



“Here is the  
Lamb of God who  
takes away the  
sin of the world!”

John 1:29, NRSV

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## As We Gather

For centuries the priests of Israel offered sacrifices to God for sin. Over and over blood flowed, testifying that the penalty of sin was death. But over and over a substitute stood in the place of the sinner. Countless animals died under the priestly knife as generations of the faithful brought lamb after lamb to the temple. This week we see the Lamb that God himself was bringing to the temple. This was the Lamb that God himself would sacrifice. In the great act that would remove our condemnation, the Messiah took our sins, stood in our place, and died as the substitute for sinful mankind. This was the fulfillment of the entire sacrificial system. Every lamb and goat and bird pointed to God's Lamb who takes away our sin. The heart that sees his Savior willingly becoming the Lamb cannot help but take this news of salvation to the ends of the earth.

*[Today's hymns are printed on pages 10-13 of the bulletin.]*

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

TLH 134 – Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

#### Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

[Hebrews 10:22]; Psalm 124:8; 32:5

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

**C** **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

**P** Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 40:1-11

**P** I waited patiently for the LORD;

**C** he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**P** He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,

**C** and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

**P** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**C** Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

**P** Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,

**C** who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

**P** You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

**C** I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

**P** In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear.

**C** Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

**P** Then I said, "Behold, I have come;

**C** in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**P** I delight to do your will, O my God;

**C** your law is within my heart."

**P** I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

**C** behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

**P** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**C** **I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

**P** As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me;

**C** **your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!**

## Gloria Patri

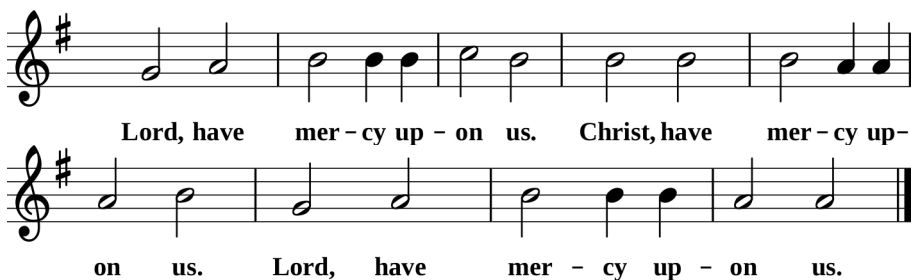
Glory be to the Father



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - ginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be for - ev - er more. A - men.

## Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on High - Hymn 238, st. 1



All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev - er more the Highest One,  
Who doth our sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to

us extend. A-mong man - kind may His good will All  
 hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

## Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...  
 ... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” <sup>4</sup> But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” <sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup> he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”



## Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Alleluia

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



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

## Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

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, died, and was 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 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

TLH 328 – O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” <sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” <sup>35</sup> The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ).



## Behold the Lamb of God

BEHOLD THE  
LAMB *of* GOD

## Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with in me.  
Cast me not a - way from Your pres - ence;  
and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion;  
and uphold me with Your free spir - it. A - men.

## Hymn

TLH 270 – Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

## Offering Hymn

TLH 442 st. 2

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee  
Gladly, freely, of Thine own;  
With the sunshine of Thy goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by Thee, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.

## General Prayer



## The Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Hymn

TLH 652 – I Lay My Sins on Jesus

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# TLH 134 – Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

7. 7. 7. 7. D.

1 Pet. 1: 20

Christopher Wordsworth, 1862

St. George

George J. Elvey, 1858

1 Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme,  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint-ing soul;  
 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;

Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sag - es from a - far,  
 And at Ca - na, Wed-ding-guest, In Thy God-head man-i - fest;  
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
 Christ will then like light-ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;

Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem, In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem.  
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine.  
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring-ing good from ill.  
 All will then the trum-pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;

An-thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.  
 An-thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.  
 An-thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.  
 Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man-i - fest. A-men.

5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
 Mirrored in Thy holy Word;  
 May we imitate Thee now  
 And be pure as pure art Thou  
 That we like to Thee may be  
 At Thy great Epiphany  
 And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
 God in man made manifest.

## TLH 328 – O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art

John 1: 29

O Lämmlein Gottes, Jesu Christ

Bartholomäus Helder, 1646

Tr., August Crull, 1880, alt.

L. M.

Weimar

C. P. Emanuel Bach, 1784

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system has a piano accompaniment line. The third system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 O Je - sus, Lamb of God, Thou art The Life and Com - fort of my heart.  
 2 O God, my sin in - deed is great; I groan be - neath the dreadful weight.  
 3 Saint John the Baptist points to Thee And bids me cast my sin on Thee;  
 4 Help me to mend my ways, O Lord, And glad - ly to o - bey Thy Word.

A sin - ner poor I come to Thee And bring my many sins with me.  
 Be mer - ci - ful to me, I pray; Take guilt and punishment a - way.  
 For Thou hast left Thy throne on high To suffer for the world and die.  
 While here I live, a - bide with me; And when I die, take me to Thee. A - men.

# TLH 270 – Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

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Stuttgart

"Psalmodia Sacra"

Gotha, 1715

John 1: 40

Cecil F. Alexander, 1852

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult Of our life's wild,  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it By the Gal - i -  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the vain world's  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of toil and

rest - less sea, Day by day His sweet voice sound - eth,  
le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and kin - dred,  
gold - en store, From each i - dol that would keep us,  
hours of ease, Still He calls, in cares and plea - sures,

Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low Me."  
Leav - ing all for His dear sake.  
Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love Me more."  
"Chris - tian, love Me more than these." A - men.

5 Jesus calls us; by Thy mercies,  
Savior, makè us hear Thy call;  
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,  
Serve and love Thee best of all.

# TLH 652 - I Lay My Sins on Jesus

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John 1: 29  
Horatius Bonar, 1848

Aurelia  
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot-less Lamb of God;  
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus, All ful-ness dwells in Him;  
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea-ry soul of mine;  
4 I long to be like Je - sus, Meek, lov-ing, low - ly, mild;

He bears them all and frees us From the ac-curs-ed load.  
He heal-eth my dis-eas-es, He doth my soul re-deem.  
His right hand me em-brac-es, I on His breast re-cline.  
I long to be like Je - sus, The Fa-ther's ho-ly Child.

I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim-son stains  
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur-dens and my cares;  
I love the name of Je - sus, Im-man-uel, Christ, the Lord;  
I long to be with Je - sus A - mid the heav'n-ly throng

White in His blood most pre-cious Till not a spot re-mains.  
He from them all re-leas-es, He all my sor-rows shares.  
Like fra-grance on the breez-es His name a-broad is poured.  
To sing with saints His prais-es, To learn the an-gels' song. A-men.

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## ✝ Announcements ✝

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Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

### Upcoming Schedule – Online Calendar @ [FDLutheran.com/calendar](https://FDLutheran.com/calendar)

January 15	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Annual Voters' Meeting
January 22	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Call Meeting (If Necessary)
January 29	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service

**Annual Voters' Meeting:** The Annual Voters' Meeting will be held this morning following the worship service. In addition to the usual reports the following will be on the agenda for next Sunday's Annual Meeting:

1. Elections (3 open positions to fill on council)
2. Setting Luther Memorial 2023 budget
3. Setting estimate for contribution to the CLC Budget (July 2023 - June 2024)
4. Calling a vacancy pastor
5. Setting direction for roof repair/replacement
6. Granting peaceful release to Pastor Sauers

**Contact Information for Pastor Schaller:** If you would like to contact Pastor Andrew Schaller regarding the needs of our congregation, you may reach him at 605-880-7886 or [schtubby@gmail.com](mailto:schtubby@gmail.com) It would be good to do so this week in case his decision will be by next Sunday. (if you were wondering about the different moniker on the e-mail, Pastor Schaller was in seminary with a 6'11" student who was nicknamed "Stretch" next to him Pastor Schaller was "Schtubby"). - Mike Schierenbeck

**Call Meeting:** Pastor Schaller plans to announce his decision on our call next Sunday. In the event that he returns the call, a call meeting is tentatively scheduled for next Sunday following the worship service.

**Parsonage Punch List:** You will find a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for some maintenance items in the parsonage that need to be done before our next pastor arrives. Please sign up for what you are able to do. We hope not to have to hire these items out. Work will begin February 6. Thank you - Mike Schierenbeck

**2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** The application deadline for the 2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal is tomorrow, January 16th. There are still a few open slots available. Find more information and apply at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/2023-nepal>.

**National Women's Retreat (Virtual):** You're Invited! A women's event is planned for two hours on Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Central Time), via Zoom. The event theme is: "Press Pause: Our God in All Seasons." The two hours will include speakers from CLC congregations in a panel session highlighting God's guiding hand across the seasons of life. Breakout groups will be included for discussion and sharing. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause01282023> This is a free event. You can participate from home via Zoom or at church with Gethsemane participants. Not good with Zoom? Not to worry, help is available! Contact Tina Eichstadt ([teichstadt@gmail.com](mailto:teichstadt@gmail.com), 651-398-2386) with questions. See you (virtually) there!

**Ministry by Mail Podcast:** The CLC's weekly sermon publication "Ministry by Mail" provides print sermons by postal mail, email, and online ([www.LutheranSermons.org](http://www.LutheranSermons.org) and on Facebook). Beginning with Advent, we have added audio publication of our sermons with the current sermon uploaded each Saturday. Audio is available on most major podcast providers – Google Podcasts, Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, Spotify, and Anchor.FM. Search "CLC Ministry by Mail" in these services to find us and subscribe to follow. For more information contact Editor Nathan Pfeiffer at [editor@lutheransermons.org](mailto:editor@lutheransermons.org).

**ILC Building Project:** The ILC Building Committee has produced promotional materials for the new ILC Fieldhouse and Fine Arts Center project, which was approved by the 2022 CLC Convention. The Building Committee presentation and brochure are available in our narthex. The PDF presentation can be seen at [www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-pres](http://www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-pres). An impressive video "walk-through" of the future facilities can be seen at [www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-walkthru](http://www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-walkthru). Additional publicity materials will follow, including an online presence and progress reports. Contributions toward this project should be identified as "ILC Building Project."

**CLC Call News:** Pastor Andrew Schaller of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, is still considering the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

<b>Fruits of Faith – January 8, 2023</b>		<b>Attendance: 67</b>	
<b><u>Luther Memorial Church</u></b>		<b><u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u></b>	
<b><i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i></b>		<b><i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i></b>	
\$1,791.00	LM General Budget	\$275.00	CLC General Budget
N/A	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
N/A	-Under / +Over	-\$109.62	-Under / +Over
\$2,849.00	Year to Date Offerings	\$9,275.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
N/A	Year to Date Need	\$10,769.36	Fiscal Year to Date Need
N/A	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$1,494.36	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
<b><i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i></b>		<b><i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i></b>	
	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund
	LM M & I	\$50.00	Mission Development (MDF)
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$35.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage
\$20.00	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund	\$600.00	Miscellaneous





...pray for us, that the word  
of the Lord may run swiftly  
and be glorified...

**2 Thessalonians 3:1**



**Liberia** – Missionary Peter Evensen (resident missionary to Togo) is currently working with Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu as they conduct Bible seminars in Liberia and Guinea. Pastor John Hein (part-time visiting missionary to Liberia) continues cancer treatments and is unable to travel at this time. **Ask the Lord** to bless the treatments that Pastor Hein is receiving along with both strength and healing. **Pray also** for comfort and encouragement for his family and all those he is called to serve both at home and abroad. **Pray** for the Lord's continued blessings on the work of Missionary Evensen and Pastor Kwiwalazu as they teach and train others in the truths revealed in God's word and for the wisdom and provision to conduct the work He has given to all those involved.

**Bangladesh** – Pastor Monotosh continues to spread the Gospel in new areas of Bangladesh. He recently reported that recently one young lady has been baptized and two families have been received into the fellowship of the BLCM after seven months of Bible instruction. Pastor Monotosh also reports that they are completing negotiations on a piece of land upon which they hope to build a multipurpose building that would be used as a church headquarters, worship facility, and Bible School for training pastors and church leaders. The Board of Missions has approved a grant from the Mission Development Fund to assist the BLCM in purchasing land. Once the land is purchased and the building is constructed, this will be a great blessing for the BLCM. Over the past few years, they have had to move several times because of persecution. Missionary Ohlmann is planning a visit to Bangladesh in early May. **Ask the Lord** to continue to bless both the preaching and hearing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the BLCM. **Pray for the Lord's wisdom and provision** as the BLCM finalizes plans for the purchase of land and the construction of a building.

**Tanzania** – The students at the Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary in Arusha are scheduled to return to classes on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. They will have five students from Tanzania along with two students from the Kenya-CLC enrolled in the three-year seminary course. Three additional students will be enrolled in the one-year pre-seminary/evangelism course. The

pre-seminary students will spend one-year studying basic theology, Bible History, Evangelism, and English. At the conclusion of the pre-seminary year of classes, the faculty will evaluate each student. Some students will receive an Evangelist certificate and be assigned to a congregation. Students who demonstrate the necessary gifts and commitment will move on to the three-year seminary program to prepare for ordination and a call into the pastoral ministry. **Ask for the Lord's blessings** on these students and those called to teach and train them.

**Tanzania Missionary – Pastor Bruce Naumann** has been led to accept the divine call to serve as a resident Missionary to Tanzania. His primary responsibility will be assisting the TZ-CLC as they continue to develop the Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary. He will be teaching several classes and helping to develop seminary curriculum that will be used for years to come to train faithful pastors and leaders. Missionary Naumann will be commissioned in mid-March and is planning to take up residence in Tanzania by the last week of late March. This will give him a couple of weeks to get settled before second-semester classes begin shortly after the Easter break. Following a one-month furlough in the U.S. this summer he will be joined by his wife Paula when he returns to Tanzania in August in time for the beginning of the third semester. **Thank the Lord** for providing a faithful servant to take up this important work of training more workers for the harvest fields of East Africa and his faithful and willing wife! **Ask for the Lord's** blessings and wisdom as Missionary Naumann and Paula make final preparations to take up this new calling.

**Nepal** – Pastor Raju recently reported that classes at the Himalayan Bible Institute have resumed with ten students in attendance. **Thank the Lord** for these students who are dedicated to learning and teaching God's word so that others may be led to repent of their sins and rejoice in faith that their sins are forgiven and that they have a home in heaven.

**Mexico** – Pastor Olvera's son was recently hospitalized and underwent emergency surgery for intestinal blockage. The surgery was successful and he has returned home. The CLC Board of Missions and Kinship Committee were able to provide a medical aid grant to assist with the hospital and medical. It has been a few years since a visit has been made to our brothers and sisters in Mexico. Missionary Ohlmann is planning a visit sometime in 2023. **Thank the Lord** for His love, protection, and provision in caring for Pastor Olvera's son. **Ask the Lord** to continue to bless Pastor Olvera's efforts to proclaim the Gospel in Mexico and to train others to join him in this work.

**The Philippines** – Pastor Jordan Palangyos has completed the first introductory Online Theological Study course based on the CLC Statement of Faith and Purpose. Missionary Ohlmann and Pastor Rob Sauers (Bd of Missions member) are planning an initial face-to-face visit in late April. **Pray** that the Lord would continue to bless this correspondence and that it will lead to a God-pleasing unity of faith and teaching. **Ask the Lord** to provide opportunities and all that is necessary for Pastor Jordan to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!

**Zambia** – While Missionary Ohlmann was in Zambia in December, an organizational meeting was held with representatives from the three areas of Zambia where the CLC has been actively involved for several years. This meeting was scheduled to take place a few years but was postponed due to the pandemic. Pastors from the northern Copperbelt District (near the DR Congo border), the Lusaka District, and the Livingstone District in the south (near the Zimbabwe border) met and discussed the progress on registration of the ZCLC and officially elected District Leaders. They also discussed plans for ongoing quarterly Pastoral Training Seminars. They plan to meet again in March to finalize plans and distribute registration certificates. This is a big and important step forward for the work in Zambia. **Thank the Lord** for His blessings on these efforts to organize the work of the ZCLC in a decent and orderly way. Pastor Ibrahim reports several new contacts and a few prospective students for the Martin Luther Bible School. **Pray that the Lord** would grant Pastor Ibrahim an extra measure of wisdom as he continues to lead and organize the work of the ZCLC. **Thank the Lord** for the opportunity to be a part of these efforts to faithfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus in Zambia.

**Kenya** –The CLC Bd of Missions (BoM) recently began sending the MDF Grant funds that were approved to assist with much-needed classroom repairs and construction at both schools. **Give thanks to the Lord** for the privilege of assisting our brothers and sisters in Christ in the training of so many young souls through the two schools that are supported through Kinship. **Pray for the Lord's continued blessings** upon the teachers, students, and staffs of St. David's Kinship School and Emmaus Millimani School as they grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

**India** – After many years of faithful and dedicated service to the many sheep of our Savior's CLC-India flock, the Lord recently called His servant V.S. Benjamin to his eternal rest. **Pray that the Lord will continue** to provide hope, comfort, courage, and joy to the many who loved and appreciated this faithful servant of Christ as they mourn.

**Pakistan** – Pastor Tim Daub continues to teach online video Bible lessons to a group of Christians who are eager to start a Lutheran church in Pakistan. The Board of Missions has authorized Missionary Ohlmann to accompany Pastor Daub on a visit to Pakistan when the time comes. **Pray that the Lord will continue to bless** the teaching and learning of His word. **Thank our Savior** for this opportunity and the technology to proclaim the truth of His word in such a way.

**Myanmar** – Our brothers and sisters in Christ in Myanmar, especially in Chin State continue to struggle under the harsh rule of the military Junta that has brought much pain, suffering, economic hardship, and uncertainty. Recent reports indicate that more than two million people have been displaced since the military coup in February of 2021. **Pray** for justice and peace for all the people of Myanmar. **Pray** especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ that the Lord will grant them strength, courage, and boldness during these difficult times and that He will provide for their needs.

**D.R. Congo** – Missionary Ohlmann was able to spend a few weeks in the DRC this past November and December visiting congregations and conducting Bible training seminars. He also spent one week teaching fifteen students at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Bible School. Much progress has been made on the Bible School facilities and ten of the fifteen students are preparing to graduate in the Fall of 2023. Missionaries Evensen and Ohlmann are planning to be on hand to hear each student deliver the oral defense of their doctrinal thesis' in the Fall. **Ask for the Lord's continued blessings** on the training of pastors and spreading the truth of God's word in D.R. Congo.

**Upcoming Missionary Visits** – Missionary Ohlmann recently returned from an eight-week visit to Africa where he visited and worked with pastors and leaders in Nigeria, DR Congo, Tanzania, and Zambia. He will return to Africa in February to attend and host the West Africa CLC Pastoral Conference in Lomé, Togo. Pastors from Togo, Nigeria, Benin, Ghana, and Liberia will spend three days growing in their understanding of God's word and encouraging one another in the work that the Lord has blessed them with. In late March he will travel to Tanzania to be on hand to help introduce and install Missionary Bruce Naumann and to help him get accustomed to and settled in. In April Missionary Ohlmann is scheduled to spend time in the Philippines, Tokyo, and Bangladesh. He'll then be back in the States for a couple of months before the Mission Helper Trip to Nepal in July. **Pray** for the Lord's blessings on the preparation for these trips and that the Lord will provide safe and uneventful travel. Ask for the Lord to be with, protect, and provide for Missionary Ohlmann's family while he is away. **Thank the Lord** for His faithfulness in blessing the truths of His saving Word that are taught throughout the world!

**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***

