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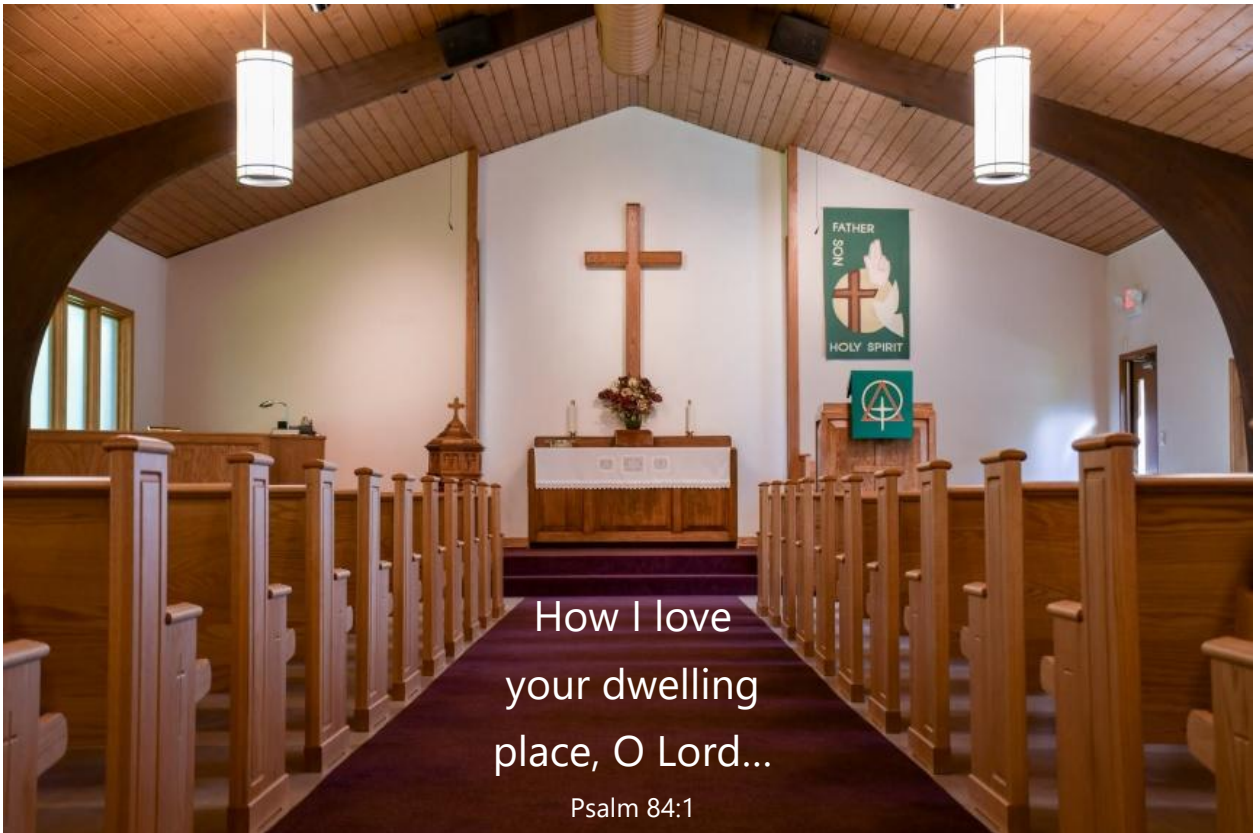
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July 20, 2025

Pentecost 6



How I love
your dwelling
place, O Lord...

Psalms 84:1

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.

If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 84 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: *"God is Here! As We Your People"*

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1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
4 Lord of all, of Church and king - dom, in an



of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
life - long need of grace. Here are ta - ble,
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here, as bread and
age of change and doubt, keep us faith - ful



full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
Here, in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here, in
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive; we who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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1 Co 12:4-11; Phm 6; 2 Co 4:2; 3 Jn 3,4

Invocation

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

P In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:5, 7-9)

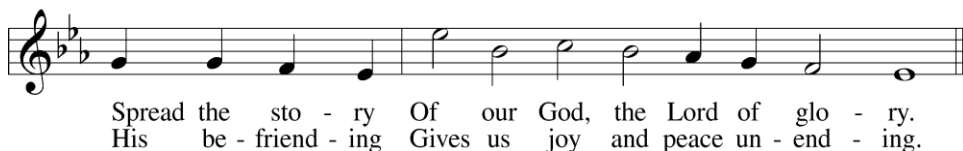
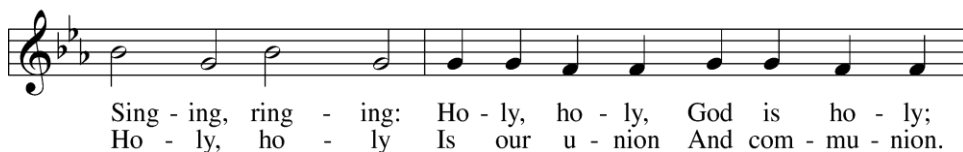
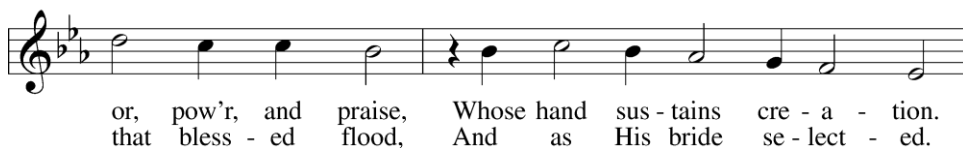
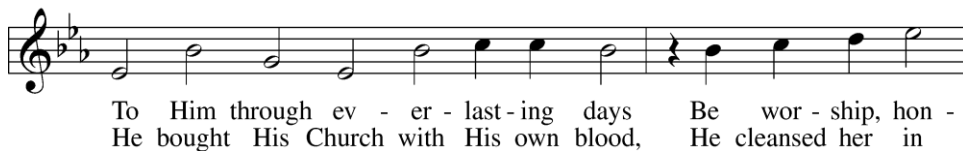
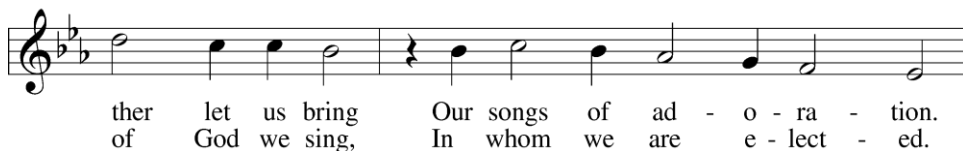
P Let us pray...

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**

We confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the joy and peace of forgiveness, let us praise to the Lord...

"Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" LSB 822 v. 1-2



Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

O Lord, we love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare our hearts to worship and confess Your holy name. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

First Reading

Hebrews 10:23-25 (EHV)

²³ Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.

²⁴ Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. ²⁵ Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Antiphonal Psalm – Psalm 84 v. 1-2a, 8-9, 10-11 (Worship Supplement – p. 38)

HOW LOVELY IS YOUR TABERNACLE

Antiphon



Psalm Tone



How lovely is Your tabernacle, O ¹LORD of hosts!*

My soul longs, yes, even faints

For the courts of the LORD;

O LORD God of hosts, ¹hear my prayer;*

Give ear, O God of ¹Jacob!

O God, be¹hold our shield,*

And look upon the face of Your a¹nointed.

Antiphon

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For a day in Your courts*
 Is better than a thousand.
 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God*
 Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
 For the LORD God is a sun and shield;*
 The LORD will give grace and glory;
 No good thing will He withhold*
 From those who walk uprightly.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30 (EHV)

P The Gospel reading is from Matthew 11:25-30.

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

²⁵ At that time, Jesus continued, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. ²⁷ Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring” LSB 822 v. 3-4



3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -
4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -
ly Ghost we sing; For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!
The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -
the Bride-groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

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

W.S. p. 15

**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 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: 699 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

LSB 699

Sermon Text: Psalm 84:1-4; 7-12 (EHV)

¹ How I love your dwelling place, O Lord of Armies.

² My soul grows weak and even wastes away,
as I long for the courtyards of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow has found a nest for herself,
where she may place her young near your altars,
O Lord of Armies, my King and my God.

⁴ How blessed are those who live in your house.
They are always praising you.

... ⁷ They go from strength to strength. Each one will appear before God in Zion.

⁸ O Lord, God of Armies, hear my prayer.
Give ear, O God of Jacob.

⁹ Look upon our Shield, O God.
Look with favor on the face of your Anointed One.

¹⁰ Yes, one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather wait at the doorway of the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹¹ For the Lord is a sun and shield.
God gives grace and glory.

The Lord does not withhold any good thing
from those who walk with integrity.

¹² O Lord of Armies, how blessed is everyone who trusts in you.

Sermon Theme: What a Beautiful House!

- † What makes our "house of the LORD" truly beautiful?
- † What are some of the blessing we receive when we come to the "**dwelling place**" of the LORD in worship?
- † What are some of the blessings we can give when we come to the "**dwelling place**" of the LORD in worship?

Offertory

LSB 956

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 Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

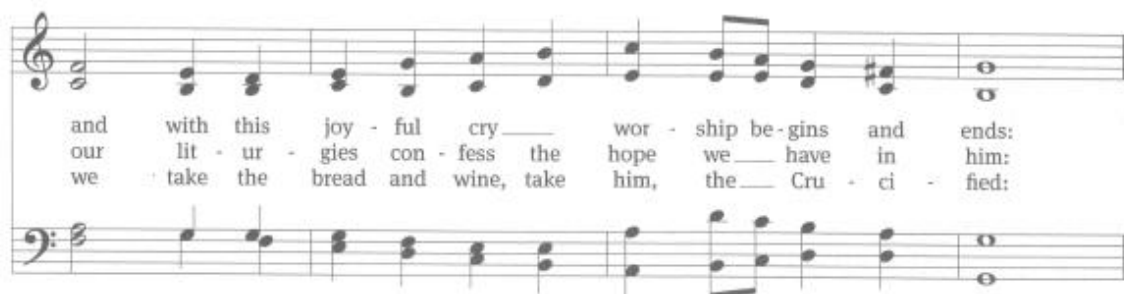
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Sermon Hymn: "This is the Threefold Truth"

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1 This is the three - fold truth on which our faith de - pends;
2 Long used by saints of old, new - mint - ed for our time,
3 On this we fix our minds as, kneel - ing side by side,



and with this joy - ful cry — wor - ship be - gins and ends:
our lit - ur - gies con - fess the hope we — have in him:
we take the bread and wine, take him, the — Cru - ci - fied:

Refrain



Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

4 By this we are upheld
when doubt or grief assails
our Christian faith and love,
and only grace avails:

5 This is the threefold truth
which, if we hold it fast,
changes the world and us
and brings us home at last:

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Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Prayer of the Church *We bring our prayers to God.*

Lord's Prayer

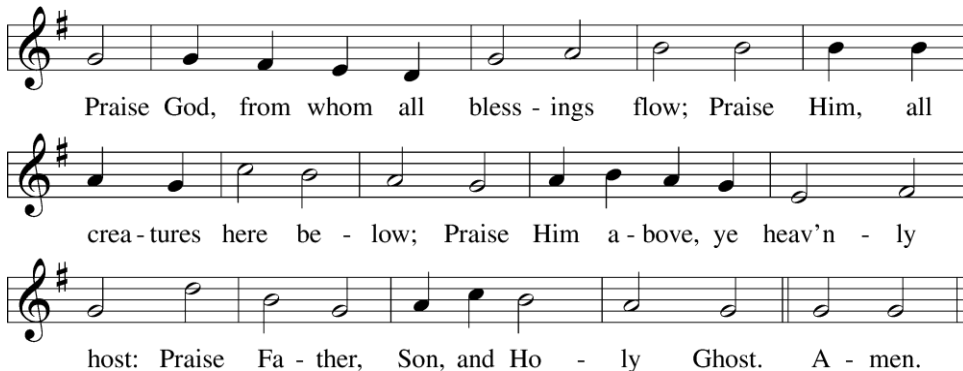
☩ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

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

P 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: 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You... *(please stand for last verse)*

Announcements



Welcome! We welcome all our visitors this morning.
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today: **Worship – 9am**
7/20/25

This week: Tuesday – **Worship Service at New Perspective** (Franklin) – **11am**
Wednesday – **Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm** (Zoom & In-Person)

Church Cleaning: Team #7 (7/19-7/25); Team #8 (7/26-8/1)

Next Sunday: **Worship – 9am**
7/27/25 **Annual Voter's Meeting – 10:15am**



VBS Highlights – Check out our Messiah Facebook page for highlights from our Vacation Bible School: <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahHalesCorners>

Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30pm – Please make plans to join us either in-person or online via Zoom for our Wednesday Evening Bible Class. We are studying selected Psalms. To join online please click on Pastor Luke's Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8729663333>

Annual Voters' Meeting with Elections – NEXT Sunday at 10:15am – A reminder that our annual voters' meeting with elections will be held after worship **next Sunday (7/27) at 10:15am**. Printed copies of the reports and agenda are in your mailboxes, or on the counter in the church hallway. Voters' please plan to attend and participate in this important meeting regarding the work of our congregation and school. The congregation is invited to attend the meeting as well.



Lawn Mowing Sign-Up Sheet – We are in need of volunteers each week to help with the lawn mowing on the church property. Please sign the sheet on the cupboard in the church hallway. If you'd like more information please speak with James Schaser, Board of Property Chairman. Please join us in helping keep our property beautiful this summer, to the glory of the Lord!

Pastoral "Get to Know Each Other" Visits / Pastor Luke's Contact Info – I hope to finish up my "face to face" visits with each of our members by the end of the summer. These include a short devotion and some time to get to know each other. Pastor's Contact Info:

Email: LBernthal@messiahhc.org ☎ Cell: **402-389-2147** ☎ Church Office: **414-427-9337**

CLC Call News - Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has **received** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Kathleen Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has **returned** the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI.

CLC World Missions Prayer List – July 2025

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



Bangladesh (South Asia) – Due to Islamic festivals in Bangladesh, which is predominantly Muslim, and the annual monsoon season, the BLCM building project experienced delays as workers took time off, and the rains continue to impact working conditions. Despite these challenges, progress has been made. The Board of Missions has sent the first three installments of an MDF grant to support this project. The plan is to distribute the remaining funds over the next few months to complete Phase One. Contributions to the MDF will help complete phase one of the project and continue supporting other MDF projects worldwide. This multipurpose building will serve God's Kingdom as a Bible Institute for training faithful church workers, a place for worship, and housing for teachers and students. Fourteen men are ready to begin pastoral training once the building is completed. Please continue to pray for the success of this building project and that the Lord would move the hearts of His people to give generously for this important work, so the project can stay on schedule.

Nepal (South Asia) – Fifteen men will finish their Himalayan Bible Institute studies in the coming months, with a graduation planned for October. Missionary Ohlmann hopes to be there for the graduation. Eight CLC Mission Helpers to Nepal returned home safely on July 11th. While in Nepal, they traveled and hiked to twelve different HCLCN congregations and preaching stations, where they had the privilege of working with Pastor Raju and his brother, Rajan, to teach the Good News of Jesus to over 1,300 children! Ask for the Lord's blessings on the last few months of Bible instruction for the HBI students. Thank the Lord for blessing the 2025 Mission Helper Trip and ask for His blessings on the Gospel "seed" that was planted!

The Philippines (Southeast Asia) – Pastor Palangyos has started remodeling a new worship and Bible training facility that his sister donated to the LAMP. One of the two LAMP congregations has recently experienced significant growth with new members, increased attendance, and baptisms. Please pray for the LAMP outreach efforts so that more people may repent of their sins and rejoice in the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Thank the Lord for recent growth and ask for His blessings on these new members. Pray that the Lord provides everything necessary to complete the new worship and training facility.

Tanzania (East Africa) — Missionary Naumann has identified several essential improvements needed for the seminary facilities. These include replacing the seminary door, which has deteriorated due to rainfall, and installing an overhanging roof to safeguard the new door and prevent water from entering classrooms, completing two small instructor offices, and office furniture. Completion of these projects is dependent upon sufficient support from MDF offerings. Following Pastor Lengutai's retirement, the

TZCLC has appointed Pastor Tobias Mbise as his successor on the seminary faculty. Pray for the seminary students as they continue to prepare for service in our Savior's kingdom as faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving Word. As for the Lord's continued blessings and provision for the instructors, Missionary Naumann, Pastor Loskira, Pastor Issangya, and the newly appointed Pastor Mbise.

Nigeria (West Africa) – With an MDF grant and local offerings, the Nigeria-CLC continues to make progress in constructing a new multipurpose building for the seminary. Upon completion, the building will feature new classrooms, a library/computer room, and an office for faculty. Missionary Ohlmann plans to visit the NCLC in November for the dedication. Ask the Lord to continue to bless this project and thank Him for providing the funding through the NCLC 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!

DR Congo (Central Africa) – Violence in the DRC continues to be a concern as the M23 militia has pushed into areas of the country where the CCLC is active. Recent peace negotiations and ceasefires have been consistently violated by the militias. Because of these issues, a planned visit by Missionaries Evensen and Ohlmann has been temporarily postponed until security improves. Pastor Yumba, who serves the CCLC, reports that the seminary students of Holy Trinity Lutheran Seminary are completing their vicarages. A graduation and ordination, when it is safe for Missionaries Evensen and Ohlmann to visit, is being planned. Thank the Lord for the diligent study and faithful teaching of God's Word over the past several years at the Holy Trinity Seminary. Ask for the Lord's continued blessings on the students as they finish their vicarage assignments. Pray that the Lord will bring peace and an end to the greed and violence that have been such a terrible part of the DR Congo's history.

Togo (West Africa) – Three students are in their final year at Mount Horeb Lutheran Seminary, with graduation tentatively scheduled for November. One of the students has started a preaching station in his home and is actively inviting people to attend. Pastor Kossi Blewu has been conducting a Gospel outreach radio program in a town located about 30 minutes away from the seminary. If the Lord blesses this effort to establish a preaching station, one of the graduates from the seminary will be called to serve there. Please pray for these students as they complete their studies and ask the Lord to bless their efforts in establishing preaching stations and congregations so that the truth of His saving word may be proclaimed for the salvation of Togolese souls.

Liberia (West Africa) – Due to serious health issues and the complications of the necessary treatments, Pastor John Hein has resigned his call as the part-time visiting missionary to Liberia. The Board of Missions has assigned visiting, correspondence, and oversight duties to Missionary Ohlmann. Thank the Lord for Pastor Hein's faithful service to his call and for the many blessings experienced by both Pastor Hein and the members of the Liberia-CLC. Ask the Lord to grant patience and wisdom to Missionary Ohlmann and those he is now working with in Liberia as they make plans to continue the Gospel outreach work.

India (South Asia) – Seventeen students graduated and were ordained as CLCI pastors in late June. These men successfully completed three years of full-time theological studies at the CLCI seminary and will now be assigned to new and established CLCI congregations. A joint pastoral conference of the CLCI and BELC is tentatively being planned for October to coincide with Missionary Ohlmann's planned visit. Please pray that the Lord will protect, support, and strengthen the faith of His children in India, especially amid the increasing persecution against Christians. Also, ask the Lord to bless the new pastors of CLCI and the preparations for the upcoming pastoral conference in October.

Myanmar (South Asia) – The [civil war in Myanmar continues](#) with no end in sight, causing much suffering for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Thankfully, we have been able to provide minimal humanitarian assistance through Kinship. With so much damage done to the infrastructure, consistent electricity is scarce. The orphanage has been relying on a generator for a couple of hours each evening for light and to pump water. The generator is now beyond repair. Kinship has provided a grant to help them purchase a new generator for the orphanage. Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers, asking for peace, justice, and relief for all affected by this conflict. Thank the Lord for providing a new generator through the offerings to Kinship.

Missionary Peter Evensen (Togo, West Africa) – Missionary Evensen returned to Togo following a furlough in the U.S. Classes have resumed at the Mt. Horeb seminary as the students are on schedule to graduate and be ordained in November. Pray for the Lord's continued blessing on Missionary Evensen's work to prepare faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving word.

Missionary Bruce Naumann (Tanzania-East Africa) – Missionary Naumann and Paula have returned to Tanzania following a furlough in the U.S. Classes have resumed at the seminary, and outreach visits to the Ruvu District are being planned. Their 2-year resident status will soon be up for review. Pastor Issangya continues to work on the TZCLC government registration. You can follow Missionary Naumann's blog at <https://clc-tz.blogspot.com/>. Pray for the Lord's blessings and provision in the resident status renewal for Missionary Bruce and Paula Naumann, and for the church registration process.

Missionary Todd Ohlmann – Missionary Ohlmann has been granted a 5-year visa to visit India again, after it was revoked five years ago. Praise the Lord! He recently returned from a successful Mission Helper Trip to Nepal, and in August, he will travel to Zambia. In September, he is scheduled to attend the CLC Board of Missions meetings. In October, he plans to visit Nepal and India, with trips to Togo, Liberia, and Nigeria tentatively scheduled for November and December. Pray for God's blessing and provision on the necessary arrangements for these trips, and for his wife, Beth, as she cares for her elderly father, who is longing 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 sends it.

Bible Readings:	
7/20	Num. 22:21-41 Psalm 21 John 7:25-36
7/21	Num. 23:1-26 Psalm 22 John 7:37-53
7/22	Num. 23:27-24:9 Psalm 23 John 8:1-11
7/23	Num. 24:10-25 Psalm 24 John 8:12-30
7/24	Num. 25 Psalm 25 John 8:31-47
7/25	Num. 26:1-5 Psalm 26 John 8:48-59
7/26	Num. 26:26-51 Psalm 27 John 9:1-23



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July Ushers	Cleaning Team 7/26-8/1
Dave Albrecht James Schaser Owen Albrecht	<u>Team 8</u> K/B Ackerman C. Reim A. Albrecht J/A Bailey
July Slideshow Eric Williams	

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$6,945.00	\$431,868.17
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,571.29	\$462,849.66
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$1,626.29)	(\$30,981.49)
Missions:	\$25.00	\$2,930.00
ILC Building Fund:	\$55.00	\$2,679.75
Kinship*:	\$75.45	\$4,087.41
MBF:	\$60.00	\$160.00

*VBS Offerings

Attendance Last Sun. (7/13): 155

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