

I have fought
the good fight,
I have finished
the race,
I have kept
the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7

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As We Gather

“How can you be so sure?” That is the question we may find ourselves asking when we read the confidence expressed by Paul in today’s Epistle: “There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness” (2 Timothy 4:8); “The Lord stood by me and strengthened me. . . . I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. . . . The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom” (2 Timothy 4:17–18a). “Paul, how can you be so sure?” Today’s service will help us to see that Paul’s certainty was not based upon his strength of faith or his works of ministry; no, it was based solely on God’s faithfulness to him in Jesus Christ, the Crucified! Through His Word and Spirit, God provides such confidence and certainty to us also as we gather in His presence and are received by Him as members of His heavenly kingdom. “To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen” (2 Timothy 4:18b).

[Today’s hymns are printed on pages 9-12 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 38 – The Lord, My God, be Praised

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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.

C **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 on 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. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

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

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You
 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At
 heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship
 bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
 God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the
 You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
 God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
 Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the
 might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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

Genesis 4:1-15

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." ⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 5

P Give ear to my words, O LORD;

C consider my groaning.

P Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God,

C for to you do I pray.

P O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;

C in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

P For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;

C evil may not dwell with you.

- P** The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
- C** **you hate all evildoers.**
- P** You destroy those who speak lies;
- C** **the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**
- P** But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.
- C** **I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.**
- P** Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;
- C** **make your way straight before me.**
- P** For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction;
- C** **their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.**
- P** Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels;
- C** **because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.**
- P** But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy,
- C** **and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.**
- P** For you bless the righteous, O LORD;
- C** **you cover him with favor as with a shield.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-17

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” ¹⁵ Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

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! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. 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 526 – In God, My Faithful God



Sermon Text

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶ For I am already poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. ¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.



Sermon

The Time is Short

- I. Look to the End of Life with Confidence
- II. Share God's Word While There is Still Time

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. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

TLH 447 – Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might

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 462 – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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TLH 38 – The Lord, My God, be Praised

Deut. 32 : 3

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Gelobet sei der Herr

Johann Olearius, 1671

Tr., August Crull, †1923, alt.

Nun danket alle Gott

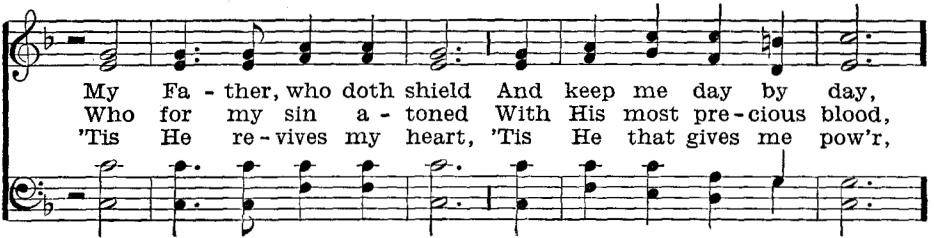
Johann Crüger, 1648



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My Light, my Life from heav - en;
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My Trust, my Life from heav - en,
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My Hope, my Life from heav - en,



My Mak - er, who to me Hath soul and bod - y giv - en;
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en;
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me hath giv - en.



My Fa - ther, who doth shield And keep me day by day,
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood,
'Tis He re - vives my heart, 'Tis He that gives me pow'r,



Doth make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
Who giv - eth me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour. A - men.

4 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My God, whoever liveth,
To whom the heavenly host
All praise and honor giveth.
The Lord, my God, be praised,
In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Ghost.

5 To Him with joyful song
Our praises we are bringing
And with the angel throng
Thrice "Holy" we are singing.
With one united voice
The Church doth Him adore.
The Lord, my God, be praised
Now and forevermore.

TLH 526 – In God, My Faithful God

Ps. 7: 1

Auf meinen lieben Gott

Sigismund Weingartner, 1607, asc.

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt

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Auf meinen lieben Gott

"Deutsche Lieder"

Nürnberg, 1574

1 In God, my faith-ful God, I trust when dark my road;
2 My sins as-sail me sore, But I de-spair no more.
3 If death my por-tion be, Then death is gain to me

Tho' man-y woes o'er-take me, Yet He will not for-sake me.
I build on Christ, who loves me; From this Rock noth-ing moves me.
And Christ my Life for-ev-er, From whom death can-not sev-er.

His love it is doth send them And, when 'tis best, will er-d them.
To Him I all sur-ren-der, To Him, my soul's De-fend-er.
Come when it may, He'll shield me, To Him I whol-ly yield me. A-men.

4 O Jesus Christ, my Lord,
So meek in deed and word,
Thou once didst die to save us
Because Thy love would have us
Be heirs of heavenly gladness
When ends this life of sadness.

5 "So be it," then I say
With all my heart each day.
We, too, dear Lord, adore Thee,
We sing for joy before Thee.
Guide us while here we wander
Until we praise Thee yonder.

TLH 447 – Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might

L. M.

Mendon

1 Tim. 6: 12

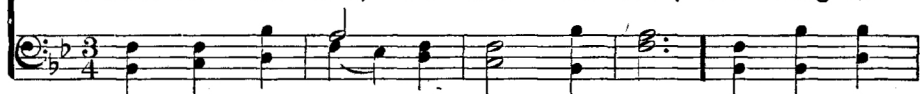
German melody

John S. B. Monsell, 1868

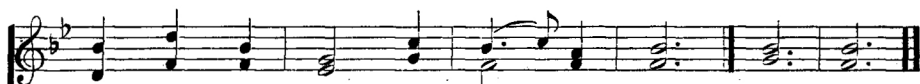
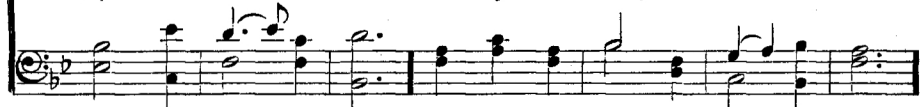
Arr. by Samuel Dyer, 1888



1 Fight the good fight With all thy might; Christ is thy
2 Run the straight race Thro' God's good grace; Lift up thine
3 Cast care a - side; Up - on thy Guide Lean, and His
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang-eth



Strength and Christ thy Right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be
eyes and seek His face. Life with its way be - fore us lies;
mer - cy will pro - vide; Lean, and the trust - ing soul shall prove
not, and thou art dear. On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see



Thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
Christ is the Path and Christ the Prize.
Christ is its Life and Christ its Love.
That Christ is All in all to thee. A - men.



TLH 462 – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Ps. 137
Timothy Dwight, 1800, ab., alt.

S. M.

St. Thomas
Aaron Williams, 1770

1 I love Thy king - dom, Lord, The house of Thine a - bode,
2 I love Thy Church, O God. Her walls be - fore Thee stand,
3 Should I with scoff - ers join Her al - tars to a - buse?

The Church our blest Re-deem-er saved With His own pre-cious blood.
Dear as the ap - ple of Thine eye And grav-en on Thy hand.
No! Bet - ter far my tongue were dumb, My hand its skill should lose. A-men.

4 For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be given
Till toils and cares shall end.

5 Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

6 Jesus, Thou Friend Divine,
Our Savior and our King,
Thy hand from every snare and foe
Shall great deliverance bring.

7 Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heaven.

✝ Announcements ✝

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

October 23	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
October 25	6:30 pm	Elders
October 26	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship (Sunday Repeat)
October 27	10:00 am	Bible Class
October 30	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	4:00 pm	Joint Reformation Service
	5:00 pm	Fellowship Meal
November 1	6:30 pm	School Committee
November 2	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship (Sunday Repeat)
November 3	10:00 am	Bible Class
November 6	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

Property Needs: There are several needs currently for our church property. We may need to hire out the work on the trees. In that case, any references would be helpful. If you can help, please contact Tyler Kern at 920-266-9366 or tyler@kernhome.org

1. Branches need to be trimmed away from the roof at the parsonage
2. Dead tree needs to be taken down in yard of 146 teacherage
3. Dead tree needs to be removed by backstop

Joint Reformation Service: Luther Memorial is hosting the area Joint Reformation Service on Sunday, October 30 at 4:00 pm. A fellowship meal will follow the service.

Advent by Candlelight: Ladies, we're planning, once again, on hosting Advent by Candlelight for our area CLC congregations on December 11. Check back for more details in the coming weeks.

2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip: Applications are being accepted for the 2023 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

CLC Call News: Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN, has received the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA.

Fruits of Faith – Week of October 16		Attendance: Sun – 63 Wed – 3	
<u>Luther Memorial Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>		<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>	
\$3,607.00	LM General Budget	\$770.00	CLC General Budget
\$2,923.08	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
\$683.92	-Under / +Over	\$385.38	-Under / +Over
\$110,525.61	Year to Date Offerings	\$5,185.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$122,769.36	Year to Date Need	\$6,153.92	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$12,243.75	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$968.92	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>	
\$100.00	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund
\$100.00	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund
\$100.00	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund
\$125.00	LM M & I		Mission Development (MDF)
\$110.00	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$50.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous



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



Liberia/Pastor John Hein - our part-time visiting missionary to Liberia, has been diagnosed with some very serious health issues. **Pray** that the Lord will provide complete healing through the medical treatments that he will undergo. **Thank our Savior** for His perfect love and the power of His Holy Word to strengthen, encourage, and comfort Pastor Hein, his wife Janelle, his children and friends, and all those he has been called to serve in the U.S. and Liberia. **Ask the Lord**, that during these uncertain times, He would send an extra measure of His Holy Spirit to encourage and comfort with the Good News of our Savior's cross and the empty tomb where He demonstrated His sure and certain love and plans for His children.

Kenya – The Kinship supported school in Etago recently lost a few teachers and their school headmaster, who had been serving in that capacity for twelve years. **Ask the Lord** to provide new and faithful teachers and leaders for the school and to grant wisdom and faithfulness to the leaders of the Kenya-CLC during these challenging times. The CLC Bd of Missions (BoM) recently approved MDF grants to do some 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 training so many young souls through the two schools 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.

Zambia – The Zambia-CLC has recently faced some troubles with other ministries in the Livingstone area who are jealous of the ZCLC outreach efforts with the Mission Helpers this past July. False reports were filed with the government about the registration of the Z-CLC and Pastor Ibrahim's immigration status. These issues are being worked through by Pastor Ibrahim and the leaders of the ZCLC. 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 patience and wisdom as he continues to confront those who wish him and the ministry harm. **Thank the Lord** for the opportunity to be a part of these efforts to faithfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus in Zambia.

Nepal – The heavy rains have again caused damage to parts of Nepal where the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession is at work spreading the Gospel. No church buildings were de-

stroyed, but road damage and infrastructure have made travel and outreach efforts difficult in recent weeks. Pastor Raju reports that things are being cleaned up and repaired and expects things to be back to normal soon. **Thank the Lord** for His many and continued blessings on the evangelism efforts of the HCLC-Nepal and the work of training more faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving word to take the Gospel to the unreached areas of this predominantly Hindu/Buddhist nation.

Togo/Missionary Evensen – Missionary Evensen returned to Togo in late August. He continues teaching pastoral training classes at the Bible School along with translation (French) and editing courses and lessons for the Online Theological Studies website. He recently finished the colloquy correspondence with Pastor Jacques Pondi Lumiangu in Kinshasa, DR Congo. He will meet Missionary Ohlmann in Kinshasa on November 1st to finish this long-awaited colloquy. The main congregation in Lomé is facing some challenges with their land and church building and is being forced to relocate. The CLC BoM recently approved an MDF grant to purchase a small piece of land so they can build a church. This will allow the congregation and Bible School to have a permanent location rather than face the uncertainty of leasing land. **Pray** for the Lord's continued blessings on Evensen's labors to teach God's word as he trains more faithful preachers, teachers, and church leaders in Togo and other French-speaking countries. **Thank the Lord** for His provision of suitable land to build and church and Bible School to teach and preach God's saving word!

India – Leaders of the BELC and CLCI both continue to report many opportunities to proclaim the Gospel, even amid the ongoing threats and dangers of persecution in this Hindu-dominated nation. The Board of Missions continues to consider ways to schedule a visit. **Pray that the Lord will continue** to grant boldness, confidence, love, and wisdom to His faithful servants as they unashamedly preach Christ crucified in this predominantly Hindu nation. **Pray also for the teachers and students** of CLCI seminary and the BELC Bible Institute that many more men will be equipped to preach and teach God's saving word.

Tanzania – The Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary students in Arusha are scheduled to complete their first-year pre-seminary course at the end of November. During this pre-seminary year of instruction, they have studied basic theology, Bible History, and English. The faculty will evaluate each student at the conclusion of this pre-seminary year of classes. 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. In November, Pastor Paul Nolting is scheduled to spend a couple of weeks in Tanzania teaching in the seminary. Missionary Ohlmann will be spending three weeks in Tanzania in November. **Ask for the Lord's blessings** on these students and those called to teach and train them. **Pray that the Lord** would grant safe and uneventful travel for Pastor Nolting and His bless-

ings on the lessons he will teach.

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.

Nigeria – Classes continue with six students at Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in Efa, Nigeria. The CLC Board of Missions has recently approved and sent an MDF grant for repairs and improvements to the seminary classrooms, library, office, and dormitories. Missionary Ohlmann will be visiting Nigeria in October and bringing nearly fifty books for the seminary library to replace those damaged and destroyed by water damage due to roof damage. **Ask the Lord** to provide the necessary wisdom and resources for the proposed projects. **Pray also** for the Lord's continued blessings on training pastors and preaching the Gospel in Nigeria.

Bangladesh – Pastor Monotosh continues to spread the Gospel in new areas of Bangladesh. He recently reported that several adults, children, and infants were baptized and received into membership of the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM). The Board of Missions recently approved a grant from the Mission Development Fund to assist the BLCM in purchasing a piece of land where they would eventually construct a building that would be used for a church headquarters, worship facility, and Bible School for training pastors and church leaders. Over the past few years, they have had to move several times because of persecution. **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** in their search and plans for a permanent building to conduct the work He has given to the BLCM.

Myanmar – Our brothers and sisters in Christ in Myanmar, especially in Chin State, continue to struggle under the harsh rule of the military Junta, which 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 – Due to the pandemic, it has been a couple of years since the pastors and leaders of the CCLC have gathered for their annual conference. They are planning a conference and pastoral training seminar during the three weeks when Missionary Ohlmann will visit in early December. The conference will be held at the recently built CCLC headquarters and seminary building in the southern part of the DRC. Forty pastors, evangelists, and leaders will attend this four-day conference. An

MDF grant provides the finances for travel and meals for the conference. **Ask for the Lord's blessings** on this conference and safe travels for all those who will travel long and difficult roads to attend.

The Philippines – Correspondence continues with an independent Lutheran pastor in the Philippines. This Pastor recently completed the first introductory Online Theological Study based on the CLC Statement of Faith and Purpose. Missionary Ohlmann and a Board of Missions member are planning an initial face-to-face visit. **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 all that is necessary for Pastor Jordan to continue proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Upcoming Missionary Visits – On Monday, October 24th. Missionary Ohlmann will leave for an eight-week visitation trip to Africa. He will spend time in Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, and Zambia. He will return a few days before Christmas. In early 2023 he is tentatively planning visits to Kenya, Nepal, Bangladesh, the Philippines, and possibly Myanmar. **Pray** for the Lord's blessings this last week of preparation 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 taught throughout the world!

Mexico – It has been a few years since a visit was made to our brothers and sisters in Mexico. Missionary Ohlmann is hoping to find a Spanish speaker to accompany him on a visit sometime in 2023. **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.

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



