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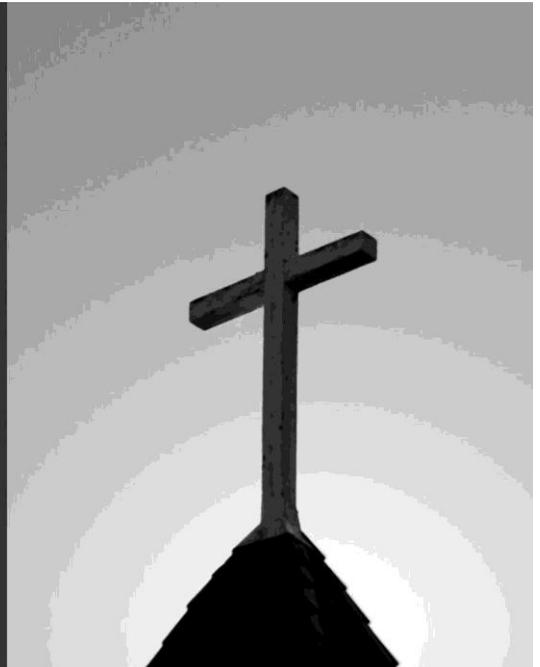
March 15, 2026

Lent 4

PEOPLE OF THE PASSION: DAVID

"...I will establish the throne of his
kingdom forever."

2 Samuel 7:13



✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 42-43 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 903 *This is the Day the Lord Has Made*

LSB 903

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.

G 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.

G **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.

G **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...

G **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.

With repentant hearts we sing to the Lord...

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” *LSB 451 v. 1*

1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.

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Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may wholeheartedly acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience. 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

Acts 2:22-36 (NKJV)

²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—²³ Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to

death; ²⁴ whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning Him:

‘I foresaw the LORD always before my face,
For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.
²⁶ Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad;
Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.
²⁷ For You will not leave my soul in Hades,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’

²⁹ “Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, ³¹ he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

³³ Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

³⁴ “For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

‘The LORD said to my Lord,
“Sit at My right hand,
³⁵ Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” ’

³⁶ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:41-46 (NKJV)

P The Gospel reading is from Matthew 22:41-46.

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

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “*The Son of David.*”

⁴³ He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying:

⁴⁴ ‘The LORD said to my Lord,
“Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool” ’ ?

⁴⁵ If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" *LSB 451 v. 4*

4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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

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G 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: 425 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

LSB 425

Sermon Text: 2 Samuel 7:8-16 (EHV)

⁸You are also to say the following to my servant David.

This is what the LORD of Armies says. I took you from the pasture, from following sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel. ⁹I have been with you wherever you went. I have cut off all your enemies from before you. I will make your reputation great, like that of the great ones on the earth. ¹⁰I will set up a place for my people Israel, and I will plant them there. They will dwell there, and they will not be disturbed again. Violent men will not afflict them again as they did at the beginning ¹¹and ever since the day I appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies.

The LORD also declares to you that the LORD himself will make a house for you. ¹²When your days are complete and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up after you your seed, who will come from your own body. I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he sins, I will discipline him with a rod used by men and with blows of the sons of men. ¹⁵My faithful mercy will not depart from him as I removed it from Saul, whom I removed to make room for you. ¹⁶Your house will stand firm, and your kingdom will endure forever before you. Your throne will be established forever.

**Sermon Theme: Old Testament “People of the Passion” –
David**

† Why might David be considered Jesus’ most famous ancestor?

† What incredible prophecies about the Christ did God inspire David to write?
(see Psalm 22)

† If Jesus is sinless, how do the words of David's prophecy in **v. 14** apply to Jesus?

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: 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398

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

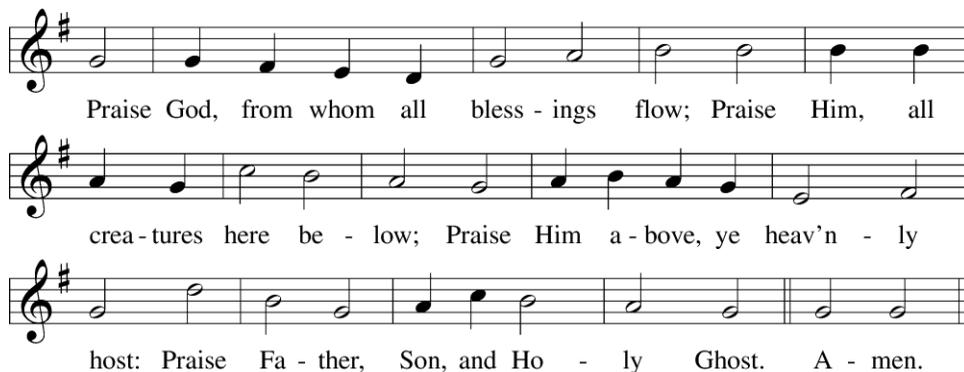
- ☐ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

- ☐ 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: 549 v. 1, 4-7 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *(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:
3/15/26

Choir Practice – 8am

Worship – 9am

****No Sunday School**** (Grade School Basketball Tourney / Spring Break)

Bible Class – 10:15am

This week:

Mon. – Fri. – **No School at Messiah Lutheran School** (Spring Break)

Tuesday – **Elders Meeting – 7pm**

Wednesday – **Wednesday Lent Worship #4 – 6:30pm**

Preaching: **Pastor Andrew Schaller** – Luther Memorial,
Fond du Lac, WI

Theme: “Return from False Witness”

Church Cleaning: Team #1 (3/14-3/20); Team #2 (3/21-3/27)

Next Sunday: **Choir – 8am**
3/22/26 **Worship – 9am**
Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am

Messiah Call News –

Dear Members of Messiah,

I have been extended a call from Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, Wyoming on March 8, 2026, to serve as teacher and principal of their school. Please keep me in your prayers as I consider the calls before me. I ask for any comments or insights as I deliberate with God's help.

Your Brother in Christ,

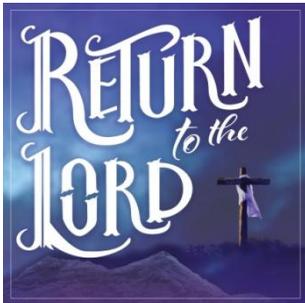
Levi Schaller

No Sunday School Today, Sunday 3/15 – Because many of our students, parents, and Sunday School teachers will be gone for the Grade School Basketball Tournaments and Messiah's Spring Break, there will be no Sunday School today. Everyone is invited to join us for Bible Class in the Sanctuary after the worship service this Sunday at 10:15am.



America Fair Displays – The congregation is invited to check out the students' America Fair displays from this past week. The displays are set up in the upper grade classroom and in the hallway near the kindergarten room.

Wednesday Lent Worship Services / Preaching Schedule (2/18 – 3/25) @ 6:30pm



Please make plans to join us for our Wednesday Lent worship services **at 6:30pm**. The theme of our Wednesday Lent series this year is **"Return to the Lord."** The theme comes from Joel 2:13 "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster" (Joel 2:13). God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares. During this season of Lent, we will consider this theme "Return to the Lord," and examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him" (Joel 2:14). →

Each sermon in this series focuses on a particular event in the Passion, with a special focus on the people involved in the event. We pray that by studying the events and people of various parts of Jesus' Passion this helps us to see how we too have turned away from the Lord, and to reinforce and rejoice in God's call for us to return to Him with all our heart.

Preaching at Messiah This Wednesday:

✝ **March 18th – “Return from False Witness”– Pastor Andy Schaller**

(Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI)

✝ **March 25th – “Return to the Kingdom of God” – Pastor Luke Bernthal**

CLC Financial Report - February 2026

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 8 Months	Balance 2/28/2026
General Fund	0	776,079	814,057	843,400	(37,978)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,337,504	1,109,755	1,183,360	227,749
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	26,291	30,499		94,935
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	464,389	340		2,530,762
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	210,260	166,301		192,361
Kinship	169,472	160,334	146,281		183,525
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	636,735	635,316		2,505,215
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	130,883	181,101		51,471
EduK8 Fund	70,311	55,646	30,000		95,957
Reserve Fund	103,629	2,639	0		106,268
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$1,687,177	\$1,189,838		\$5,760,494

General Fund – The General Fund fell behind in February and now sits at about (\$38,000), which is about \$20,000 less than last year.

ILC Operations – February resulted in revenue slightly larger than expenses, increasing the balance to about \$227,000.

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue consists of regular monthly payments received from congregations on loans they owe the CLC and a lump-sum payoff of one loan for a total of about \$406,000. Revenue also includes \$230,000 from increases in the market value of the investments. Disbursements include \$559,000 loaned to a member congregation for their building project and the \$40,000 payoff of an individual CEF loan.

Other Auxiliary Funds – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer - Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

CLC World Missions Prayer List – March 2026

Bangladesh (South Asia) – The February 12th elections were mostly peaceful, and pre-election violence has subsided. Christians are praying that the newly elected Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) majority government and upcoming constitutional reforms will provide protection for minorities, including Christians. Construction on the [multipurpose building](#) is almost finished. The Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) has already begun using the building as construction continues. Plans are underway to conduct a pastor and church leader training seminar there in April, and the building will be dedicated to our Savior's service later this year. Pray that the Lord provides good government that will be a blessing to the citizens of Bangladesh. Thank the Lord for His provision and blessings on the new BLCM building and for the preaching and teaching of God's saving Word that will take place there.

Pakistan (Asia) – Pastor Tim Daub has been conducting online training and Bible studies with a group in Faisalabad for the past few years. A congregation has been established and now meets weekly for worship. Pastor Daub and Missionary Ohlmann made their first [face-to-face visit in January](#), and the visit went very well. A recommendation to begin the more in-depth colloquy process was made to President Wilke, who will now assign a CLC representative to oversee the colloquy. A second visit is planned for early 2027. Thank the Lord for safe travel and a positive, productive visit. Ask the Lord for His continued blessings on the preaching and teaching of His saving Word in this predominantly Muslim nation.

The Philippines (Southeast Asia) – Mr. Joel Krafft, CLC Board of Missions chairman, and Missionary Ohlmann visited the Lutheran Autonomous Mission in the Philippines (LAMP). They conducted a two-day seminar and Sunday worship service at one LAMP congregation in Delles and visited two preaching stations. Follow-up outreach seminars are planned for both preaching stations at the end of March and again in April. Pray that the Lord blesses these outreach efforts so that more people may join us in repenting of our sins and rejoicing in the forgiveness we have through faith in Jesus Christ. Thank the Lord for recent growth and ask for His blessings on these new members. Pray also that the Lord provides everything necessary to complete the new worship and training facility.

Nepal (South Asia) – Following the Gen-Z protests last fall that led to the resignation of the prime minister and dissolution of the government, peaceful elections were held on March 5. [The newly elected government](#), which ran on a secular, anti-corruption platform, won an overwhelming majority over the Hindu nationalist party. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are cautiously optimistic as they pray and trust in God's protection and blessings. Due to security concerns leading up to the elections, the Himalayan Bible Institute (HBI) delayed the start of classes until April. A new cohort of 15 students is planned. Ask the Lord to bless the new HBI students and teachers and pray that He provides a stable and good government that will be a blessing to the citizens of Nepal and to the Gospel ministry of the HCLCN.

India (South Asia) – Classes continue at the BELC Bible Institute with twenty-seven students and the CLCI seminary with fifty-one students. The CLCI will graduate seventeen seminary students in May or June. Please pray that the Lord will protect, provide, strengthen, and give hope to His children in India through the Gospel ministry of the BELC and CLCI.

Liberia (West Africa) – A regular schedule of Bible training seminars continues for pastors and church leaders across several regions of Liberia. Missionary Ohlmann [visited for two weeks in November](#). Together with Pastor Kwiwalazu, he conducted a pastor training seminar in Bopolu with 18 pastors and church leaders. Thank the Lord for the ongoing Biblical training and outreach and ask for His continued blessings on the work in Liberia.

Nigeria (West Africa) – [The NCLC](#) is planning its 50th-anniversary celebration in April. CLC President Mike Wilke and his wife Gloria, along with CLC Board of Missions Chairman Mr. Joel Krafft and Missionary Ohlmann are scheduled to travel to Nigeria May 20–28 to celebrate with them. During the visit, the [new academic building](#) will also be dedicated. Ask the Lord to bless the new building, the travel plans, and the up-coming conference, and thank Him for 50 years of cooperation in training faithful workers for His Nigerian harvest.

Togo (West Africa) – Pastor Kossi Blewu, Missionary Evensen, and [recent seminary graduates](#) continue outreach efforts aimed at starting new congregations. Pastor Blewu conducts a weekly Gospel radio program in Assahoun, a town about 30 minutes from the seminary. Following the broadcasts, people have been calling to attend services. One graduate will be called to begin a congregation there.

Myanmar (South Asia) – The [civil war continues](#) with no end in sight. Nearly 90,000 people have been killed in the conflict. Pastor Kham reports that the military junta continues nightly raids on homes and public spaces to forcibly conscript young men, and now older men as well. Ransoms are no longer accepted due to the junta's urgent need for soldiers. The orphan boys cared for by Pastor Kham and his wife remain in hiding, as military checkpoints are widespread, even near schools. Pray for peace, justice, and relief for all affected by this conflict.

Tanzania (East Africa) — The [Tanzania Church of the Lutheran Confession](#) is seeking renewal of its government registration. Officials have requested a name change to distinguish it from other Lutheran churches in Tanzania. The chosen name is Augsburg Evangelical Church in Tanzania (AECT). Pray for success in this process so the church may exercise public fellowship without hindrance. Like so many other places around the world, several congregations are in need of permanent places of worship. Twelve students are enrolled in the seminary this year. Ask the Lord to bless their studies as they grow in grace and knowledge of Scripture. Pray for the Lord's provision in providing places to worship.

Kenya (East Africa) – Several pastors and congregations have expressed interest in fellowship with the Kenya-CLC. Nearly 300 students at St. David's, Etago, and Emmaus in Moi's Bridge receive Bible and Catechism instruction. Pray for continued growth, unity, and faithful Gospel proclamation as new congregations are established.

Uganda (East Africa) – Missionary Naumann recently visited pastors and church leaders of the Confessional Church of the Reformation in Uganda (CCCRU). Ask the Lord to grant the five pastors, their families, and those they serve good health, daily bread, and zeal for spreading His true Word.

DR Congo-CCLC (Central Africa) – Seminary students have completed their vicarages. Final exams, graduation, and ordination are scheduled for April during a visit by Missionaries Evensen and Ohlmann. Thank the Lord for faithful teaching over the past several years, and pray for His blessings on these students as they prepare to serve in the public ministry.

DR Congo-ECLSAFA (Central Africa) – Pastor Jacques Pondi Lumiangu has scheduled several outreach seminars in early 2026. The congregation faces challenges securing a rental worship space and fully supporting their pastor. Pray that God abundantly provides for the needs of ECLSAFA Congo and blesses their outreach efforts.

CLC Mission Helper Trip – Nine volunteers and three team leaders are making plans to travel to Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia to help our brothers and sisters in Christ spread the Gospel. They will divide into three teams and conduct child-evangelism and outreach seminars. Pray that all goes smoothly as airfare is arranged, lessons are prepared, and in-country preparations begin. Thank the Lord for this opportunity and for those who volunteer their time and resources for this important work!

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.

Missionary Peter Evensen (Togo, West Africa) – Since the Mt. Horeb Seminary graduation in early December, Missionary Evensen has been working to edit and improve the French translations of the [Online Theological Studies](#) curriculum for the next cohort of students. He will join Missionary Ohlmann on a visit to the DR Congo in late April. Pray for his continued health as his right knee, which was operated on over a year ago in the U.S., has started to bother him again, and 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, Kenya, Uganda-East Africa) – Missionary Naumann and his wife Paula were able to return to the U.S. for the month of December and were blessed to spend time with family. Missionary Naumann returned to Tanzania in early January and spent a couple of weeks in Kenya and recently visited Uganda. Paula returned to Tanzania in late January. You can see the latest news and photos of their work and daily lives at clc-tz.blogspot.com

Missionary Todd Ohlmann – Missionary Ohlmann recently visited Pakistan and the Philippines. In April and May he is scheduled to visit Nigeria, DR Congo, and Zambia. He continues weekly [Online Theological Studies](#) correspondence courses with men in Papua New Guinea, Namibia, Indonesia, Zambia, the Philippines, Zambia, and Bangladesh. Pray for God's blessing on the necessary arrangements for his upcoming trips, and for his wife, Beth, as she continues to care for her elderly father, who is on hospice care and is longing for his heavenly home. You can read reports and see pictures here: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com



Bible Readings:

3/15	2 Sam. 10 Psalm 74 1 Tim. 5:1-16
3/16	2 Sam. 11:1-13 Psalm 75 1 Tim. 5:17-6:2
3/17	2 Sam. 11:14-27 Psalm 76 1 Tim. 6:3-10
3/18	2 Sam. 12:1-23 Psalm 77 1 Tim. 6:11-21
3/19	2 Sam. 12:24-13:22 Psalm 78:1-35 2 Tim. 1
3/20	2 Sam. 13:23-39 Psalm 78:36-72 2 Tim. 2:1-13
3/21	2 Sam. 14:1-17 Psalm 79 2 Tim. 2:14-26



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March Ushers

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March Slideshow

Austin Williams

Cleaning Team 3/21-3/27

Team 2

D. Griffen
D/K Mueller
J/B Mueller
BJ Nelson
K. Nelson
J. Schaser

Fruits of Faith

Last Week:

To Date:

Budgetary Offerings:	\$6,269.25	\$274,671.70
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,642.65	\$319,848.05
Sunday School:	\$1.00	\$24.10
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$2,373.40)	(\$45,176.35)
MDF:	\$30.00	\$915.00
MSAF:	\$50.00	\$850.00
Kinship:	\$30.00	\$2,726.43
Piano Fund:	\$35.00	\$6,105.00

Attendance Last Week (3/8): 132

Wednesday Lent #4 (3/11): 62

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