

“Behold, a sower went out to sow”



St. John’s Ev. Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA & Valley Bible Academy

1107 14th Street

10:30 am Summer Worship Service

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Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave

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8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 10, 2016

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 34 (front of the hymnal p. 131)

The Hymns: 279, 781, 755, 52

Personal Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, We beseech You, graciously abide among us with Your blessing, and keep us from covetousness and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness. In all things needful for body and soul, provide Your ever-present help. In Jesus name, Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 279

The Invocation

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

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation sings:

A - men.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

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

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



C: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

PASTOR: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of God’s Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ; I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



C A - men. (congregation is seated)

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving.
This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P: Oh, clap your hands, all you people:

C: Shout to God with the voice of triumph.

P: He shall subdue the people under us:

C: And the nations under our feet.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



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



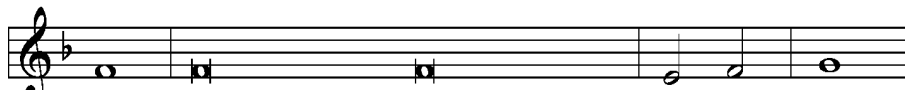
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"Glory to God in the Highest"



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



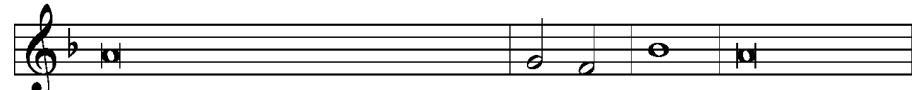
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



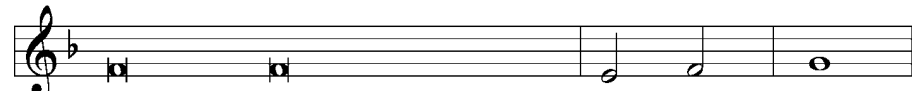
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SALUTATION (*Greeting*)

PASTOR The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.



C A - men.

THE BIBLE READINGS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 55:10-11 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: Come, you children, and listen to Me:

C: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

P: Look up to Him and be lightened:

C: And let your faces not be ashamed. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Oh, clap your hands, all you people:

C: Shout to God with the voice of triumph. Hallelujah!



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

PASTOR The Epistle Reading comes from Romans chapter 8, beginning there in the 18th verse.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The Epistle Reading:

Romans 8:18-25 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of

God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

PASTOR Here ends the Epistle Reading.

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



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

THE NICENE CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 22)

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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 781

THE SERMON

Matthew 13:1-23 On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. 2 And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. 3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 "And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. 5 "Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 "But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. 7 "And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. 8 "But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 18 "Therefore hear the parable of the sower: 19 "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 "But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 "yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 "Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23 "But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Theme: "SAME SEED...DIFFERENT CROPS"

I: The failed crops of unbelievers' sin

II: The bumper crops of God's grace

THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

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 pre - sence, 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.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 441:1-2:

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
 And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!**

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

Congregation sings Hymn 755

The Communion Liturgy

THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE

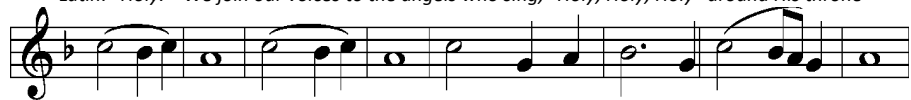
Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. Please stand.

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.

PASTOR: It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" around His throne"



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR: 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;



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time

PASTOR: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

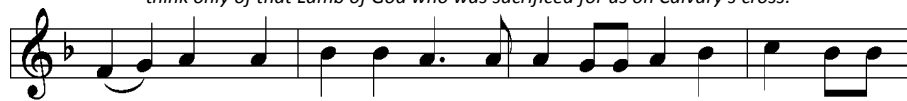
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

THE AGNUS DEI

Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

COMMUNION TODAY IS FOR MEMBERS ONLY

A Note To Our Visitors: According to God's Word, partaking of the Lord's Supper with other Christians implies a oneness and unity of faith and belief. God wants us to be like-minded in our beliefs before we enter into fellowship such as Holy Communion. (1 Corinthians 1:10 and 1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, if you have not publicly declared your agreement with the teachings of this Christian congregation through formal membership, we ask that you please speak with our pastor before coming to the Lord's Supper. In practicing close communion, we are not entering into a judgment concerning the faith of individual members of other churches. We rejoice over all those who have saving faith in Jesus Christ. Fellowship at this altar is established by sharing in a common confession of faith, anchored in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We sincerely want all people to receive the Lord's Body and Blood with us, but we want them to receive this sacrament in a way that pleases our Lord. As a steward of God's mysteries, our pastor stands ready to assist you in preparing to come to the Lord's Supper with us by teaching and reviewing God's Word with you. Thank You.

A Note To Our Members: SHOULD YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER?

*** If you feel your faith is weak, you need the Lord's Supper. In it Jesus gives you his body and blood which were given into death for your sins. He wants to strengthen your faith. So come, eat and drink and listen to the words your pastor says to you in the name of Jesus, and believe them with all your heart.

*** When you know you've sinned and you feel unworthy. You say you aren't worthy because you aren't good enough. No one else is good enough either. But God doesn't ask whether you are good enough. He only asks, 'Are you sorry for your sins? Do you believe Jesus forgives?' He invites you to come and receive forgiveness through Christ, who shed his blood for you. He makes you sure that forgiveness is yours by giving you Jesus' body and blood to eat and to drink. You believe that, don't you?

*** But if you are refusing to give up a particular sin even though you know that God's word forbids it, you are despising God's Word. You are telling God, 'I don't care what you say. I'll do what I want.' Until you repent of your sin, God warns you against abusing this gift. To come to the Lord's Supper will only add to your sin rather than take it away.

THREE GOOD QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF BEFOREHAND

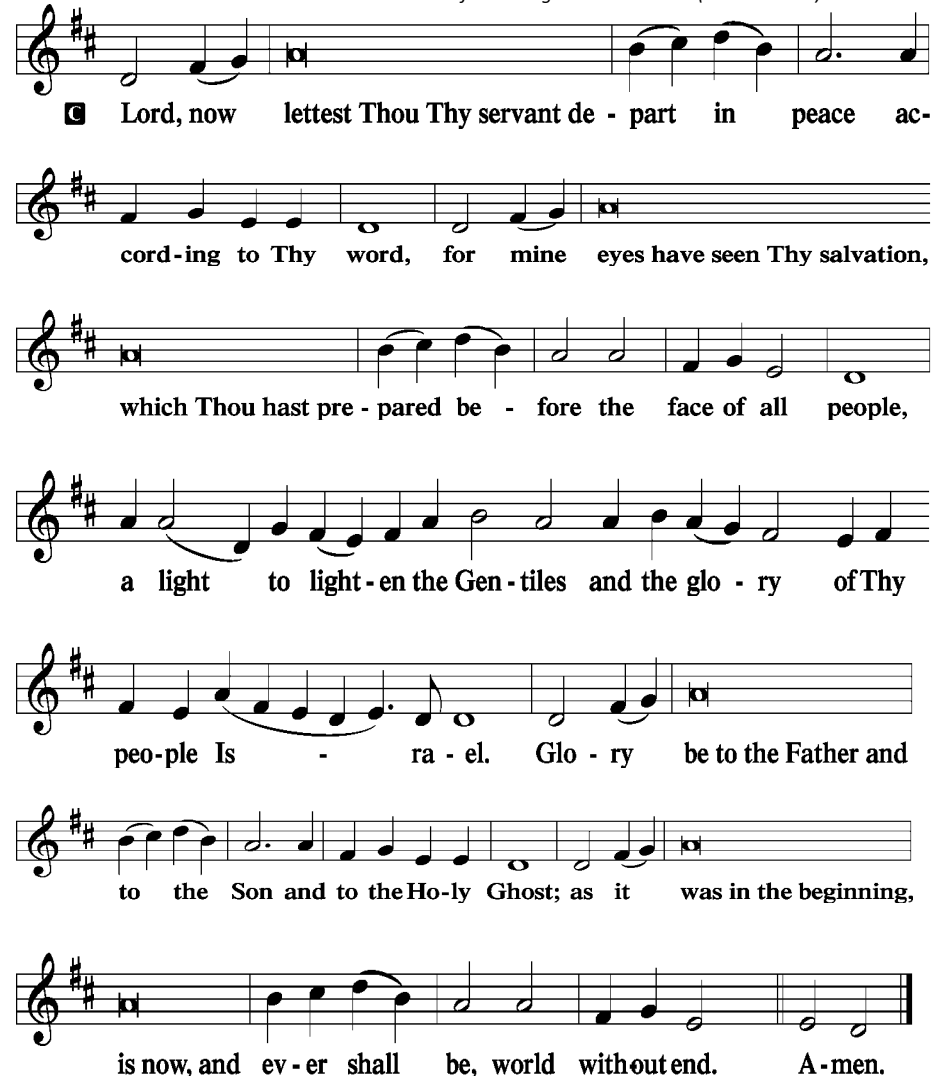
- 1) Am I sorry for my sins?
- 2) Do I believe in Christ for forgiveness?
- 3) Am I willing, after receiving forgiveness, to amend my sinful life?

MARTIN LUTHER: "He is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, 'Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.'"

The Distribution of the Sacrament (*congregation is seated*)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

PASTOR: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

PASTOR: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.



☐ A - men.
THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

PASTOR:

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn 52

**** Silent Prayer ****

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME ...to all our guests who are sharing the Good News of the Gospel with us this morning. Please sign our guest register before leaving, and we invite you to join us regularly for worship services.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY Cancelled this week. We'll start up again next week.

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP-OUT This Wednesday afternoon (13th) through Friday morning (15th) at Irby's Blue Spruce Lodge RV Park & Camping (43 Lackey Road, Weippe, ID). All campers of all ages are welcome! We'll have a schedule of Bible Studies based on the theme: "Pictures of Jesus in the Old Testament" Verlene Coleman is planning crafts. Some of the meals are being provided, but you may bring side dishes to share. If you'd like to provide a main course for a meal, talk to Deena or Sue. If you can't camp overnight, you are welcome to attend any time during the day!

Wednesday's schedule:

3:00 – 7 pm, arrival and setup
6:00 pm – Supper (by Irby's)
7:00 pm – Bible Study #1
8:00 pm Campfire/Evening Devotion

Thursday's schedule:

8:00 am – Breakfast
9:00 am – Bible Study #2
10:00 am – Snack time/activity
12:00 pm – Lunch; 1:00 pm – Bible Study #3
2:00 pm – Crafts/Music/Snack
3:00 pm – Swimming or Hiking or?
6:00 pm – Supper
7:00 pm – Bible Study #4
8:00 pm – Campfire/Evening Devotion

Friday's schedule:

8:00 am – Breakfast
9:00 am – Bible Study #5
10:00 am – Crafts/Music/Snack
12:00 pm – Lunch on your own, pack up and go home

JOINT OUTDOOR SERVICE/CHURCH PICNIC

On Sunday July 17, we will hold our annual 10:30 am JOINT CHURCH SERVICE at Spalding Park (Nez Perce Historical Park) followed by an 11:30 am POTLUCK PICNIC. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided by the Ladies Aid of St. John's. Paper plates, utensils, napkins, cool-aid and water will be supplied. Please bring your lawn chairs as well as other side dishes of picnic foods.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - A three-day VBS has been set for August 10-12. We'll need volunteers for teaching, music, crafts, snacks, etc. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of St. John's if you can help!

MANY THANKS!! To the following individuals: Roy Lowary for his work in rebuilding the back steps to Peace Lutheran Church. Joe Shea for his work in cleaning up the metal lockers for our school. Ken and Sue Martin for new grass planted in the playground area. Phil Greer for building a water/sand table for the school. Ernie and Diane Tunning for cord wood delivered to the parsonage for winter heat.

EXCITING TIMES FOR VALLEY BIBLE ACADEMY Our current enrollment for 2016 stands at 11 students. We are hoping for 15-20 students by the first day of school on August 30th. The LORD has certainly blessed our efforts with many opportunities. We knew that the start-up of the school would be financially challenging. If we had 20 students all paying the tuition of \$250 per month for nine months, the school would be nearly self-sufficient. To help make this a financial success, we are encouraging the members of St. John's and Peace to consider sponsoring a student this year. Can you afford all or part of \$250 per month for nine months to send a child to our Christian school? Please speak with Treasurer Ken Martin or Pastor Naumann.

CLC Mission Helpers to India – Nine Mission Helpers will depart on an afternoon flight from Chicago on Monday (7/11) on their way to Chennai, India where they will be met by Missionary Peter Evensen. These ten individuals will divide into two teams as they spend the next three weeks proclaiming the simple Gospel message to approx. 2000 children at CLCI and BELC congregations. Pastoral training classes will also be taught among more than 100 pastors and seminary students of the CLCI and BELC. You can follow the progress of the trip at: <http://2016clcmhtindia.blogspot.com/> Your prayers are much appreciated.

REFORMATION HYMN POETRY The CLC Worship Committee is currently inviting church members to submit original Reformation-themed hymn poetry for potential use in our congregations. Authors should set their work to a known hymn tune and while they may copyright their submissions, hymns should be licensed in a way so as to allow free distribution and use. Interested writers may contact Pastor David Schaller (bach_leipzig@hotmail.com) to request a submission form containing further information. The submission deadline is September 30, 2016.

CLC NEWS <> Prince of Peace Lutheran, Hecla SD, has called the Rev. David Fuerstenau, pastor of Holy Truth Lutheran, Ketchikan AK. <> Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI, has called the Rev. Michael Roehl, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran, Bismarck ND. <> The Rev. Caleb Schaller, associate pastor at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has received the call to serve as pastor at Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI. <> Mr. Paul Tiefel III, teacher at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has received the call to serve as principal/teacher at St. Stephen, Mountain View CA. <> The CLC Board of Missions has called Pastor Bruce Naumann, co-pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire,

WI as full-time visiting missionary, with duties to include work among our various overseas mission fields as well as here in the U.S. <> Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL, has called the Rev. Matthew Ude, former foreign missionary.

NEXT SUNDAY? Sometimes those who miss church on Sunday neglect to look after their spiritual life privately by reading their Bibles at home and spending time in prayer. They decide that they'll just wait until "next Sunday" to nourish their souls. These same people would never consider such a starvation diet for their bodies, however. If they miss out on a meal at home, they'll be sure to eat out somewhere. So they try to stay on a three-meals-a-day schedule. Anything else would be unthinkable! This indifference toward God's Word creates a problem for the whole congregation. These same people are also often careless about supporting the church and its God-given work. They bring an offering whenever they come to church, but ONLY then. Instead of offering to the LORD a certain portion of their income, they regard the offering somewhat like going to a movie. When you don't go, you don't buy a ticket. They "save" money by not going to church. Others, of course, who are more spiritually alive bring their offerings even when they have to be absent and they are careful to bring their offerings to church in advance of their absence so that the LORD's work may continue as it should. Our spiritual life is directly proportioned to the use we make of God's Word and Sacrament, for the Holy Spirit uses these means to keep and strengthen faith in our hearts. Our offerings reflect our attitude toward God and His Word. All of us need improvement spiritually, and we can grow in faith and godliness only by constant use of Scripture. If we really desire to keep our faith and strengthen it we won't wait until "next Sunday" for our spiritual nourishment when we have to be absent, but will worship privately to make up for what we have missed. A blessed result will be greater diligence in church attendance and in our support of the Church's work. – Selected

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

“So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55:11