

Foreign Missions Prayer List



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Transfiguration

Welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

Sunday family worship...8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school...9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class...9:30 a.m.

Today's Worship

"The glory of the LORD rises upon you" (Is. 60:1)

Greeting and prayer:

Invocation:

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

C: Amen.

P: Praise the LORD, all nations!

C: Extol Him, all peoples!

P: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

C: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.



West Africa – Pastors from Togo, Liberia, Ghana, Benin, and Nigeria will gather in Lomé, Togo, for the three-day West Africa CLC Pastoral Conference the last week of February. This conference was initially scheduled for 2020 but was postponed due to the pandemic. There will be twenty pastors and seminary students in attendance. Missionary Evensen and Missionary Ohlmann will be hosting the conference. Six essays will be delivered by pastors from each nation. An evening worship service with Holy Communion will highlight the conference. **Ask the Lord** to bless all those traveling to Lomé on February 27th with safe and uneventful travels. **Thank the Lord** for this opportunity for these pastors to gather, study, encourage, and grow together in the Word of God. Pray that God will bless the preaching, teaching, and hearing of His word that His name may be honored.

Tanzania – Classes at the Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary in Arusha have begun again, with five students from Tanzania and two from the Kenya-CLC enrolled in the three-year seminary course. Three additional students have begun the one-year pre-seminary/evangelism course. The faculty and students are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Missionary Naumann. **Ask for the Lord's blessings** on these students and those called to teach and train them.

New CLC Missionary – Pastor Bruce Naumann has been led to accept the divine call to serve as a resident Missionary to Tanzania. His primary responsibility will be assisting the TZ-CLC as they continue to develop the Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary. He will be teaching several classes and helping to develop seminary curriculum that will be used for years to come to train faithful pastors and leaders. Missionary Naumann will be commissioned in mid-March and is planning to travel to Tanzania and take up residence in the last week of March. This will give him a couple of weeks to settle in before second-semester classes begin shortly after the Easter break. Following a one-month leave in the U.S. this summer, he will be joined by his wife Paula when he returns to Tanzania in August for the beginning of the third semester. **Thank the Lord** for providing a faithful servant to take up this important work of training more workers for the harvest fields of East Africa and his faithful and willing wife! **Ask for the Lord's blessings** and wisdom as Missionary Naumann and Paula make final preparations to take up this new calling.

The Philippines – Pastor Jordan Palangyos has completed the first introductory Online Theological Study course based on the CLC Statement of Faith and Purpose and continues to correspond regularly with Missionary Ohlmann. Pastor Rob Sauers (Bd of Missions) and Missionary Ohlmann are scheduled to travel to Manila in late April for an initial face-to-face visit with Pastor Palangyos and those he serves. **Pray** that the Lord would continue to bless this correspondence and that it will lead to a God-pleasing unity of faith and teaching. **Ask the Lord** to provide opportunities and all that is necessary for Pastor Jordan to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Myanmar – Our brothers and sisters in Christ in Myanmar, especially in Chin State, continue to struggle under the harsh rule of the military Junta, which has brought much pain, suffering, economic hardship, and uncertainty. The members of the CLC-Myanmar are struggling to provide basic needs for their families. Recent reports indicate that more than two million people have been displaced since the military coup in February of 2021. **Pray** for justice and peace for all the people of Myanmar. **Pray** especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ that the Lord will grant them strength, courage, and boldness during these difficult times and that He will provide for their needs.

Visiting Missionary Upcoming Travels – Missionary Ohlmann will travel to Africa on February 19th to attend and host the West Africa CLC Pastoral Conference in Lomé, Togo. In late March, he will return to Tanzania to be on hand to help introduce and install Missionary Bruce Naumann and to help him get accustomed to and settled in. In April and May, Missionary Ohlmann is scheduled to spend time in the Philippines and Bangladesh. He'll be back in the States for a couple of months to attend Board of Missions meetings and the CLC Pastoral conference before the Mission Helper Trip to Nepal in July. **Pray** for the Lord's blessings on the preparation for these trips and that the Lord will provide safe and uneventful travel. Ask for the Lord to be with, protect, and provide for Missionary Ohlmann's family while he is away. **Thank the Lord** for His faithfulness in blessing the truths of His saving Word taught throughout the world!

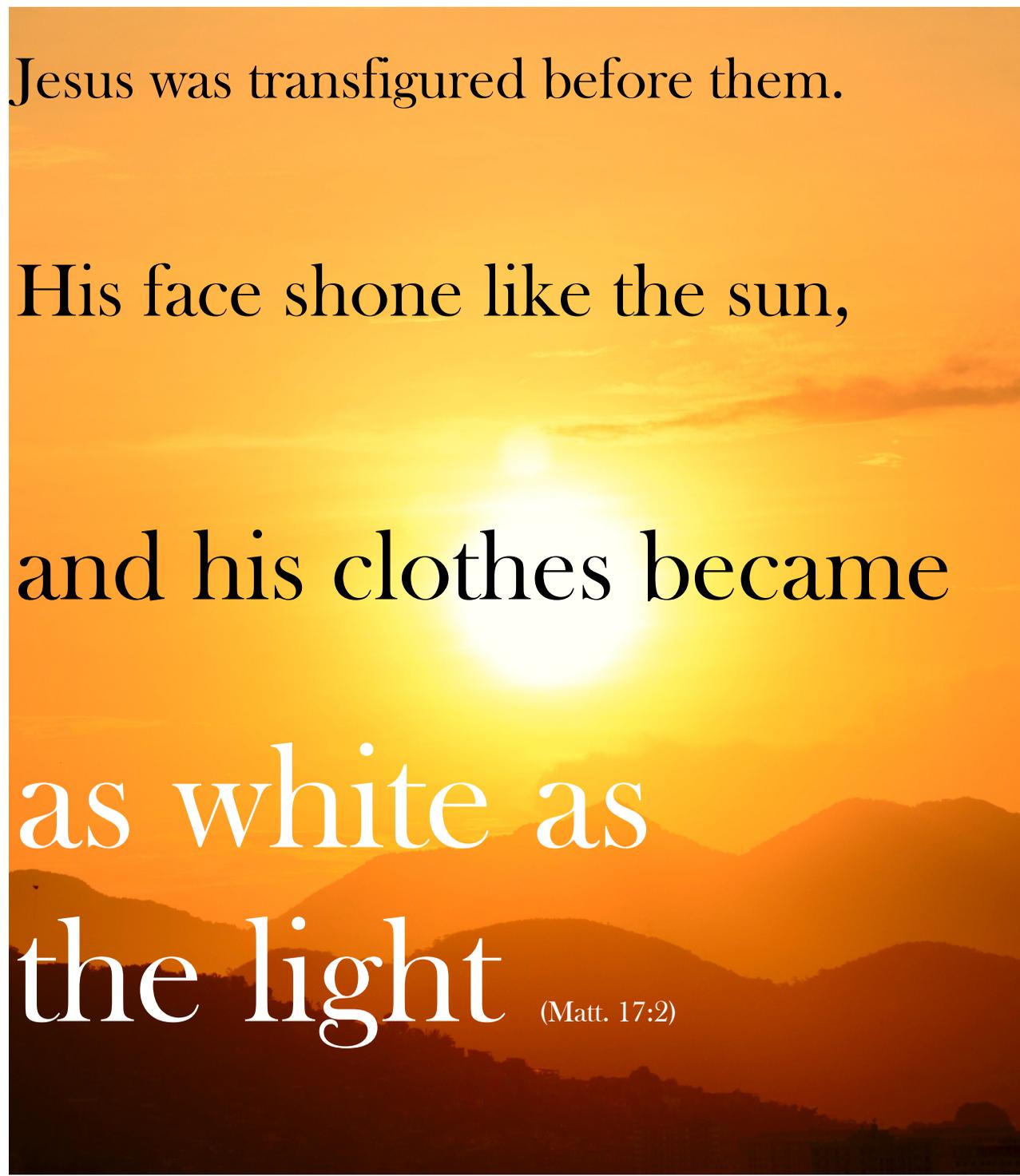
<i>Bible Readings:</i>	
2/19	Lev 23-24
2/20	Lev 25-26
2/21	Lev 27; Num 1
2/22	Num 2-3
2/23	Num 4
2/24	Num 5-6
2/25	Num 7-9

<i>February Ushers</i>		<i>Cleaning Teams</i> 2/24-3/3	
1st Service:	A. Hart E. Weaver	Church:	E/H Williams B/B Naumann
2nd Service:	C. Blue N. Blue	School:	A. Albrecht Bailey
Ash Wednesday Ushers: F. Goodrie/T. Quade			

<i>Fruits of Faith</i>	<i>Last Week:</i>	<i>To Date:</i>
Budgetary Offerings:	\$3,710.30	\$269,053.66
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,784.00	\$289,872.00
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$5,073.70)	(\$20,818.34)
MDF:	\$30.00	\$1,500.00
ILSAF:	\$100.00	\$1,100.00
Sunday School:	\$3.50	\$56.70

Attendance Last Sunday: 102

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Jesus was transfigured before them.

His face shone like the sun,

and his clothes became

as white as

the light

(Matt. 17:2)

Announcements

Midweek Lenten services

Our series of six Wednesday evening Lenten services begins this week with our Ash Wednesday Communion service. The theme of the season is: "Jesus, Peter, and Me." We'll walk with Jesus in Peter's shoes. We'll see in his words and actions a picture of ourselves, of our sin, of our need for the ashes of repentance. We'll see in Jesus and His cross our salvation and life. Time with Jesus and His Word is time well spent!

Council notes

Finances: January offerings were \$25,580, which is \$18,341 under our budgeted needs. The balance of available funds decreased by \$8,125. May the Lord provide the means and open hearts for the gospel work He has given us.

Service schedule: The Elders and Council are continuing discussion regarding the advisability of going to one Sunday service year-round, rather than our current two. Your input is welcome. Share your thoughts with an Elder or Pastor.

Outside lighting: Additional lighting for the parking lot will be installed soon.

Home with the Lord

On Feb. 9, the Lord in His grace called Cordelia Kuehne, mother of Messiah member Mark Kuehne, home to Himself in heaven. "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints" (Ps. 116:15). May the Lord comfort the family with the sure promise of the resurrection to come.

Game night

Thanks to all who came to last Friday's game night.

There was no lack of games or snacks! Next month's date is Friday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. Save the date!

CLC update

Calls: *Pastor Tom Naumann* of Mt. Zion Lutheran, greater Detroit area, has received the call to Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA.

Missionary Commissioning service: On Sunday March 12, Pastor Bruce Naumann will be commissioned as our CLC missionary to Tanzania. During the weekend of the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI there will be three church services at Messiah: Saturday at 5 and 6:30 pm, and Sunday at 9 am. We will have a guest speaker for the weekend services, with the actual commissioning taking place on Sunday morning. Missionary Todd Ohlmann will present an overview of CLC foreign missions for the Bible class hour (Saturday at 7:45 pm and Sunday at 10:15 am). On Sunday this will be followed by a cake and coffee reception. All are welcome to join in sending Missionary Naumann to his field of service with our prayers and support.

Looking Ahead...

♣Tuesday:

11:00 A.M.: New Perspective service, Franklin.

6:30 P.M.: Women's group.

♣Wednesday:

10:00 A.M.: Villa of Greenfield service.

6:30 P.M.: Ash Wed. Communion service.

♣Thursday:

7:00 A.M.: Adult information.

♣February 28th:

6:15 P.M.: Tech committee.

Lenten Services
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.



JESUS, PETER, AND ME
"It's All About Complacency"

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
C: bring an offering, and come into His courts!

Hymn 873: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Confession and Absolution:

P: That we may enter into the holy presence of Christ, let us confess our sins that we may be made the righteousness of God in Him.

C: We confess to You, almighty God, our blindness to Your glory and our reluctance to seek Your grace. We have sinned against You and our neighbors by our own fault in both our thoughtless actions as well as the good we have failed to do. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive us. Renew our hearts, enliven us in spirit, and let us see Your glorious mercy.

P: "We have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer:

P: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son, You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament lesson:

Exodus 24:12, 15-18...God’s glory is terrifying to sinners.

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”...

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.



Receive our offerings. May they aid in the preaching and teaching of the gospel here and throughout our larger fellowship of the CLC.

In all our work, activities, and rest this week, may we walk in the light of the Savior, follow His will, and look forward to great things to come with Him in His glory. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 415: *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

Closing prayer:

P: Dear Father in heaven, we thank You for enlightening our hearts and lifting our spirits this morning with Your Word of truth. Help us going forward to put our full trust in You for forgiveness, salvation, and daily direction for our lives. In Jesus’ name.

C: Amen.

Closing hymn 414: *‘Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here*



Hymn 416:3: *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

*Lord, transfigure our perception
With the purest light that shines,
And recast our life's intentions
To the shape of Your designs,
Till we seek no other glory
Than what lies past Calv'ry's hill
And our living and our dying
And our rising by Your will.*



Prayer of the Church

Pastor: plain type

Cong: **underlined, boldface type**

Dear Lord of power, glory, and grace: We praise You for revealing Jesus' glory in His transfiguration on the mountain. **It assures us that He truly is the God-Man sent from heaven to save sinners.** Thank You, Lord Jesus, for humbling Yourself even to the point of death in order that we might have eternal life. **There is nothing we can do to make up for our sins against You and our neighbor.** But You were pierced for our transgressions and pierced for our iniquities. **By faith we are clothed in Your perfect righteousness.**

It is good for us to be with You in Your Word. **May time spent reading, hearing, and meditating upon the Word be the priority in our daily lives.** Bless our fellowship and time with You here in Your house. **Throughout the upcoming Lenten season may we grow in our understanding and appreciation for all Jesus suffered in our behalf.** May the Spirit bless our midweek services as special times to set aside earthly concerns for more important spiritual matters. **Lead us to come to You in repentance in order to receive the forgiveness and peace Jesus won for us on the cross.**

Lord, hear our prayers of gratitude for all Your blessings, as well as our pleas for Your mercy in all the circumstances of life. **Provide our daily needs for this time of grace.** Grant us godliness and contentment. **Protect us from envy and coveting what You have given others.** Heal the sick and injured. We thank You for Your grace to Andrew Gerbitz in the successful treatment of a sleep disorder. Comfort the family of Cordelia Kuehne, whom You have delivered from the trials of this life. Assure her loved ones of the resurrection to come and life eternal with You for all believers. **Give patience to those who are waiting for Your help.**

WHY DO THE NATIONS RAGE

Antiphon



Psalm Tone



Why do the nations rage*
And the people plot a vain thing?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,*
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,
"Let us break Their bonds in pieces*
And cast away Their cords from us."
He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;*
The LORD shall hold them in derision.

Antiphon

"I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me,*
'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.
Ask of Me, and I will give You
The nations for Your inheritance,*
And the ends of the earth for Your possession.'"
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

Epistle lesson:

2 Peter 1:16-21....Through eye-witness testimony, we too see Jesus' glory as Lord and Savior.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Hymn 433: *Glory Be to Jesus*

Sermon: Matthew 17:1-9

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

- I. To see Jesus' glory
- II. To hear the Savior's voice
- III. To expect great things



C: 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.

Offering