They have washed their robes and made them in the ofthe **REVELATION 7:14**

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As We Gather

What is a saint? In common language, a really nice person is often called a saint. In Roman Catholic theology, a saint is a person who has done so many good things in this life that their good works more than make up for their sins. But what does it really mean to be a saint? And do I need to be a saint in order to be right with God? And if so, how do I become a saint? These are questions that our reading from Revelation 7 helps us to answer. Today we are transported to the throne room of God where we see a multitude of people dressed in white – a multitude we will join one day, singing praises to our God forever.

✤ Preparation for Worship ✤

Hymn

463 – For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
- C 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.
- ♥ God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

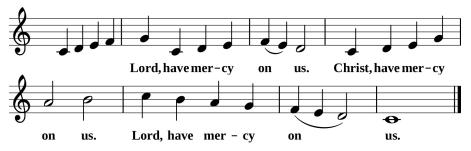
✤ The Service of the Word ✤

Introit

- P A great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
- **C** clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,
- **P** and crying out with a loud voice, saying,
- **C** "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
- **P** Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!
- **G** For praise from the upright is beautiful.
- **P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son
- **C** And to the Holy Spirit
- **P** As it was in the beginning
- **C** Is now and will be forever. Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie





Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Old Testament Reading

¹ Now this is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. ² And he said: "The LORD came from Sinai, And dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran, And He came with ten thousands of saints; From His right hand Came a fiery law for them. ³ Yes, He loves the people; All His saints are in Your hand; They sit down at Your feet; Everyone receives Your words.

Psalm of the Day

- **P** The LORD looks from heaven;
- **C** He sees all the sons of men.
- **P** From the place of His dwelling He looks
- **C** On all the inhabitants of the earth;
- **P** He fashions their hearts individually;
- **C** He considers all their works.
- **P** Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,
- **C** On those who hope in His mercy,
- **P** To deliver their soul from death,
- **C** And to keep them alive in famine.
- **P** Our soul waits for the LORD;
- **G** He is our help and our shield.
- **P** For our heart shall rejoice in Him,
- **G** Because we have trusted in His holy name.
- Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us,
- **C** Just as we hope in You.

Gospel Reading

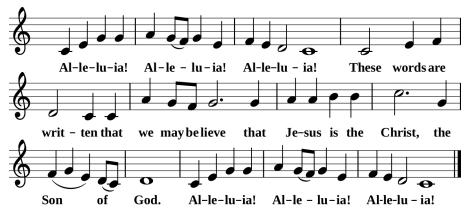
¹ And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. ² Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹² Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Psalm 33:13-15, 18-22

Matthew 5:1-12

Alleluia

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



Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in 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

656 – Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

Sermon Text

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saving, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴ And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. ¹⁶ They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

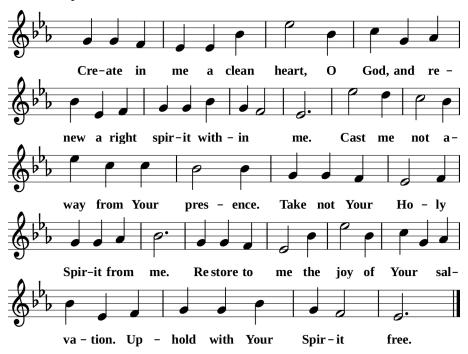


Who Are These Arrayed in White Robes

Sermon



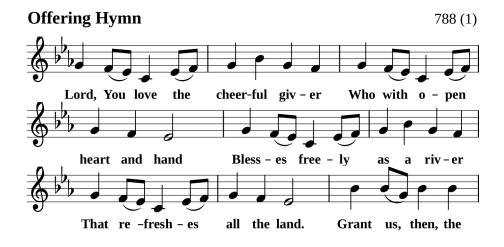
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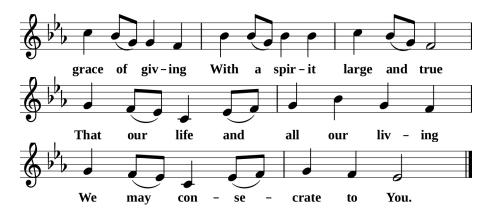


Hymn

339 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Offering





General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

╋ The Service of the Sacrament ╋

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them up to the Lord.
- It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...
 ...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy

0 1 Ho-ly, ho – ly, ho - ly!Lord God Al - might - v! 2 Ho-ly, ho - ly! ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y! Ear lv the in morn ing our Thy works All shall praise Thy name in θ Ho-ly, ho-ly, song shall rise to Thee; ho – ly, earth and sky and Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, sea. mer - ci-ful and might - y! in Three God Per – sons, in Three mer - ci-ful and might - y! God Per - sons, θ Trin bless ed ty! i _ bless Trin i ed ty!

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

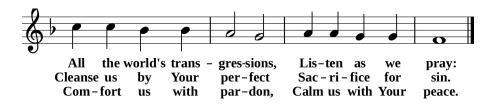
P The peace of the Lord be with you always!C Amen.

Lamb of God



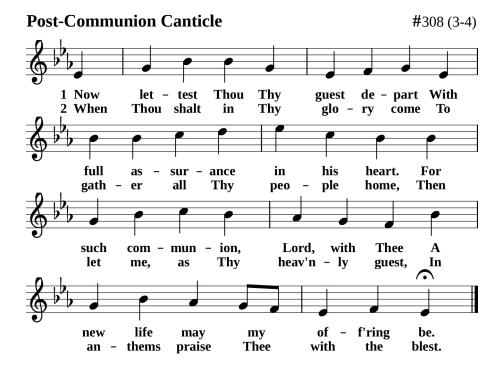
Pax Domini

Agnus Dei



Distribution

Holy Communion is rightly called a 'Sacrament' because it is a "Sacred act;" not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God's Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We'd love to have you!



- ▶ We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet You have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift You have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By Your Spirit, help us to live as Your holy people until that day when You will receive us as Your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- **C** Amen.

Hymn

798 – God, We Praise You

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+ Announcements +

Upcoming Schedule				
November 5	9:15 am	Bible Class		
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion		
	11:30 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting		
November 12	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)		
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)		
November 19	9:15 am	Bible Class		
	10:15 am	Worship Service		

Upcoming Meetings: The following is our schedule of meetings through the annual meeting in January:

- November 5 Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- November 19 Board of Education
- **December 3** Board of Elders/Church Council
- December 17 Board of Trustees/Church Council

• **January 7** – Annual Voters' Meeting

Nominations for Immanuel Professor Call: The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Mark Kranz at the end of the 2023-24 academic year. The position would be best served by someone who is teacher trained and has the ability to teach high school (if nominee is male or female) and college classes (if nominee is male) primarily in social studies (history/geography), elementary education methods, and other potential disciplines commencing with the 2024-25 academic year. Those submitting nominations would need to include information regarding the nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in technology expertise, extracurricular activities, or administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2023 (letters postmarked November 10, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

Nominations for ILC President: The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck concludes on June 30, 2024. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2024. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2023 (letters postmarked November 10, 2023) to: Mr. James Windy Lane; Rockwall, Burkhardt: 217 TΧ 75087: email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip: Applications are being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more information and apply online: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org

CLC Call News: Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen's Lutheran of Mt. View, CA is still considering the call to Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN. <> Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran of Vernon, British Columbia, is still considering the call to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

Fruits of Faith	October 22, 2023	WH: 23	Orlando: 11
Immanuel Home		\$275.00	
Missions			\$5.00
Tuition Gran	nt		\$5.00
Total		\$285.00	

Fruits of Faith October 29, 2023	WH: 27
Immanuel Home	\$916.25
Building	\$150.00
Property Improvement	\$50.00
Tuition	\$1,000.00
ILC Scholarship	\$75.00
Tuition Grant	\$25.00
Copier Reimbursement	\$6,838.29
School Fund	\$833.25
Teachers' Conference Equalization	\$17.80
Rent	\$600.00
Total	\$10,505.59



✤ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✤

November 6 – November 11

Monday Luke 9:57-58 – What does it mean to "follow Jesus"? In Luke 9 He has set His face to go to Jerusalem, where He will offer Himself in sacrifice for the sins of the world. Following Jesus will not always mean "smooth sailing" and comfortable accommodations in this life.

Tuesday: Luke 9:59-62 – When Jesus calls people to follow Him, they are willing, but various activities, not wrong in themselves, threaten to come between them and the Savior's call. But anything that hinders us from following Him is not to our benefit.

Wednesday: Hebrews 13:1-3 – For the Hebrew Christians following Jesus meant showing love to one another, but it didn't stop there. Welcoming strangers (as did Abraham and Lot) also shows the love of Christ, who put Himself in our place to help us when we were helpless.

Thursday: Hebrews 13:4-6 – Following Jesus means showing His love also in the home, honoring marriage, and recognizing threats to our love of Christ, such as the love of money. To fight this threat, we do well to remember our Lord's promise to care for us and be with us always.

Friday: Hebrews 13:7-9 – As we follow Christ, we remember those who followed Him before us. Since He does not change, neither does the way set out before us change. That which was truly important then, is also truly important now.

Saturday: Proverbs 24:14-20 – Following Christ, who became for us the Wisdom from God (1Co 1:30), means not following or being envious of the wicked, but even loving our enemies, so that we do not celebrate when they stumble (v. 17).





...pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified... 2 Thessalonians 3:1



India (Southeast Asia) – Pastor Prem Kumar, a long-time pastor and leader of the CLC-India, lost his battle with kidney disease and was taken to be the Lord. He leaves behind a wife, two young children, and a large congregation of believers he has faithfully served for many years. Thank the Lord for providing this faithful servant for the work of His Kingdom and the harvest of souls in India. **Pray for the** Lord's comfort and assurance for his wife, children, family, congregation, and all those in the CLCI who mourn his passing and rejoice in his victory over the grave through faith in Jesus Christ.

Kate Sauers (USA) – Kate is the wife of Board of Missions member Pastor Rob Sauers. She was diagnosed with ALK-positive large-cell lymphoma cancer in late September. She has received two rounds of chemotherapy so far, and doctors report that she has responded well. **Thank the Lord** for blessing the treatments thus far and ask for His continued blessings on the remainder of the treatments she is scheduled to receive. Continue to **Pray for** courage, comfort, hope, strength, and trust in our Savior's love and plans for their family.

Liberia (West Africa) – Pastor Joseph's sister recently went to be with the Lord following a battle with liver cancer. With a presidential runoff taking place on November 14th, there is a lot of uncertainty and instability in Liberia right now. Pastor John Hein continues treatments for a rare and very aggressive form of thymic cancer. He will have more scans scheduled for November. **Pray for the Lord's comfort** as Pastor Joseph and his family mourn the loss of his sister and rejoice in victory over the grave through faith in Jesus. **Ask the Lord** to direct the affairs of the Liberian elections this month so that peace may prevail and good government may serve His purpose. **Pray for the Lord's hand of healing** upon our brother, Pastor John Hein, so that the treatments he is receiving will rid his body of cancer. **Pray for good results** from the scans so Pastor Hein can begin planning for a visit to Liberia in January.

Missionary Evensen (Togo, West Africa) – Missionary Evensen recently had a kidney stone block his only kidney. **Pray** that he will have no further complications, as necessary surgical treatments may not be readily available. **Ask the Lord** to provide a quick and complete recovery so he can return to the work he has been called to. **Mexico** – Bd of Missions member Jeff Radichel and Missionary Ohlmann recently visited Pastor Olvera, his family, and our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Iglesia Luterana Confessional Mexico. They discussed future plans for Gospel outreach and leadership training for lay leaders in one congregation and three preaching stations in Mexico. **Thank the Lord** for this opportunity to fellowship together around His Word. **Pray** for the Lord's blessings and provision as these new plans develop so that many more may be reached with God's saving word.

Missionary Bruce Naumann (Tanzania-East Africa) – Missionary Naumann, along with his wife Paula, are getting more accustomed to their new home in Tanzania. In addition to his teaching responsibilities at the seminary, he has also begun taking a more active role in correspondence and training pastors in Kenya and Uganda. They will be returning to the States for a one-month furlough in December. You can keep updated on things happening in Tanzania at <u>clc-</u> <u>tz.blogspot.com</u>. Ask for the Lord's blessings as Missionary Naumann and Paula continue to adjust to life in Africa. Pray for our Savior's abundant blessings on the work of training pastors, teachers, and leaders in Tanzania.

Missionary Ohlmann – Missionary Ohlmann is currently traveling and working in Asia until the middle of December. He will spend a few days in Tokyo, visiting a congregation once in fellowship with the CLC. From there, he will spend approx. six weeks working with the pastors and leaders of the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) and the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN). While in Bangladesh and Nepal, he will visit several congregations and preaching stations, conduct Pastoral Training Seminars, and be privileged to attend the Himalayan Bible Institute araduation. Pray for all that is necessary for these trips to be planned and take place. Ask the Lord to be with and bless his wife, Beth, her father, and their family while he is away. Pray for the Lord's love, wisdom, patience, and zeal during these visits that His name be glorified as the truth of His saving word is proclaimed and pastors are trained. You can read reports and see pictures from his travels at missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com

Mission Development Fund – CLC president Mike Wilke writes: "When the convention approved the calling of our third foreign missionary, it determined that the funding of that missionary would come fully from the MDF for the first year. The cost of funding that missionary is about \$80,000 and has impacted other planned MDF projects. Currently, the balance of the MDF is enough to cover the cost of our third foreign missionary for the rest of this fiscal year and a few other essential projects, but without additional funds, we will not be able to fund other planned projects. We have already put a hold on all other projects, including funding Bibles and other Christian literature, churchbuilding assistance, and many planned outreach projects. Pray that the members of the CLC will remember this work in their prayers and their offerings so that we might continue to carry out the work the LORD has set before us and which we have decided to do as a church body."

Tanzania (East Africa) – Pastor Paulo Kiara, who serves in the Tanga district of the Tanzania-CLC, is recovering from abdominal surgery. A Kinship grant was provided to assist with the cost of the life-saving surgery. **Pray** for a speedy and complete recovery. On November 19th, three evangelism students will graduate from the one-year program at the Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary. Two of these students will continue their training in the three-year seminary program. Missionary Naumann and the seminary faculty have several prospects for new enrollments in the next academic year, which begins in January. **Praise and thank the Lord** for these students and their dedication to preparing for the public ministry. **Pray for** the students, their families, and the teaching staff at the seminary, asking the Lord to continue to provide all that is necessary for this work to continue.

Myanmar (Southeast Asia) – Our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CLC -Myanmar continue to struggle under the oppressive rule of the military junta. Pastor Kham continues to heal from the injuries he received. His wife, Haui, has been released from jail, and their debt has been paid through the compassionate offerings of God's children. **Continue to pray for** strength and courage for Haui as she deals with the emotional and physical trauma of her arrest. **Pray for the children** Pastor Kham and Haui care for as they live in constant fear of military attack and now also the fear of losing those who love and care for them. **Continue to Pray** for justice and peace for all the people of Myanmar. **Pray** especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ that our Savior will give them strength, comfort, courage, and boldness during these difficult times and that He will provide for all their needs. **Thank the Lord** for moving the hearts of His children to give generously to the needs of others through their offerings and prayers.

The Philippines (Southeast Asia) – Pastor Andrew Schaller (CLC Bd of Doctrine Secretary) continues the colloquy with Pastor Jordan Palangyos and the Lutheran Autonomous Mission in the Philippines (LAMP) via email correspondence. **Pray** that the Lord will bless the colloquy and that this 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 continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ! **Pakistan** – Pastor Tim Daub continues to teach online video Bible lessons to two groups of Christians who are eager to start a Lutheran church in Pakistan. The Board of Missions has authorized Missionary Ohlmann to accompany Pastor Daub on a visit to Pakistan in 2024. With the upcoming elections in Pakistan and due to safety concerns surrounding it, there is some uncertainty about when this trip will occur. **Pray that the Lord will continue to bless** the teaching and learning of His word. **Thank our Savior** for this opportunity and the technology to proclaim the truth of His word in such a way.

Bangladesh (Southeast Asia) – Missionary Ohlmann will be in Bangladesh for the first three weeks of November. He will work with Pastor Monotosh to visit several congregations and preaching stations, and they will conduct a five-day pastoral training seminar. **Ask our Savior** to continue to bless both the preaching and learning of God's word in Bangladesh and to provide all that is necessary for the ministry of the BLCM.

Nepal (Southeast Asia) – Pastor Raju continues to train men to be faithful preachers of God's saving word. The students recently braved flooded rivers and landslides to attend a one-week training seminar at the HCLC-Nepa headquarters. They are preparing for Missionary Ohlmann's visit in late November and for the graduation of several Himalayan Lutheran Bible Institute students. **Thank the Lord** for keeping all the students safe in their treacherous travels and blessing their lessons in His Word. **Pray for the Lord's blessings** on the work and preparation for the upcoming missionary visit. Ask the Lord to provide all that is necessary so that His word will be spread among the many idol worshippers of Nepal and that many will be led by the Spirit to repent and trust in their Savior Jesus.

Ongoing Opportunities – **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 sent it.

That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. Psalm 67:2







