

Welcome to Praise and Worship

We are glad that you have come! As we worship our Lord and Savior, let us remember that He is our ever present help during times of crisis in our lives. May God's peace be with you as we praise Him together.

March 22, 2020 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

"We wait in hope for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name. May Your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in You."

Psalm 33:20-22

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

PRAYER

MESSAGE Acts 7:1-53 (pg. 1701)

"The Early Church's View on Where God Dwells"

WORSHIP

DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 7: "Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen"

"Our prayer: that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel."

Ephesians 6:19

Our Purpose

*"Love God, Love People, and Make Disciples
– all through Jesus Christ."*

Prayer Changes Things

- Praise for technology that enables us to worship together from our homes.
- Wisdom, comfort and healing for all those affected by the coronavirus.
- Protection and encouragement for our missionaries.

Opportunities at Peace This Week

Fri

Send prayer requests for the Worship Service to Mary via texting (360-870-3149) or email (eddavids@comcast.net). We want to keep praying for you!

Sun

Morning Services via Facebook. We will have the whole service videoed for our viewing from our homes. For viewing the whole service, go to our Peace Lutheran Brethren Facebook page. Ask to join to view. Audio of the message will still be on the webpage.

Looking Ahead

When the virus has passed, we will be able to celebrate together!

**This is a new experience for us – being separated from each other during this time. We lose the valued time we have together to fellowship and encourage one another in our faith. It would be fantastic if after we close that you spend a few minutes in calling a couple of people of the church to chat with and maybe prayer will be involved in your time together. This way we continue to be the church that loves God, loves people and makes disciples – all through Jesus Christ.
~Pastor Luther**

A special "hello" to our guests! For your information:

- If you'd like to see who we are and what we do, ask for copy of our latest newsletter.
- If you'd like to hear a message after any Sunday, go to Peace Lutheran Brethren Church, Olympia on the web. Sermon Audio link is on the homepage.

*Thank you for
Praying*

Prayer Requests

Week of March 15th

1. Sunday morning requests - 1. Marlene - Please pray for a successful and uneventful right eye cataract surgery and fast recovery. UPDATE: Postponed. 2. For all those affected by the coronavirus. 3. God's wisdom for our leadership as they seek to mitigate the virus' effects on our world. 4. For physical and spiritual protection for missionaries Dave, Sonja and family as they minister in the village of Doh, Chad. 5. Safety for president Paul Larson and his group while in Chad for their Centennial celebration.

2. Charlene - UPDATE: her appointment, 3/13, with the infectious disease doctor went well. She has some drainage from the knee and he says that is good. She doesn't need to see him for three months.

3. Healthcare workers - Keep in prayer for protection for all our healthcare workers. They are in the front lines with the coronavirus and need strength, wisdom and protection. Those that are connected to Peace are: Megan Sevigny, Amanda McGregor, Tami England, Hannah McNeil, Julie England, Sara (Pat Vagt's daughter, who works at the hospital in Seattle area where the virus hit), Cheryl Hanson, Britta (Dave and Beth's daughter, who visits the hospital in Seattle as part of her job), Shelly Bushell, Jackie Rue. And many others.

4. Donna, Beth Taylor's Mom - UPDATE: She is in the process of being moved to a nursing home. Continue to pray for wisdom for her treatment.

5. Synodical, World Missions - March 16, 2020 1. Pray for the church in Asia, for a flourishing of interest in the truth of God's Word, a passion for the unreached among believers, enrollment in seminary of men and women who believe firmly in God's eternal love, and guidance for the next steps for this church. Pray for our missionaries already in Taiwan and Japan, that they may reach more of the lost people of their community and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.

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Prayer Requests Continued

Week of March 15th

4. Synodical, World Missions Continued - 2. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and media storm surrounding it, please be in prayer for our missionaries and sister churches around the globe. Pray that they may share the joy of salvation and that their love for others may draw others to believe in Jesus, the Resurrected One! For further information on the CLBA's focus, please go to our website.



LET'S FINISH STRONG!



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\$2,278,769

Projected Received through 3/31/20

\$621,231

Projected Received through 4/30/20



Lutheran Brethren International Mission

\$1,027,362

Projected Received through 3/31/20

\$114,009

Projected Need by 4/30/20

100%

75%

50%

25%

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st N. AMERICA *Ezekiel 33*

Joel and Liz are temporarily back in Minnesota while waiting for the coronavirus situation to settle in Asia. Pray for wisdom and discernment regarding the right time to return to ministry overseas.

2nd TAIWAN *Ezekiel 34*

April 4th is Tomb Sweeping Day, a day for honoring ancestors. Pray for Christians to show honor and respect as they are with their families, and for effective gospel witness to take place.

3rd JAPAN *Ezekiel 35*

Dean and Linda Bengtson plan to fly to the US today for home assignment. However, the spread of the coronavirus in Japan may change their plans. Pray for our missionaries in Asia and that this virus will be brought under control.

4th FRANCE *Ezekiel 36*

Pray for Matt and Christina Smith as they prepare for their first exams which will determine if they move up to the next level. Pray for good recall and clear thinking.

5th N. AMERICA *Ezekiel 37*

Chaplain Greg Solberg is soon to be deployed to Afghanistan where he will serve for most of this year. Pray for blessing in his ministry and for protection as he

serves the cause of the gospel there. Also pray for his wife Michelle as she parents alone in Greg's absence.

6th TAIWAN *Ezekiel 38*

Naomi Evans writes that she is thankful for the special opportunity of serving the Hosch family this past year and also for God-given opportunities to encourage friends in their faith. Pray for wisdom and guidance in returning to the US, and for safe travel as she plans to return on May 4th.

7th CHAD *Ezekiel 39*

Pray for safe travel as Sallee Stanton heads to the US tomorrow to be with daughters Olivia and Abigail, and to attend Olivia's graduation from Hillcrest Lutheran Academy in MN in May.

8th WORLD *Ezekiel 40*

Pray for a time of revival and awakening across East Asia, especially as the coronavirus disrupts normal life patterns. Pray that Christians in virus-hit regions will be ready to give a reason for their hope in Jesus.

9th CHAD *Ezekiel 41*

Dave and Sonja Narvesen ask for prayer as the hot season sets in. Pray for spiritual, physical and emotional stamina in continued language and cultural acquisition. Happy birthday Dave!

10th N. AMERICA *Ezekiel 42*

Joel and Marybeth Nordtvedt ask for prayer for a combined dinner and program this evening, sponsored by Int'l Students Inc. and two other groups. Pray for the international students and scholars as they hear about the death and resurrection of Christ.

11th TAIWAN *Ezekiel 43*

Please pray for **Sophia**, a member of the Victory Hakka Fellowship visitation team, who is recovering from back surgery.

12th N. AMERICA *Ezekiel 44*

Joel is teaching a full load of online university courses this spring to his Asian students who have been asked to remain at home due to the coronavirus epidemic. Pray for good communication and discussions over the internet.

13th CHAD *Ezekiel 45*

Pray for Chief **Idriss** of Aderé, his son **Sarsar** and their wives, who are like family to **Paul** and **Teresa Szobody**, that Christ may open their hearts to the truth and love of Jesus.

14th JAPAN *Ezekiel 46*

Anniversary concerts and events to commemorate the 2011 tsunami were postponed in March because of the coronavirus. Pray for the church to find ways to minister the gospel of peace in this time.

15th TAIWAN *Ezekiel 47*

Pray for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** as they learn Mandarin, and pray for a new teacher for Ben for these next months. Pray for their children to grow in the language too, especially for **Adelaide** that she

will overcome shyness and grow in confidence in practicing Mandarin.

16th N. AMERICA *Ezekiel 48*

Pray for **Heidi Jensen**, ministering at the UN in NYC. Pray that the Spirit will guide her in mentoring diplomats and their families in the faith. Pray too that God will work through these people to bring the gospel to others when they return to their countries.

17th CHAD *Psalms 87-88*

Pray for **Oumarou** (a guard at the Lutheran Welcome Center in Ndjamena) and his wife, **Elise**. They are expecting their second child. Pray that she will have a safe pregnancy and delivery.

18th TAIWAN *Psalms 89*

Ethan & Sandy Christofferson and their outreach team recently connected with **Ms. Min** on a Sunday afternoon hike that took them past her home. They found that she was eager to learn about Jesus. She now is coming to church as her schedule permits. Pray for wisdom in discipling her.

19th N. AMERICA *Psalms 90-91*

Paul and Teresa Szobody ask for prayer for their children regarding their spiritual and cultural adjustments to life in America. Pray for the Spirit to guide their steps. Happy birthday **Teresa!**

20th TAIWAN *Galatians 1*

Pray for the salvation of non-Christian family members of **Mrs. Shun**, a grandma who recently passed away. Many heard the gospel for the first time at her Christian funeral and responded positively. Pray for **Ethan** and

Sandy Christofferson and coworkers as they share the gospel with this family.

21st JAPAN *Galatians 2*

Dean and Linda Bengtson ask for prayer for this month's Bible study and fellowship time at House of Hope with **Pastor Koki Zeniya** and several members from Minami Yoshinari LBC. Pray for a clear presentation of the gospel and for receptive hearts.

22nd N. AMERICA *Galatians 3*

Pray for those who are currently considering a call to LBIM ministries overseas. Pray for clarity of call and for adequate preparation as they take steps of faith in exploring God's call on their lives.

23rd CHAD *Galatians 4*

Pray for **Nathanael and Carrie Szobody** and family in Boudamasa. Pray for health and safety and continued progress in the children's homeschooling. Happy 7th birthday to **Adelynn!**

24th CAMEROON *Galatians 5*

Pray for the leadership of the LB Church in Cameroon, that ministry decisions will be made under the recognized authority of God's Word and that the gospel will advance in the power of the Spirit.

25th FRANCE *Galatians 6*

Maddie Veum will be saying good-bye to **Matt and Christina Smith** and children soon as she returns to the States. She's been very helpful in the family's transition to France. Pray for continued adjustments for the Smith family. Pray too for wisdom as they consider purchasing a car.

26th TAIWAN *Daniel 1*

The Chinese LB Synod in Taiwan is conducting an ongoing study of the Scriptures around the question of women's ordination. Tomorrow morning, **Dr. Frank Lin**, professor of NT studies at China Lutheran Seminary, presents a set of lectures to church leaders on this topic. Pray for good interaction and learning in God's Word.

27th CHAD *Daniel 2*

Praise God for how well the new school, Gethsemane de Meube, has been accepted by the villagers of Boudamasa. Pray for God's Word to be received by the children and their parents. Happy birthday to **Carrie Szobody!**

28th JAPAN *Daniel 3*

Pray for **Carol Sunde** and her son **Aaron** as they are at House of Hope and visiting neighbors. Pray for God-ordained opportunities to share our hope that is in Christ.

29th TAIWAN *Daniel 4*

Pray for Victory English Fellowship as **John and Caristy Olson** and family return to the States in late 2020 after many years of ministry at Victory. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as leaders of VEF search for a new pastor to serve this ministry.

30th N. AMERICA *Daniel 5*

Pray for the CLB as we close our financial year. Pray that God will continue to provide support to not only continue but to advance the gospel through our ministries in North America, Africa and Asia.