

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

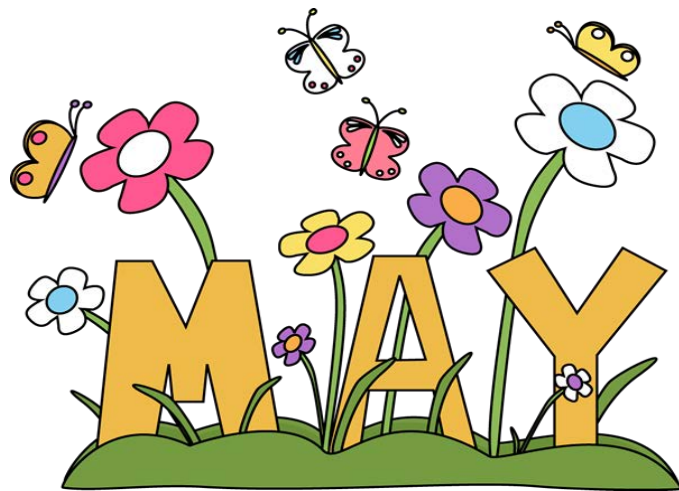
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Caring, Sharing, Serving, Reaching



2025

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- May 4 Third Sunday after Easter w/Guest Rev. Ben Kangar Preaching and Daniel Carlson
- May 11 Fourth Sunday after **Easter (Mother's Day)** w/Daniel Carlson
- May 18 Fifth Sunday after Easter
- May 25 Sixth Sunday after Easter

The Ascension of Our Lord (May 29)



Ascended Lord, You send the Holy Spirit to work through Your Word and Sacraments in Your church. Keep the church today in Your peace. Though Your kingdom comes even without my prayer, I pray that it would come to me today also as I hear, read, and meditate on Your Word. Keep me mindful each day to thank You for Your mercy and to look eagerly for Your return in glory. Amen.

Holy Week Services at Gloria Dei









PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT CHRIST

“For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.”

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

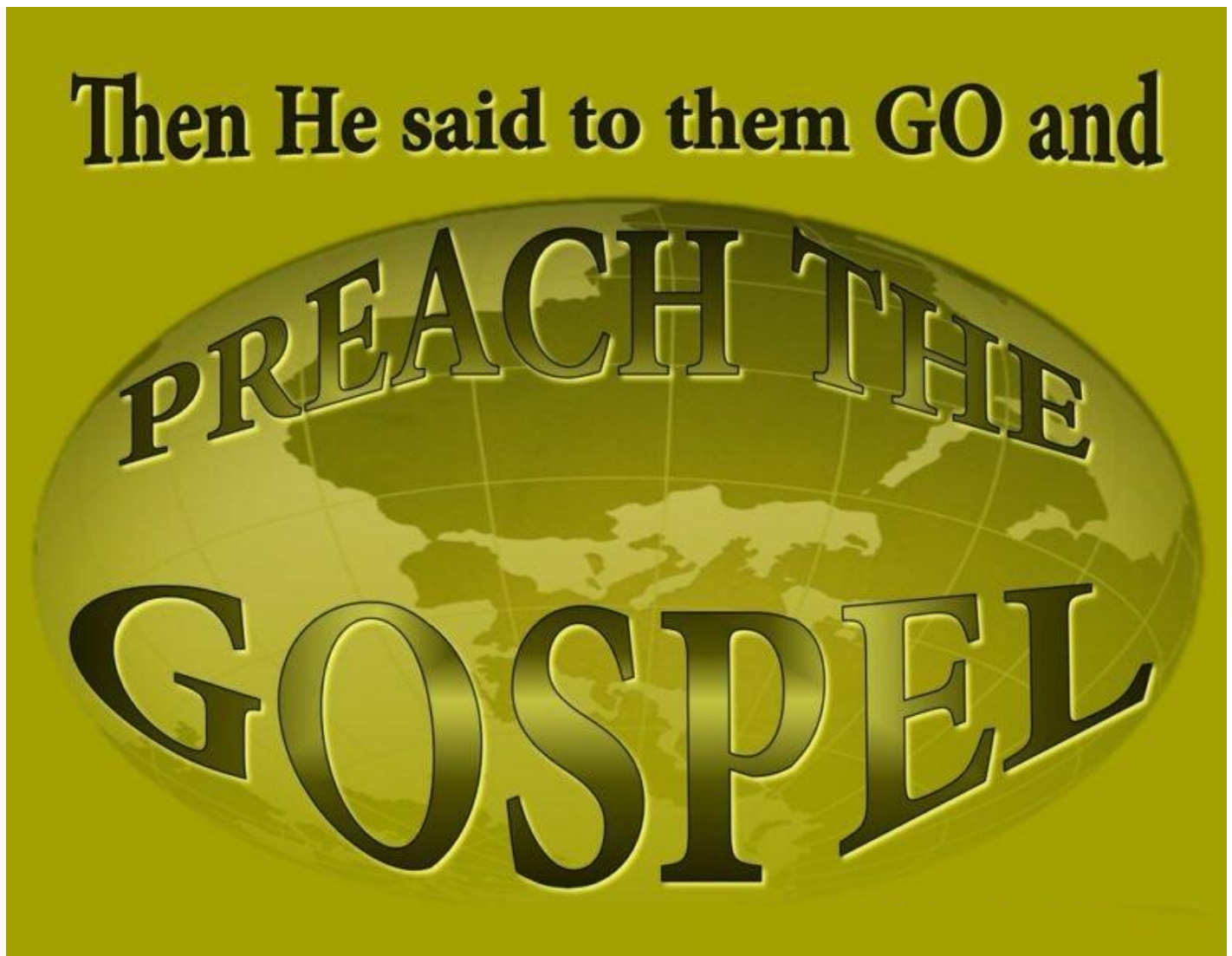
As many of you may know, I’m currently in Liberia, West Africa, and will stay for about three weeks preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our mission team members from both Royal Family and Christ Victorious will also be joining me here later on in the third week for a four-day vacation bible school camp (Youth Care International Camp) with five hundred kids in attendance. Keep us in your prayers please.

We are called to proclaim the Gospel - the Good News - of Jesus Christ. Yet, there are times in which we find ourselves doubting our ability to do that. We think that we are not skilled enough, didn’t have the right schooling, don’t have the right words, or aren’t a good enough Christian. And sometimes we worry a lot about the recipient; we are unsure how they might handle hearing that Jesus Christ died for them, and in the name of God, they are forgiven and made new.

We get trapped in the Law instead of understanding that no law can bind the Word and Promise of Christ. As Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians, he became like those that he was proclaiming to in order to more effectively deliver the Gospel to them. Now, I am not saying that you must go and change your beliefs socially, politically, and certainly not religiously. However, we must be empathetic to a point. Recognizing what someone might be going through (even if we disagree with them) and still deliver the Gospel to them. Instead of Paul telling the people that they must change before the Word was delivered to them, he proclaimed the Word and let God do the work. This is what we are called to do.

We are not called to change people. If we alone were supposed to be changing people, we would be failing at our jobs. Rather, we are called to proclaim the Word of God, and that Word is what does the changing! It is the Promise of Christ that changes all of us. It's the promise that we have been given and now have the authority and power to place in other peoples' ears. Can we control how the Word is received or if any immediate change is made? No. But we can put God's Word out there and let the Holy Spirit do its work and open up the hearts and minds of those who hear it. This is most certainly true.

May the power of the Holy Spirit work through you as you share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others, even in your neighborhood.





A new banner is now hanging at the church's front entrance. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

The banner beautifully showcases our church's commitment to the community and our shared values. It serves as a warm welcome to all who pass by and a reminder of the love and fellowship we cherish here.



May/June Spring Offering will go to Food Shelf

This year's May/Spring Offering will go directly to the Central Avenue Salvation Army food shelf, located at 2727 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis. **Use your "May Mission Offering" envelopes** to make a donation. Your donation will help those in our community who need it most.

Let's help envision a future where all our neighbors and community members have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity.

Two ways to Help? **Make a monetary donation (using your "May Mission Offering" envelope) OR** fill our cart by bringing in food donations! The Salvation Army is always seeking food, hygiene and monetary contributions to help restock their shelves. For the month of April, GDLC donated 65 pounds of food to the Salvation Army food shelf!

Donated food items are put to immediate use, helping to feed the hungry in our neighborhood. High demand items include 100% juice, healthy cereal, canned chicken, salmon and pork, and culturally specific items like coconut milk, bamboo shoots, jasmine rice and fish sauce. Personal hygiene items such as toilet paper and toothpaste are also highly requested items.

Your efforts to help in the fight against hunger are appreciated!

Mark Your Calendars!

Pentecost Sunday is June 8 with a Potluck Luncheon

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the joint service on Sunday, June 8 celebrating Pentecost Sunday. The 10:30 am service will be followed by a potluck luncheon. Bring your favorite mouth-watering dish to share. Sign-up sheet for food can be found on front lobby bulletin board.



Gloria Dei will participate in the Annual Northeast Garage Sales!

If you have clutter you would like to donate to the garage sale, now is the time.

It's not too early to start gathering those unwanted items.

Mary Piper is planning a garage sale in conjunction with the Fourteenth Annual 2025 NEighbors Garage Sale! The sale will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 12 – 14. If you have items you would like to **donate to be sold at the garage sale, please bring them to Mary's house** on or before Sunday, June 8 (2955 Benjamin Street NE, leave them at the side garage door). All proceeds will be donated to Gloria Dei. If you have an interest in helping with any aspect of the sale, please let the office know OR speak with Mary directly – many volunteers are needed to make this sale a success. All help is welcome – a little or a lot! All items not sold will be donated to the local area thrift stores.

***The Fourteenth Annual NEighbors Sale Days are Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14
8 am to 5 pm (hours may vary at individual locations). Rain Date Sunday, June 15***



HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Hennepin County will host a community collection of hazardous wastes Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3 at the City of Minneapolis Equipment Storage Building, 1809 Washington Street NE. Bring unwanted paints, stains, varnish, aerosol cans, gasoline, antifreeze, batteries (tape terminals), pesticides and more for safe disposal, 9 am to 3 pm.

Garden Tool Swap

Head to Logan Park, 690 13th Avenue NE, or Audubon Park, 1320 29th Ave NE, on Saturday, May 3, for a **Garden Tool Swap**. Logan Park's tool swap will run, 9 am-noon; Audubon's will be held 11 am-2 pm, in conjunction with its Spring Festival. Usable items for swapping include garden and yard tools (shovels, trowels, rakes, pitchforks, hoses, etc.); pots and planters (wood, terracotta, decorative plastic), free of any soil or dirt; potting soil/mix (unused, bagged); gardening and plant books; garden art and décor; bird houses and feeders. Make sure items are clean. All items are intended to be given and taken freely. Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling will take any unclaimed items to community gardens or distribute them through local exchange groups after the event is over.

Growing Through Loss

The series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Registration takes place each program night, with each session being complete within itself. You are welcome to attend one or all. Donations are accepted.

May 5 – Grief and the Family

Janice Winchester-Nadeau, Ph.D.

Licensed Psychologist, Marriage and Family Therapist

May 12 – Service of Comfort and Healing

Pastor Lisa Engen, Pastor Elaine Silpala and Pastor Dave Rogge

Abiding Savior's Worship Leaders

For more information call Margie at 763-755-5335

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 8211 Red Oak Drive, Mounds View

Agenda:

Mondays 6:45 – 9 pm

Registration 6:45 – 7 pm

Speaker 7 – 7:45 pm

Small Groups 8 – 9 pm

Flower sale at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

Freshen up your landscape or give Mom a gift of flowers May 8-11. Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 1701 St. Anthony Blvd. NE, 612-781-2796. Questions: Diane Langer 612-718-4229 or ddl2@aol.com

Northeast Senior Lunch

Second Tuesday of the month - served at 11:30 am – Cost is \$10 per lunch/pay upon arrival

May 13: Taco Bar. June 10: Summer BBQ.

Seniors on the Go: Spaces are limited so register early. Thursday, May 15: Rochester Trolley Tour, 8 am-4 pm, \$60.

Call to reserve your seat for either event by calling Logan Park Rec Center, 690 13th Ave NE, [\(612\) 370-4927](tel:6123704927).

Friends School Plant Sale

Mother's Day Weekend, Minnesota State Fair Grounds – Grandstand Building

Friday, May 9, 9 am – 8 pm

Saturday, May 10, 10 am – 6 pm

Sunday, May 11, 10 am – 2 pm

Every May since 1989, on Mother's Day weekend, the Friends School, a kindergarten through 8th grade Quaker school in St. Paul's Midway neighborhood., has put on what has become one of the biggest fundraising plant sales in the U.S.

This three-day sale, almost entirely run by volunteers, offers more than 2,000 plant varieties at affordable prices. And every purchase helps support a great cause — the Friends School of Minnesota. Some call it the great Minnesota get-together for gardeners!

The plant sale's planners have worked hard to make sure their plants have not been treated with neonicotinoids, common pesticides that are now suspected of killing bees and other pollinators.

On Sunday, all remaining plants are 1/3 off.

New plants. There are more than 220 new varieties in this year's sale: 38 annuals, 80 perennials, 18 shrubs and trees, 20 unusual and rare plants, 13 fruits or nuts, and 33 vegetables.

DOORS OPEN MINNEAPOLIS

Doors Open Minneapolis will be held Saturday, May 17, and Sunday, May 18. This year, 75 venues throughout Minneapolis will be free and open for public exploration. Venues in or near Northeast include Architectural Antiques (ticket required), Ard Godfrey House, City of Minneapolis Eastside Maintenance Facility, Compassionate Ocean Zen Center, Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, Historic A-Mill Artist Lofts, Kramarczuk Sausage Co. Inc., The Main Cinema, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, MnDOT Stone Arch Bridge and Xcel Energy St. Anthony Hydroelectric Plant. For days, hours, details and more sites to see, go to <https://www.doorsopenminneapolis.org/2025-venues>.

Free Community Meal - May 8 @ 5 – 6 pm

Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Avenue NE, holds a free Community dinner every second Thursday of the month, from 5-6 pm. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming dates are May 8 and June 12.

Drive-Through Community Dinners

St. **Timothy's** Lutheran Church Drive Thru Community Dinner is Tuesday, May 13 – 5:30-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). Free and open to all. Please spread the word!!

Vital Fitness

East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 Second Street NE, offers weekly Thursdays "Vital Fitness," from 10:30-11:30 am, in person. A wide variety of balance, strength and flexibility movements will be incorporated into this fun and social group class. No cost. Pre-registration is helpful for planning purposes but not required. All abilities are encouraged to come. Movements can be done seated or standing.



OFFICIAL ACTS

April – None



Time of Grace

Time of Grace connects people to God's grace—his love, glory, and power—so they realize the temporary things of life don't satisfy. However, through Jesus we have access to the eternal God—right now and forever.

Pastor Mike Novotny has served God's people in full-time ministry since 2007 in Madison and, most recently, at The CORE in Appleton, Wisconsin. He also serves as the lead speaker for Time of Grace, where he shares the good news about Jesus through television, print, and online platforms.

Sundays KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 AM

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The Lutheran Witness

If you would like to receive The Lutheran Witness magazine mailed directly to your home, please let the office know before May 31. The cost is \$24.97 (\$2.27/per issue) for 11 magazines (June/July are a combined edition), you will be invoiced through the church office. Thank you!

Main Street Living TV Program

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of This is the Life. The worship service will begin at 9:30 am featuring a guest pastor each week.

On Comcast this is channel 10

For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Accessible Transportation

East Side Neighborhood Services provides assisted transportation for older people living in North, Northeast, Southeast Minneapolis and St. Anthony. Open for vaccine, medical, social need, and shopping trips. They are also available for small group outings (five or fewer). Cost is based on a sliding fee scale.

Available: Monday through Friday, 8am - 4pm

Call: Reservation line 612-787-4012.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 a.m.

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

May 4 "An Old Place, A New Beginning" (John 21:1-19)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

God is the Searcher Who will not stop looking for us. In our lonely hiding place, He says, "I knew I would find you here."

May 11 "How to Be Happy" (John 15:11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Lasting happiness is found in surrender, rather than control.

May 18 "Truth That Takes Us In" (John 15:9)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is the Truth Who will take you in to live like He lives, planted in God His Father's love.

May 25 "What's Your Story?" (John 9:1-11)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Gregory Manning

Our difficulties often become the backdrop against which God reveals His faithfulness. Each challenge is an opportunity for Him to display His power.

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>Please note: Pastor Matthew will be traveling/mission trip April 21 - May 16</p>			1	2 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	3 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 1 – 4 pm Nancy Simonson Celebration of Life 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
4 3rd Sunday after Easter 10 am Worship w/HC w/Daniel Carlson and Guest Rev. Ben Kangar, Preaching 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	5 Church Office Closed 7pm Beginners Alanon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	6	7 NO 11 am Bible Study	8	9 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	10 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
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May Birthdays	May Anniversaries
3 rd Kevin Morelli	3 rd Mike & Deb Panning
11 th Karmon Christopherson, Tom Lyrenmann	18 th Tom & Patty Lyrenmann
19 th Wade Billmeyer	26 th Larry Schlais & Wenda Schwoch
29 th Andrew Panning, Pat Scott	

MAY SERVANTS

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Altar Care & Ushering

Sign up for Altar Care and Ushering on the church entry bulletin board for the Sunday(s) that work best for you.

You don't have to take the entire month, just one Sunday! Thank You 😊

Counters

4th Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
11th Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather
18th Sandy Westling and Tom Harris
25th Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Candles

Flowers

4th OPEN
11th Shirley Holzinger – In Memory of Mom
18th OPEN
25th OPEN

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18th OPEN
25th OPEN



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

LCMS MISSIONARIES ON HOME SERVICE — MAY 1-15

Every other year, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) international missionaries spend approximately two months in the United States on "home service." During this time, they reconnect with the individuals, congregations and groups who support their mission work. Home service also gives them a period of rest and renewal and the chance to spend time with their families.

Remember God's work through missionaries on home service as you pray:

- 1.** *for the LCMS missionary families who will be on home service. Ask the Lord to keep them safe during their travels.*
- 2.** *for God's hand to guide and bless the details and logistical arrangements that are a necessary part of missionary home service, such as transportation and housing.*
- 3.** *for missionary families to be able to visit as many congregations and other groups as possible, while managing their limited time in the United States.*

- 4.** *for the Lord to guide missionaries as they prepare their presentations. Ask Him to help them to share their stories and ministry news with those who have so faithfully supported their ministry.*
- 5.** *for missionary families. Pray that God would give emotional, physical and spiritual strength as they travel, share with supporters and meet new friends.*
- 6.** *for missionary children. Pray that God would provide them with the opportunity to know that they are a vital part of their family's ministry.*
- 7.** *that many congregations all over the United States would*

welcome missionaries into their churches for mission presentations, Sunday school, children's messages, celebration luncheons, Bible studies and other activities.

- 8.** *that congregations and other groups would experience a revitalized interest in praying for missionaries and supporting their work, especially after visiting with them face-to-face and hearing about what God is accomplishing through them.*
- 9.** *that as missionaries share their experiences, the listeners would consider serving as a missionary themselves — in a short-term, long-term or career capacity.*
- 10.** *for the families of visiting missionaries, that they would enjoy their time together and mutually encourage one another.*
- 11.** *for God to comfort and sustain the missionaries who are not able to see family and friends in the United States this year. May the*

Holy Spirit comfort them with His presence and assurance of God's calling to serve far from home.

- 12.** *that missionaries would have an easy transition back to life in the United States — even for a short time during home service — with minimal effects of reverse culture shock.*
- 13.** *that the Lord would raise up supporters for missionaries who are struggling to finding the resources necessary for their ministry.*
- 14.** *with thanksgiving for the many forms of support and the joys the Lord provides to missionary families as they serve Him.*
- 15.** *that the conversations started during home service would continue long after the missionary has returned to the mission field. Pray that through ongoing communication, missionaries and supporters would encourage one another.*

PARTNER CHURCHES — MAY 16-31

The LCMS has 38 partner churches around the world. A partner church is a church body with which the LCMS has full altar and pulpit fellowship. Many LCMS partner churches also are members of the International Lutheran Council, a worldwide association of confessional Lutheran church bodies. Some LCMS partner churches came into existence through LCMS-supported mission efforts, while others have historic roots that pre-date the LCMS or that are sourced in the mission efforts of other Lutheran church bodies.

Remember God's work in His Church as you pray:

16. *for all LCMS partner churches, some of which only have a handful of congregations.* Pray that they would never feel alone in their service to Christ and His Church.

17. *for LCMS partner churches in Latin America and the Caribbean.* Pray that God's Word would continue to spread throughout these countries to bring the Body of Christ together in fellowship and to be witnesses to His love.

18. *for LCMS partner churches in Africa.* Pray that God would strengthen Lutheran Christians in this region to carry out their work for His name's sake.

19. *for LCMS partner churches in Asia,* that God would guide and strengthen Lutheran Christians

in this region, especially in areas where it is difficult or dangerous to do His work.

20. *for LCMS partner churches in Eurasia.* Pray that God would continue to use His Word as a light to those in darkness and as a stronghold for the life of His Church.

21. *with thanksgiving for all the missionaries who serve partner churches,* that they would remain faithful in their tasks and be witnesses to the Gospel through acts of mercy.

22. *for those who serve in leadership positions in LCMS partner churches around the world,* as they guide, nurture and shepherd their people.

23. *for the laypeople of LCMS partner churches around the world,* that they would be fulfilled by God's Word and Sacraments.



24. *that God would continue to raise up faithful servants for His Church in locations around the world.*

25. *for the Lutheran church bodies around the world interested in fellowship with the LCMS.* Pray that God would guide the consideration process according to His will.

26. *in thanksgiving for those who pray continually for those who serve where spreading God's Word is difficult or dangerous.*

27. *for Lutheran churches around the world that are dealing with strife between their members.* Pray that the Lord would guide them to a peaceful resolution that would strengthen their witness to the community.

28. *for the Lutheran churches in Eurasia as they seek to minister*

to the refugees in their midst. Pray for safety for both the church workers and the refugees.

29. *for all projects currently going on in LCMS partner church bodies,* that each one would have the volunteers and resources necessary to carry out the work of the church as it shows mercy and provides physical and spiritual care for people around the world.

30. *for safe travel between and within countries in each world region.* Pray that pastors, missionaries, medical teams and all who travel to assist partner churches would be kept safe and healthy, that the Gospel might be proclaimed to the far corners of creation.

31. *for all those still living in darkness,* that the Gospel will be their light and life.

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