

Whoever  
loses his  
life for my  
sake will  
*Find it.*

Matthew 10:39, ESV

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## As We Gather

Peace in our time would be a wonderful thing to experience, as countless things in life are anything but peaceful. From our stresses and circumstances to the sins that surround us and others, can peace ever be attained? It is not from lack of trying. Politicians attempt to create and even make promises of peace, relationships that were strained can become mended, and turmoil can be overcome at times. But does it last? We know in this world it doesn't, but there is a peace that does last. Jeremiah is inspired to speak of false peace among his people, but only the Lord can truly bring it. As the Paul writes about the anything- but-peaceful lives of sin, we are reminded of peace that only comes from God's forgiveness in Christ. Even as Jesus speaks of the sword He comes to bring, it doesn't bring "peace on earth." As we hear God's Word, may we be drawn today and always to a peace that is beyond our understanding come by and through Christ's victory for us as we await eternal joys in Him.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

421 – Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

#### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

#### Opening Sentences

Matthew 10:39-40

**P** Our Savior Jesus Christ speaks in today's Gospel, "He who finds his life will lose it,

**C** and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

**P** "He who receives you receives Me,

**C** and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

#### Confession and Absolution

Matthew 16:24; 22:37; Mark 12:30-31

**P** You call us, Lord, to follow, and, as we follow, to "love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

**C** We confess that we have put love for other things above You in our hearts, souls, and minds.

- P** You call us, Lord, to follow, and, as we follow, to “love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself.”
- C** **We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserves Your present and eternal punishment.**
- P** You call us, Lord, to follow, and tell us, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”
- C** **We have often failed to take up Christ’s cross in our daily living, our witnessing, and our resisting of temptation.**
- P** As we follow in repentance and humbleness,
- C** **for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 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

Jeremiah 28:5-9

<sup>5</sup> Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! The LORD do so; the

LORD perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the LORD's house and all who were carried away captive, from Babylon to this place. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: <sup>8</sup> The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries and great kingdoms—of war and disaster and pestilence. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known as one whom the LORD has truly sent."

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:153-160

- P** Consider my affliction and deliver me,
- C For I do not forget Your law.**
- P** Plead my cause and redeem me;
- C Revive me according to Your word.**
- P** Salvation is far from the wicked,
- C For they do not seek Your statutes.**
- P** Great are Your tender mercies, O LORD;
- C Revive me according to Your judgments.**
- P** Many are my persecutors and my enemies,
- C Yet I do not turn from Your testimonies.**
- P** I see the treacherous, and am disgusted,
- C Because they do not keep Your word.**
- P** Consider how I love Your precepts;
- C Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.**
- P** The entirety of Your word is truth,
- C And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.**

## Epistle Reading

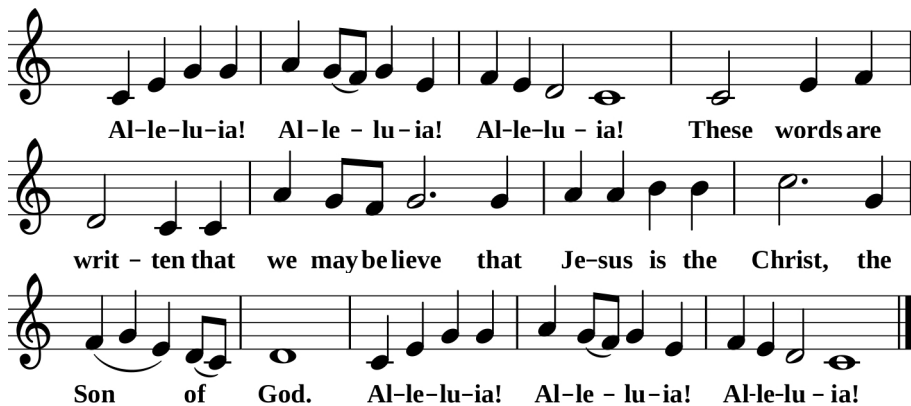
Romans 7:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup> For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. <sup>3</sup> So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. <sup>5</sup> For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. <sup>6</sup> But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and

not in the oldness of the letter. <sup>7</sup> What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not covet.” <sup>8</sup> But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. <sup>9</sup> I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. <sup>10</sup> And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. <sup>11</sup> For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. <sup>12</sup> Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. <sup>13</sup> Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.

## Alleluia

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



## ✠ The Baptism of Isaac Karl Sauers ✠

Parents: Pastor Rob & Kate Sauers

Sponsors: Steve & Annette Kuehne

## Hymn

753 – Let the Children Come to Me

*Flute: Ella Bernthal Violin: Grant Bernthal*

## Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn

409 – Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

## Sermon Text

Matthew 10:34-42

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; <sup>36</sup> and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ <sup>37</sup> He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup> And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup> He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. <sup>40</sup> “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. <sup>41</sup> He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. <sup>42</sup> And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”



*Sermon*

## The Sword and the Cross

## 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.

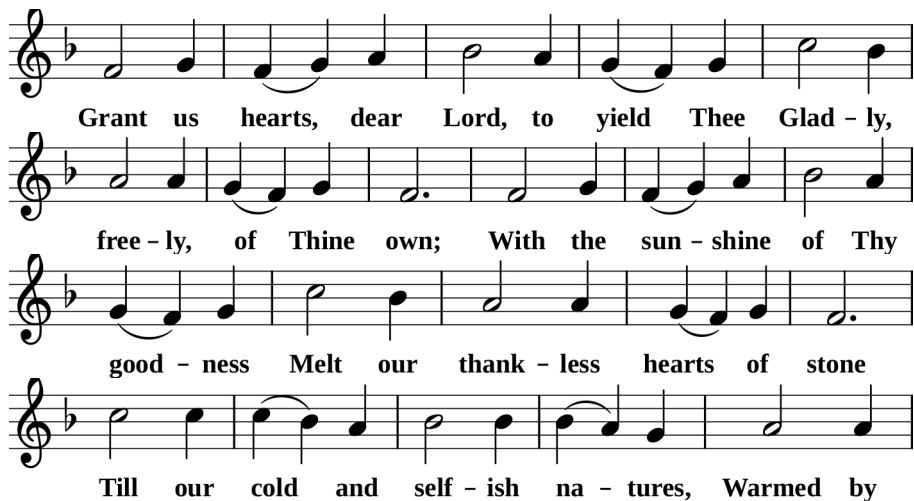
## Hymn

423 (1-3, 6) – Jesus, I My Cross have Taken

## Offering

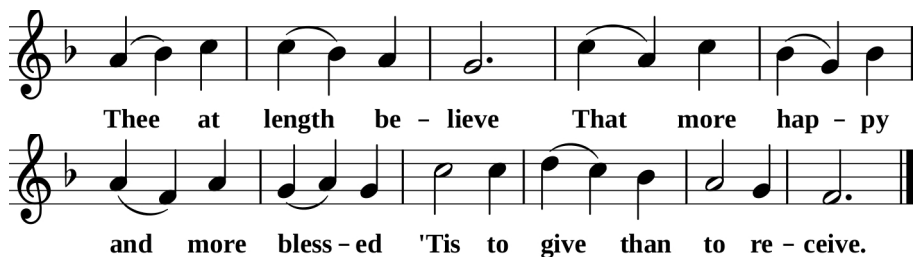
### Offering Hymn

442 (2)



Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Glad - ly,  
free - ly, of Thine own; With the sun - shine of Thy  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by





## 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.

## ✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...  
...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



## Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and  
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -  
san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Words of Institution

### Peace of the Lord

Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** Amen.

## Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose  
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -



## Distribution

*Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!*

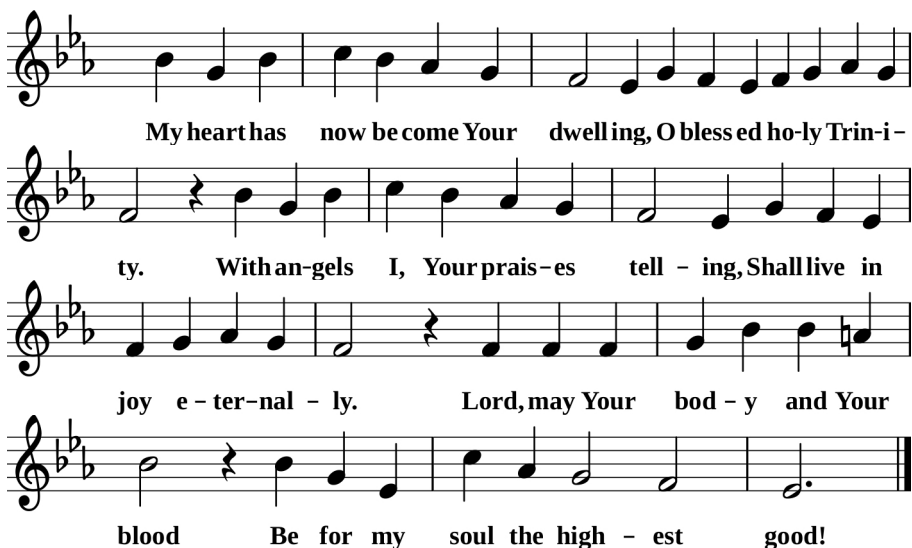
## O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Nunc Dimittis

O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly  
 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the  
 peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing  
 Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -  
 grace: A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly  
 One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er  
 hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your  
 be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through  
 cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 all e - ter - ni - ty.

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving



My heart has now be come Your dwell ing, O bless ed ho-ly Trin-i-  
ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in  
joy e - ter-nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your  
blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## 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

261 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

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## ✝ Announcements ✝

Upcoming Schedule		
July 2	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Fellowship Meal
	12:30 pm	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
July 9	8:00 am	Divine Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Divine Service (Winter Haven)
July 10-14	9 am – 11:30 am	Vacation Bible School
July 16	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Divine Service

**Born Again:** We rejoice that Isaac Karl Sauers has been born again through Holy Baptism and has become a child of God. We pray that Isaac will grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and be a faithful witness to Christ in all that he does.

**VBS:** We are excited to announce our Vacation Bible School for 2023! This year's theme is "Thus Says the LORD: Prophets of the True God." We will explore the accounts of some of the prophets in the Bible and learn how they spoke God's truth to a world in need. We'll also have plenty of time to play games, make crafts, and sing songs. VBS will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM on July 10-14. Children grades 4K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade are welcome to attend. We are also looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, such as teaching, leading activities, helping with crafts, and providing snacks. Please speak with Pastor Sauers if you are able to help out.

**Man Up! Weekend:** The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org). and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

**CLC News:** Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley has called Levi Schaller to be Part-Time Kindergarten teacher in their school. <> Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran in Bismarck, ND is considering the call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor.

Fruits of Faith	June 25, 2023	Orlando: 26	WH: 10
Immanuel Home		\$557.35	
Missions		\$5.00	
Tuition Grant		\$5.00	
Spokesman		\$70.00	
Total		\$637.35	

**✝ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✝**

July 3 - July 8

**Monday: Matthew 5:13-16** – When God made us His children in Christ, he gave us not only a position as His own, but also a function, namely to benefit others, like salt and light do, and to bring them to see the glory of our heavenly Father in Jesus Christ.

**Tuesday: Acts 4:1-4** – The Sadducee rulers did not believe in a resurrection from the dead. When they learned that Peter and John were proclaiming that Jesus was risen from the dead, they tried to stop them. Nevertheless the light had shined, and many of those who heard the message believed.

**Wednesday: Acts 4:5-12** – Through Peter and John, the Lord had healed a man lame from birth (Ac 3). But when they explained that it was Jesus by whom the man was healed, they were called before the rulers. There the Spirit filled Peter, so that he testified that both healing and salvation are found in Christ.

**Thursday: Isaiah 65:17-19** – The Lord’s kingdom, in it’s coming, would bring joy and gladness. Even the memory of sadness would not be found in the new Jerusalem, for the Lord would remember their sins no longer. Instead He would rejoice over His people, and weeping would not be heard again.

**Friday: Isaiah 65:24-25** – When the Lord rules, He answers even before His children call, and He hears their every cry! Such a peace with God He has created in Christ that we can scarce imagine, like wolves and lions who are no danger to a lamb, and a deadly serpent who is no danger to us.

**Saturday: John 4:39-42** – The woman of Sychar let the light of Jesus’ words to her shine among her fellow Samaritans. The result was that many came to Him, heard His word for themselves, and now glorified Him as the true Savior of the world!



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



**The Philippines** (Southeast Asia) – Pastor Andrew Schaller (CLC Bd of Doctrine Secretary) has been appointed to represent the CLC in working with Missionary Ohlmann to conduct a colloquy with Pastor Jordan Palangyos of the Lutheran Autonomous Mission in the Philippines (LAMP). The colloquy will be conducted through email correspondence. Following a few months of correspondence, Pastor Schaller and Missionary Ohlmann will travel to the Philippines to conduct an in-person review. If all goes well and there is a unity of doctrine between the CLC and the LAMP, a recommendation for a declaration of fellowship will be made to President Wilke. All of this follows more than three years of correspondence and a successful Board of Missions visitation this past April. **Pray** that the Lord will bless the colloquy and that this 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 continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!

**CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal** (Southeast Asia) – The 2023 CLC Mission Helpers to Nepal departed for Nepal on Monday, June 26th. They arrived in the early morning hours of Wednesday the 28th. They began their work among the villages and congregations of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal. They will be proclaiming God's saving word to an estimated 1500 children. Some of these children will be members Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession (HCLCN) congregations, but most are not. For many of the children, this will be the first time they have heard a clear and Biblical presentation of the Good News of Jesus Christ as the one who died and rose from the dead for their sins! **Please pray** that the Lord would give love, compassion, patience, wisdom, and safety to the Mission Helpers and to those they go to serve. **Pray also** for the pastors and church leaders who have spent much time and effort preparing for this Gospel outreach opportunity. You can follow along at: [2023clcmhntnepal.blogspot.com](https://2023clcmhntnepal.blogspot.com)

**Missionary Bruce Naumann** (Tanzania-East Africa) – Missionary Naumann is finishing his first stint in Tanzania and will return to the U.S. for one month in early July. He and his wife Paula will return to Tanzania in early August for the beginning of the next semester at the Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary. You can keep updated on things happening in Tanzania on his blog at: [clc-tz.blogspot.com](https://clc-tz.blogspot.com) **Ask for the Lord's blessings** on his travels home, the time he spends with family, and safe travels for him and Paula as they make their way to Tanzania in August.

**Missionary Peter Evensen** (Togo-West Africa) – Missionary Evensen returned to the U.S. for a one-month furlough. He attended the CLC Pastor Conference in Eau Claire and will spend the next few weeks visiting friends and family. He is scheduled to return to his work in Togo in late July. **Thank the Lord** for his safe travel to the U.S., and **ask for our Savior's blessings** on this time of rest.

**Uganda** (East Africa) – With the recent declaration of Fellowship with Pastor Daniel Mugeni and the congregation he serves, Kinship, through individual sponsors, has begun to provide support for the orphans and children in need that Pastor Daniel and his wife Ida care for. **Thank the Lord** for this opportunity to serve Him by serving these orphans and children in need. **Pray** for the Lord's provision and blessings that these children may continue to be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

**Myanmar** (Southeast Asia) – For the past two years since the military coup d'état, Myanmar has been struggling under the harsh rule of the military Junta. This has brought much pain, suffering, economic hardship, and uncertainty. Our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CLC-Myanmar (CLCM) in rural Chin State are struggling to provide for their families. Recent reports indicate that more than two million people have been displaced since the military coup in February of 2021. **Continue to 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, comfort, courage, and boldness during these difficult times and that He will provide for all their needs. **Thank the Lord** for moving the hearts of His children to give generously to the needs of others through their offerings and prayers.

**India** (Southeast Asia) – Immanuel Lutheran Seminary of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLCI) graduated seventeen men on June 15<sup>th</sup>. **These graduates** have all successfully completed four years of Biblical seminary training. They will be assigned to both newly established and existing CLCI congregations. Seventeen students graduate from the seminary each year; most go on to serve new congregations. Kinship sponsorship allows these men to continue supporting their families while at the seminary. **Thank the Lord** for these new, faithful, and well-trained pastors, and **ask the Lord to bless** their preaching and teaching of His saving Word.

**Kenya** (East Africa) – The CLC Bd of Missions (BoM) recently sent MDF Grant funds to assist with much-needed classroom repairs and new building construction at the Kinship-supported schools in Etago and Moi's Bridge. Construction is almost complete, and the buildings are already being put to good use. Missionary Bruce Naumann recently had the opportunity to visit these two schools. Pastors Mike Gurath and Del Maas are planning to visit Kenya later this summer. **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. **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. **Ask the Lord** to bless the trip preparations for Pastors Gurath and Maas.

**Missionary Ohlman** – is scheduled to preach and present for a couple of stateside Misison Festivals and attend Board of Missions meetings and the South East Pastoral Conference after he returns from the Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. He is scheduled to travel overseas most of October, November, and December with visits to West, Central, and East Africa. There is also a possibility that he will be able to visit Thailand and/or Laos. **Pray for** all that is necessary for these trips to be planned and take place. **Ask for the Lord's blessing** on the D.R. Congo visa application and approval process again this year. **Ask the Lord** to keep his wife Beth and their family safe and provided for while he is away. **Pray for** the Lord's love, wisdom, patience, and zeal during these visits that His name be glorified as the truth of His word his proclaimed and pastors are trained. You can read his blog at: [missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com](http://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

