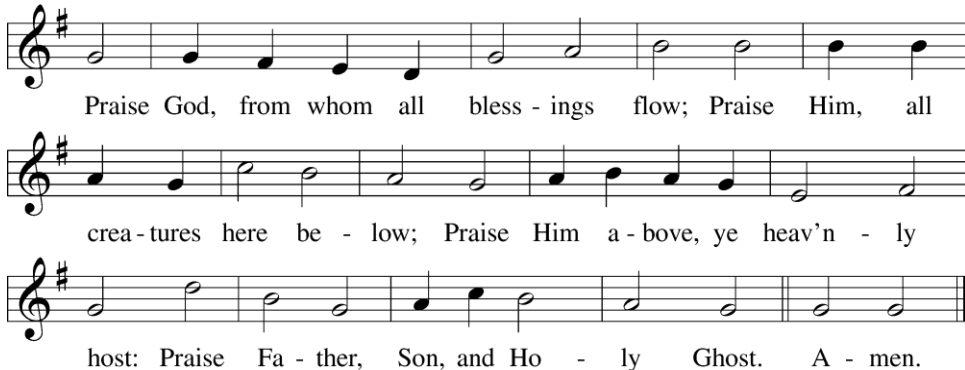
Choir Hymn: "A Benediction"

Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

The Doxology

LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Closing Hymn: 861 **Christ Be My Leader** *(please stand for last verse)*

LSB 861



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not
dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor
fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.
We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.
We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **St. Stephen – West** (Mt. View): **Bible Class – 9am**
10/13/24 **Pastor Luke’s “Farewell” Worship Service – 10am**
“Farewell” Fellowship Meal for Pastor Luke & Jewels – 11:15am

No East Bay Worship

This Week: Mon. – Fri. – **NO School at SSLS** (Fall Break) – **Teachers’ Conf. in MN**
Tuesday – **Pastor Luke and Jewels’ Moving Day**

Next Sunday: **St. Stephen** (Mt. View): **Worship – 10am**
10/20/24 Sermon: Pastor Mark Gullerud – Liturgy: Timothy Blank
Online Worship Services - <https://www.sslcwest.org/worship.html>

In Your Mailboxes – CLC Coordinating Council Fall Meeting Summary
(Copies of the full report are on the table in the entryway)

Farewell Fellowship Meal – After the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall – Please join us
for a farewell fellowship meal for Pastor Luke and Jewels after our worship service today in
celebration of the years that the Lord has given us together.

Pastor Luke & Jewels’ New Address (phone and email will remain the same) –

12145 W Edgerton Ave
Hales Corners, WI 53130

Livestream and archived videos of the worship services at Messiah can be found at their website:
MessiahHalesCorners.com

Pastor Luke’s installation service next Sunday (10/20) will be livestreamed at 10:30am CT.

Call Response from Pastor Hanel –

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Stephen's Lutheran in Mountain View, CA—

After prayerful consideration I am writing to inform you that I am returning the Call you extended to me. The Lord has made it clear to me that my service for Him is not finished at St Matthew in Dallas and through the Southeastern area of Texas. I know the Lord will soon bring his chosen minister to your congregation and look forward to Him doing so. Until then, may the Lord bless you all and may you all continue to entrust all things to the will of the Lord which is always good and right." -Pastor Matthew Hanel

CLC News - Pastor Sam Rodebaugh will be **installed** at St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN on November 10, 2024.

A Report on Hurricane Milton's Aftermath from our CLC Church in Winter Haven, FL

"We basically took a direct hit from Milton in the early hours of the morning. Thankfully, we were mostly spared any major damage. We've heard from most of the Immanuel members, and everyone is doing well - some with power and some without. We never lost power here at the parsonage but the church and teacherage are without power. There are lots of branches down at the parsonage and church, and we did lose the chain link fence on the west side of the church property that separates the playground area from 35th street. But all in all, the damage isn't too bad. We are certainly thankful to the Lord for protecting us. Please keep in your prayers the many folks throughout Florida who are dealing with a much worse situation than we are.

Here are a few pictures of the aftermath of the storm:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sphkrFvL1gbXB7pSQU2vead2L4Z0B448>

Blessings!

-Pastor Rob Sauers – Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL

CLC World Missions Prayer List – October 2024

...pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified... 2 Thessalonians 3:1



Pakistan (South Asia) – Pastor Tim Daub and Missionary Ohlmann will depart Faisalabad, Pakistan, on Tuesday, October 15th. This will be their first face-to-face meeting with Pastor Gill and the group of believers that Pastor Daub has been instructing through online classes for the past few years. Please pray for the Lord's blessings on their travels and meetings as they discuss and proclaim the truths of God's saving Word. Give thanks to our Savior for granting us this opportunity and the technology to spread the truth of His Word in such a manner.

Liberia (West Africa) – Pastor Kwiwalazu is still engaged in doctrinal discussions with a group of independent pastors who have separated from the Methodist Church of Liberia. Pastor Joseph is making plans for a proposed CLC Board of Missions visit in November. Pray for God's blessings and provision for the work of spreading the Gospel in Liberia and for the developing opportunities in Guinea. Ask the Lord to bless the cancer treatments that John Hein is receiving so he can resume his work in Liberia.

India (South Asia) – A joint India Pastoral Conference was held August 20-22 in Chennai, India. Pastors, leaders, and delegates from the CLC-India and the BELC will be in attendance. The CLC also had one Pastor in attendance to represent the CLC. Thank the Lord for this opportunity for Christian fellowship and study of His saving Word. Thank the Lord for His blessings that our CLC representative was able to attend and had no issues with the Hindu nationalist government while he was there.

Bangladesh (South Asia) – Pastor Monotosh reports that the [interim government](#) that was established after violent protests and the resignation of the prime minister has restored peace to the nation. There are still protests going on as a new government is established but they have remained peaceful. Prep work continues for the building project. The Board of Missions has approved an MDF grant to assist with the construction of a multipurpose building that will serve the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) as a Bible Institute to train faithful church workers, a place for worship, and housing for teachers and students. Thank the Lord for His protection of His children during the recent violence and change in government. Ask the Lord to bless this nation with good government so that they can live in peace and continue to spread the Good News of Jesus. Pray also for the building project and that the Lord would move the hearts of His people to give generously for this important work.

Nigeria (West Africa) – The NCLC has been hoping and planning for the construction of a multipurpose building for the seminary for more than twenty-five years. They recently met their fundraising goal for the project and have received approval of the building plans by the local government. They plan to begin working on the foundation by mid-October and hope to have the project completed by March. The CLC Board of Missions has approved an MDF grant to assist with construction costs. The building will have two large classrooms, a library/computer room, and an office for the faculty. For the past several years, they have been using two small dormitory rooms as classrooms. With an increase in enrollment and in anticipation of an even larger enrolment next year, this building is much needed. Ask the Lord to bless this project and to provide necessary funding through the offerings of NCLC members and MDF offerings of CLC members. Thank the Lord for the privilege of working together in this effort to train faithful workers in His Nigerian harvest of souls!

Tanzania (East Africa) – Classes have resumed at the Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary after a three-week break. Eight students are enrolled. Four students are scheduled to graduate at the end of November. Thank the Lord for safe travels and productive visits. Praise God for the privilege of partnering with the TZCLC in training men to be faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving Word. Ask for God's continued blessing, guidance, and provision for Wittenberg Seminary and the work of the TZCLC.

Nepal (South Asia) – Nepal has been hit by unusually heavy rains that have caused flooding and landslides. Many lives have been lost, and several villages have been destroyed. Damage to the roads makes it dangerous to travel and almost impossible to reach many who are affected, including some HCLCN families living in the foothills of the Himalaya. Missionary Ohlmann is scheduled to visit Nepal in December. While in Nepal, he will have the opportunity to teach the fifteen students who attend the Himalayan Lutheran Bible Institute (HLBI). He will also attend and teach at a regional HCLCN pastoral conference following the week of classes at the HLBI. Ask our Savior to keep the sheep of His HCLCN flock safe during these dangerous days and to grant safe travels for the pastors and leaders who attempt to visit and evangelize in dangerous places. Praise the Lord for the fifteen men who have dedicated their time and lives to training for the Gospel ministry. Ask for the Lord's blessings on the upcoming visit and for all the preparations that need to take place.

Myanmar (South Asia) – It's been over three years since the military overthrew Myanmar's democratically elected government, plunging the nation into a devastating civil war. Countless individuals continue to suffer, including farmers who can't grow crops, leading to food shortages and soaring prices. Many members of the CLCM have been forced to flee their homes, seeking safety for their families. To help our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, the CLC Board of Missions has approved Kinship funding for one year. This funding will provide vital humanitarian aid, ensuring access to essentials like food, shelter, and medical care for displaced CLCM members. Please continue to keep our brothers and sisters in Christ in your thoughts and prayers, asking for peace, justice, and relief for all affected by this conflict.

Togo (West Africa) – During Missionary Evensen's absence due to health problems, classes have continued at the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Seminary using the curriculum written by Prof. David Lau and translated by Missionary Evensen. Three students are scheduled to graduate in March. Between now and their graduation/ordination, they will be working to establish preaching stations and congregations to serve once they are finished with their formal training. Pray that our Savior will continue to bless the students as they finish their studies over the next several months. Ask the Lord to guide them as they work to establish new preaching stations where they will proclaim the Good News of sins forgiven in Jesus' saving name!

Kenya (East Africa) – Missionary Naumann was able to visit the pastors and leaders of the Kenya-CLC to discuss the necessary organizational work that will allow the KCLC to more effectively serve the souls of the congregations and to reach out to others with the Good News of Jesus. Pray for the pastors and leaders of the KCLC as they work on church registration issues and continue to serve the Lord.

Uganda (East Africa) – Missionary Naumann spent a few days in Uganda visiting two different groups. One group was accepted into fellowship with the CLC at our June convention. The other group is made of several pastors who withdrew from another Lutheran fellowship and formed a new confessional Lutheran church body. This second group has been in correspondence with Missionary Naumann for the past several months and is beginning the colloquy process. Thank the Lord for granting safe travels for Missionary Naumann and for blessing His Word as it was proclaimed and taught.

The Philippines (Southeast Asia) – Pastor Palangyos has started outreach efforts among the large youth population in Baguio City where he and his family live. There are several colleges and a university in Baguio with Filipino youth coming from several different rural areas to study. His wife Amabel holds a PhD in language and is a professor at the university, which provides an "in" to this Filipino demographic. Outreach also continues in the two rural congregations that Pastor Palangyos serves in the mountains that surround the city. Pray for our Savior's blessings on the outreach efforts of the Lutheran Autonomous Mission in the Philippines (LAMP), both in rural and urban areas.

Missionary Peter Evensen (Togo, West Africa) – Missionary Evensen continues to recover from knee surgery in Spokane, WA. Pray that the specialists there will be able to find the cause and a suitable treatment for the swelling in his right knee and foot so that he can return to work in Togo, West Africa.

Missionary Bruce Naumann (Tanzania-East Africa) – Missionary Naumann used the three-week Tanzania seminary break to make visits to Uganda, Kenya, and parts of Tanzania that he has not yet had the opportunity to visit. You can read his report [HERE](#). Paula was able to return to the U.S. to spend time with family while Missionary Naumann was visiting Uganda, Kenya, and TCLC districts. Praise the Lord for all that is being accomplished by Missionary Naumann, and thank our Savior for granting safe travels for both Bruce and Paula.

Missionary Todd Ohlmann – Missionary Ohlmann, along with Board of Missions member Jeff Radichel, recently visited Pastor Olvera and our sister congregation in Juarez, Mexico. During the last few months of 2024 he will visit Pakistan, Liberia, and Nepal and will help out with CLC vacancy preaching as able. Ask the Lord to bless and provide for all the necessary preparations for these trips to take place. Please continue to pray for his wife, Beth, as she cares for her elderly father, who longs for his heavenly home. You can read reports and see pictures here: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com

Ongoing Opportunities – Please continue to pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, who, by God's grace, are dedicated to proclaiming the truths of God's saving Word for the salvation of souls as they trust the promise of our Savior that His Word will not return to Him void but will accomplish that for which He sent it.

That Your way may be known on earth,
Your salvation among all nations. Psalm 67:2

