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Worship Schedule for March

March 1: Second Sunday in Lent

March 8: Third Sunday in Lent

March 15: Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22: Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29: Palm Sunday



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Begins at 2 am on Sunday, March 8th

REMEMBER TO "SPRING AHEAD"

BY SETTING YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD BY ONE HOUR

(It's Ok to set them ahead when you go to bed on Saturday night☺)

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Many Christians give something up during Lent as a reminder that Jesus gave up everything when He came down to earth to die and rise for us. Lent is a time where we remember our sin, repent and focus on Christ's suffering for us. In this time of reflection and repentance, instead of (or in addition to) giving something up, it can also be helpful to add something into our lives. These verses from 1 Thessalonians tell us to "pray without ceasing" and to "give thanks in all circumstances." One habit that could be helpful to focus on is prayer. As a family, you can start developing this habit by finding times to pray together such as before meals, before bed or whenever works best in your family's routine.

A Message from the Desk of Pastor Matthew Cephus

The Journey of Lent

The spiritual journey of "Lent" has begun! On Ash Wednesday, the cross of ashes that was imposed on our forehead, together with those somber words which were spoken, "Remember, you are dust, and to dust you shall return" ([Genesis 3:19](#)), remind us of a sobering truth: we are mortal; we are but dust and ashes. How relevant is Lent today? We are bombarded with messages through advertising and media encouraging us to indulge ourselves because we deserve it. Lent calls for self-denial. We live in a place where there is an over-abundance of food and a dizzying array of choices of what to eat. Lent calls us to abstain and fast. We see people who stand in the medians of street corners and intersections, holding up signs that ask for our assistance, and we try to avoid eye contact. Lent calls us to almsgiving. In many ways, these forty days of Lent are counter-cultural, and that is a good thing. In spite of all the baggage that attends the season of Lent, it is incredibly relevant for life today.

The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word, *lengten*, meaning springtime. This is appropriate because the Lenten season coincides with the springtime, at least in the northern hemisphere. As the northern hemisphere turns toward the sun, which gives life to the world, so the Lenten season calls us to turn toward the Son, who gave his life for the world. The words of the prophet Joel are a constant call in Lent, reminding us: "Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster" ([Joel 2:13](#)). At all times in our journey of faith, but especially in the Lenten season, we are called to turn away from everything that leads us away from God, and we are called to return to the Lord with repentance.

The three traditional disciplines of the Lenten season – prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – are not good works that we parade before God in an attempt to earn special favor. Understood from a perspective of grace, these become a response of love to the God who so loved us that he gave his only begotten Son for us ([John 3:16](#)). Within that word "discipline" is the word "disciple." Disciples engage in various disciplines that help them grow and mature. In his Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), Jesus speaks to his disciples about these disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, but Jesus calls on us to engage in these things not for show or to be seen by others, but from a spirit of humility. In fact, Jesus goes so far to say that these practices should be done in secret, "and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Prayer is inextricably tied with Scripture. In holy Scripture, God speaks to us. In prayer, we speak back to God. Our prayer life must be rooted in the Word of God, so that out of what God has spoken to us, we know how we are to speak to God. As young children, this is how we first learn to talk. We say back to our parents what they have said to us: "Mama... Daddy..." In a very real way, this is how we learn to talk with God, by repeating back to him what he has already said to us. And from this, our prayer life deepens and grows into prayers of adoration, intercession, thanksgiving, supplication, and more. In this Lenten season, consider how you can deepen your own prayer life. Set aside time to be in God's Word and be blessed through this. As many have pointed out, we do not so much read Scripture as Scripture reads us! And from this reading, pray over what you are reading, asking the Lord for guidance and understanding. With the help of the Holy Spirit, this holy habit formed in the forty days of Lent will become an ongoing part of daily life, as much a part of the day as brushing your teeth, having your cup of coffee, etc.

Fasting is especially associated with Lent. Often the only time we think of fasting today is in preparation for bloodwork or a medical procedure. But there is so much more! Fasting is an outward sign of an inward repentance. To empty ourselves in order to seek the Lord's face has a longstanding history and use in faith. Fasting takes many forms. It may be going without a meal, or a liquid-only fast, or a day-long fast from all foods. But it's important to bear in mind that fasting does not make us more worthy of God's love because we have denied ourselves food for a time. As Luther writes in his *Small Catechism* on the Sacrament of the Altar: "Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly find outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" If you are not familiar with fasting or have not engaged in this yourself, please talk with someone who has in order to gain more insight into this spiritual discipline.

Almsgiving is the third discipline associated with the Lenten season. The word "alms" comes from the Greek word, *eleos*, meaning mercy or pity. The good news of the Gospel is that in Jesus, God's own beloved Son, God has indeed had mercy on us all. The cross reminds us of the price which Jesus willingly paid in our behalf: his very life. And now, flowing out of that sacrifice of love, Jesus calls us to have mercy on those in need around us. Almsgiving can take many forms. It may be financial help, but it may be help in kind: food, clothing, and other assistance. In a mysterious and wonderful way, Jesus tells us that in giving food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, welcoming the stranger, visiting the sick and imprisoned, we are actually ministering to Jesus himself (Matthew 25:31-46). Such acts of kindness have the potential to change lives, and thereby, change the world.

May your Lenten season be blessed with these disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving which help us look forward to the coming joy of Christ's resurrection at Easter.



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry - March 2026

As a kid, I remember my Grandma and Grandpa Diepholz' home with extraordinary joy. Family fun. Great food. A legacy of faith. One of my lasting memories of that house was the table that sat between their twin beds. It contained a lamp, a Bible, a catechism and a hymnal. These were well-worn, as Grandpa read to Grandma every night before they went to sleep! What a treasure these tools of faith are! Let us spend some time this month in the hymnal to help us better understand our life as Christian stewards! To do this, we will use LSB 785 "*We Praise You, O God.*"

We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tributes we bring.
We lay it before You, and kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Stewardship is an act of worship. It flows from the grace and mercy we have received in Jesus! Faithful stewardship can never start with us. Our sinful nature will make us and our desires the center of our worship. Our tributes, our giving and our serving only flow from how the Lord Jesus has given of Himself for our sake! When we have this in clear view, our knees bow and our praises flow freely! All this flows from the Name that has been placed on us in Holy Baptism!

We worship You, God of our Fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

Our stewardship that flows from what God has done for us in Jesus Christ is rooted in history. Passed from one generation to the next, stewards of the Gospel connect God's provision in the past to His continued care in the present.

So often, the struggles we face are self-inflicted. While there are indeed perils that can shake us from outside of ourselves, we are more likely enduring the suffering that comes because of our own choices that are outside the Word and will of God! But even in these situations, the Lord who loves us will never forsake us. When we become selfish, self-serving and self-destructive, the Lord NEVER abandons! The Lord helps us to overcome the struggles in faith and win the victory the steward rejoices in!

With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

Stewardship is more than just an individual thing. There is a corporate nature to our steward life. We see this in the Divine Service. There, stewards of all ages, all economic strata and all languages are joined in the singular task of praise. This stewardship of praise flows from the altar to us, out into the world and then back to the altar! God's strong arm leads us in this stewardship 24/7. This makes stewardship, in all times and places, a matter of worship. We praise our Redeemer who has entrusted us with this great stewardship of the Gospel which forgives our sins, grants us new life and salvation. And this treasure we freely share for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor!

Youth Care International

As you may be aware, Gloria Dei has established a designated fund to for **Youth Care International** in support of Royal Family's children's mission in Liberia. Contributions assist with constructing educational facilities, providing meals and school supplies, supporting Bible camps, and funding Pastor Matthew's spring mission trip. Pastor Matthew and Patience will be in Liberia facilitating this project from April 6 through May 2, 2026. To make a contribution, please use "Youth Care International" on your envelope. Thank you!

Invitation to GDLC's 75th Anniversary Celebration

If you know someone who would like to attend the GDLC's 75th Anniversary celebration, you are encouraged to let us know. To do so, please call the church office at 612-781-1989 OR send an email to info@gloriadeilcms.org with their contact information. This will help us extend invitations and ensure all interested guests are included in this special event. Your help in connecting with our extended community is greatly appreciated!

Thrivent Choice Dollars Expire March 31!

Attention Thrivent Members – If you have Thrivent Choice Dollars, they expire this month on March 31. You can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church before they expire. **With your generosity, GDLC received \$1,150 for 2025.** It is simple and doesn't cost you anything but your time. Only about 1/3 of Thrivent members take advantage of this benefit, which means charities lose 2/3 of the Thrivent Choice Dollars. You must renew the distribution of your Choice Dollars every year. Your choice of a prior year does not carry over. There are two ways to direct your Choice Dollars. Go to www.thrivent.com and click on Generosity or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars," a representative will come on the line to help.

Thank you for considering GDLC when making your Choice Dollars donation.

March is Minnesota FoodShare Month!



Launched in 1982, Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign began its work to restock food shelves in the 7-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and now unites organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to support nearly 300 local food shelves. All donations during the March Campaign go to the FoodFund for distribution to participating food shelves, aiming to ensure all Minnesotans have access to healthy food. Join their efforts to fight food insecurity and work toward lasting change.

Hunger Facts

48 million people face food insecurity—experiencing daily challenges with hunger and its health and social impacts.

1 in 5 Children, 14 million kids don't have enough food to grow up strong.

50+ Million, over 50 million turned to food banks and pantries for help.

Where We Live Matters, lack of transit, safe places, or good schools can make it harder for some families to get the food they need.

Not Enough Income, low pay, losing a job, or having a disability can make it hard for even working families to afford enough food.

High Cost of Living, when rent, health care, heat and electric bills, and childcare cost more, families often have to spend less on food.

Health Challenges, health problems and few care options can lead to hunger. Without the right kind of food, health can get worse.

Note: Food Insecurity means access to adequate food is inconsistent and limited by a lack of money and other resources throughout the year. Food insecure households report their diet to be of reduced quality, variety or desirability and/or experience disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake.



"We Made This" Women's Art Fair

Saturday, March 7, noon-7 pm and Sunday, March 8, 10 am-4 pm at the Machine Shop, 300 Second Street NE. Celebrate Women's History Month at this art fair that celebrates women's creativity. More than 65 artists, plus activities. Free.

Train Show and Swap Meet

Sunday, March 8, 12:15-2:30 pm, Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street NE. Toy trains of different gauges for sale. See toy trains operating in action and see toy train displays. Refreshments available. Admission adults, \$5; kids 12 and under free. Learn about the Lakes and Pines Division of the Train Collectors Association, memberships available. Info: www.tcalakesandpines.com

Northeast Chorale Potluck and Spring Sing-Through

March 10 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Join the Northeast Chorale for a spring season potluck and sing-through. Rehearsals start Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 pm at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church (27th and Johnson). Bring a dish to share and your voice to preview new music. All voices welcome. NortheastChorale.org

Film Night: *Sugarcane* Documentary

Join Roseville Lutheran Church for a film screening of *Sugarcane*, a powerful documentary produced by Native American filmmakers about the history and impact of Indian boarding schools in Canada, and their lasting effects on Indigenous communities.

Wednesday, March 19 | 6:30-8:30 PM

RLC Activity Center

All are welcome--please sign up at the Welcome Desk. RLC is located at 1215 Roselawn Avenue, Roseville

St. Anthony Band Boosters Pancake Breakfast | March 29 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

St. Anthony Village High School Commons (Enter Door #16), 3303 33rd Avenue NE. The Jazz band will perform. Adult & student tickets – \$12; kids 5 and under – \$5.



Holy Cross Fish Fry Fridays

Holy Cross Church will hold a fish fry on Fridays March 13, 20, and 27, 5-7 pm. Adults \$15, seniors (65+) \$12, children 3-11 \$3, children 3 and under free. Holy Cross Kolbe Hall, 1630 Fourth Street NE. All proceeds will go to the Holy Cross Church Facility Fund, which encourages youth within the parish to pursue a life of discipleship through Catholic education, family faith formation and other youth activities. Plan to come for a delicious Lenten meal!

Free community Dinners at St. Timothy's | March 10

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 825 51st Avenue NE, in Columbia Heights, serves a free community dinner the second Tuesday of each month. **Drive Thru Community Dinner** 5:00-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). Everyone is Welcome! Please spread the word!!

Free Community Meal - March 12 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 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 March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers

Join Roseville Lutheran Church Wednesdays, February 18th through March 25th for their Lenten soup and salad suppers from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. Each week will feature two different soups served along with a salad bar and an assortment of desserts. Cost: Adults - \$10, Children 6-10 years old - \$8.00, Children 5 and under – Free. Cash or credit cards accepted.

Roseville Lutheran Church is located at 1215 Roselawn Avenue, Roseville. Questions, please call their office at 651.487.7752.

Pierogi & Fish Fry Dinners

Ukrainian American Community Center, 301 Main Street NE, Fridays, February 20 & 27 and March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 4:30-7 pm. Dine in or take out. Enjoy a traditional fish fry dinner: Fried fish, varenyky (pierogis) and coleslaw or a varenyky dinner: A dozen dumplings. Tickets: Adults: \$15; kids 6-12: \$10; kids under 6 free. Proceeds benefit Ukrainian youth and cultural programming, and all gratuities/donations will go toward humanitarian aid for Ukraine. Order online for take out only: <https://ukrainian-american-community-center.square.site>; otherwise, it's pay at the door. Pop-up entertainment may occur!

Lenten Soup Suppers at Holy Cross

Mark your calendar! As is tradition, the Holy Cross Council of Catholic Women Rosary Guild will be hosting three Soup Suppers: March 4 (Chili); March 11 (Chicken Noodle); March 18 (Vegetable Beef Barley). Menu includes soup, bread, dessert and a beverage. Suppers run from 4:30 – 7 pm in Kolbe Hall. All proceeds benefit local charities. The suggested donation is \$8 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3 - 11, children under 2 are free. Holy Cross is located at 1621 University Avenue NE. Use Fourth Street entrance, elevator entrance in alley (door 5).

The Ultimate Ukrainian Comfort Food

St. Constantine Ukrainian Catholic Church Pyrohy Sale

This fundraiser directly supports the ongoing upkeep of their beautiful church in the heart of Northeast Minneapolis. The Pyrohy (Pierogi) dough is gently mixed each Friday and rolled by hand. Inside each doughy pouch, you'll find hand-prepared fillings of fresh *potato or sauerkraut*. The hand-made pyrohy are all-natural, with no additives or preservatives. Made fresh every other Friday by dedicated volunteers, and either sold or frozen right away!. All items are available TO-GO Only!

Please call and leave a voicemail at 612-378-9833 or email. *In your message, include your name, phone number, quantity and variety of pyrohy, quantity of any side items, and pickup time of 11 am, 11:30 am, 12 pm, or 12:30 pm.*

Menu:

- Pyrohy (Potato or Sauerkraut): \$12.00/dozen
- Side of Caramelized Onions: \$1.00 per container (max 1 per dozen)
- Beef or Vegetarian Borscht: 16oz. \$6.00 (Selection varies seasonally with limited availability at times)

If you miss the order cut-off, you can order in-person on Friday. (subject to availability). They accept payments via Cash, Check, or Credit Card. Orders can be placed and picked up on the 2nd Floor of the Parish Hall located at 314 Sixth Avenue NE, Minneapolis. Please enter the Parish Hall from the parking lot entrance, located on Fourth Street NE, between Fifth & Sixth Avenues NE



THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 am

Hosted by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigle
(unless otherwise noted)

March 1, 2026 "The Fifth Act" 1 Corinthians 4:1

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Through the Bible, God invites us to help Him complete the unfinished drama He's been writing for the world.

March 8, 2026 "What Was the Price on That?"

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

When we couldn't pay the price of our redemption, God did so completely by the life of Jesus.

March 15, 2026 "No Command from the Lord"

1 Corinthians 7:6-7

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is the only way to God, but with there are many adventures with Jesus. Which ones will you pick?

March 22, 2026 "Meeting You Where You Are"

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Guest Speaker: Rev. Gregory Manning

Jesus meets you where you are, not where you should have been.

March 29, 2026 "Dime-Sized"

1 Corinthians 13:11

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God doesn't look for valuable, desirable, beautiful people so that He can love them. God loves first, and by loving them He makes people valuable, desirable, and beautiful.



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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 and is produced locally and features a different Minnesota South District pastor each week selected from the Pastors in our broadcast area.

The channel also varies with cable systems.

The program is financially supported by the viewers & congregations in each viewing area.

For more info or to watch the program, go to **mainstreetliving.com**.

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Pastor Mike Novotny, The CORE
Appleton, Wisconsin

March 2026

Special Occasions for Special People



18th Shirley Holzinger
 21st Bruce Cross
 21st Dale Raschke
 23rd Sandy Westling
 28th Robin Henslin
 31st Juliana Morelli

No Anniversaries

MARCH SERVANTS

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Counters

1st Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
 8th Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather
 15th Sandy Westling and Tom Harris
 22nd Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
 29th Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Candles

Flowers

1st
 8th
 15th
 22nd Sandy Westling –
 Birthdays: Mom & Grandma
 29th

1st
 8th
 15th
 22nd
 29th



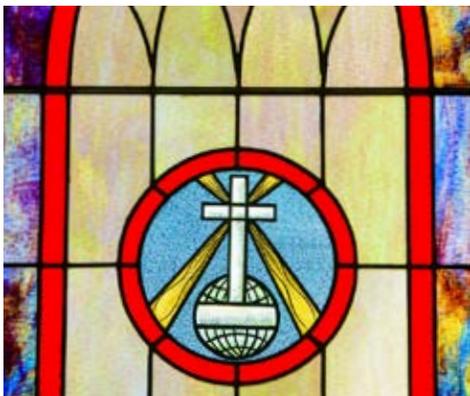
Easter Services

Palm Sunday, March 29 Worship Service, 10 am w/Distribution of Palm Branches
Maundy Thursday, April 2 Worship Service, 5 pm
Good Friday, April 3 Worship Service, 5 pm
Easter Sunday, April 5 Worship Service, 10 am



MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	2 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	3 10 am GDLC Anniversary Committee Mtg 7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting 	4 11 am Bible Study	5 	6 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	7 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
8 <i>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</i> <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	9 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	10 7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting	11 11 am Bible Study 6 pm Neighborhood Block Meeting	12 	13 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	14 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
15 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	16 ST. PATRICK'S DAY <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	17 5 – 7 pm GDLC Council Meeting 7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting	18 11 am Bible Study	19 	20 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	21 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 4 – 5 pm Living Word Board Meeting 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
22 <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	23 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	24 7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting	25 11 am Bible Study	26 6 pm Neighborhood Block Meeting	27 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	28 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 10 am Worship w/HC and Distribution of Palm Branches 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	30 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	31 7:30 pm SLAA Group Meeting				



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

WORLDWIDE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION — MARCH 1-31

The LCMS provides theological education throughout the world by means of seminaries and missionaries. Scholars and leaders from foreign church bodies also come to the LCMS seminaries for advanced degrees, learning sound doctrine from the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions.

Remember the centrality of God's Word as you pray:

1. for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, that all there might grow in the Word and prepare for the proper proclamation of the Word and administration of the Sacraments.

2. for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., that the faculty might teach the Word in its truth and purity; and the students learn God's Word in preparation for ministry.

3. for Christ's work throughout the world, that the Gospel might be proclaimed to all people and the forgiveness of sins delivered through the Means of Grace.

4. for Concordia Seminary, Hong Kong, that people and

pastors might be trained there to proclaim the Gospel.

5. for Martin Luther Seminary in Lae, Papua New Guinea, that God would strengthen and preserve the seminary to prepare the pastors of the Gutnius Lutheran Church to convict people with God's law and heal them with the word of Absolution.

6. for Japan Lutheran Seminary in Tokyo, Japan, that our Lord, Jesus Christ, would make the seminary a place where the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity.

7. for Concordia Theological Seminary in Nagercoil, India, that the Lord would preserve the seminary from all evil and lead it to become a bastion of the

Gospel against the attacks of the wicked foe.

8. for Timothy Lutheran Seminary in Birip, Papua New Guinea, that the Lord would use the instructors to shine His Word upon the path of students preparing to serve His Church.

9. for students and professors of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Baguio City, Philippines, that they might serve the Lutheran Church in the Philippines faithfully.

10. for Luther Seminary in Seoul, South Korea, that the Lord would preserve those who teach and those who learn to hold fast to His Word in all circumstances.

11. for the ministry carried out through the Westfield House of Theological Studies in Cambridge, England, as this ministry trains church leaders for England and many other church bodies around the world.

12. for the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) in Togo, that theological training for men from French-speaking countries in West Africa might continue.

13. for Concordia Reformer Seminary, Dominican Republic, that the students there might share the Gospel throughout Latin and South America.

14. for the Synod's Global Seminary Initiative (GSI), which helps to fill the need for trained church leaders who are native to the region and cultures in which they serve, that God would guide this program to strengthen the formation of pastors and deaconesses around the world.

15. for LCMS professors and pastors who travel overseas to teach seminars and intensive courses for our current and emerging church partners, that God would grant them safe travel and fruitful labors.

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16. *for the international students who come to the Synod's seminaries, that God would grant safe travels and comfort while away from family and friends.*

17. *for Lutheran pastors worldwide, that they would have access to the necessary books and resources to teach Law and Gospel.*

18. *for the health and safety of LCMS missionaries who provide theological education, thanks that they have heeded the call to serve Christ in this way.*

19. *for Lutheran church workers in Europe, that their work is fruitful.*

20. *for the seminaries of LCMS partner churches around the world, that they would faithfully educate future leaders for their churches.*

21. *for the Gospel multiplication as pastors are equipped to teach their flocks and train new leaders for the church, thank God for the growth of His Kingdom.*

22. *for the continued growth of Christ's Church on earth, that the Lord would continue to raise up missionaries according to His good and gracious will.*

23. *for Lutherans throughout the world, that they rejoice in God's gifts of His Word and Sacraments.*

24. *for the Synod's generous donors, thanks for those who make it possible for LCMS theological education around the world.*

25. *The Annunciation of our Lord, thank God for sending His Son into our flesh.*

26. *for our partner churches, that God would raise up pastors and servants to serve His people.*

27. *for sound doctrine throughout the world, that God would preserve the truth of His Word against false teachings.*

28. *for those on vicarage from our partner seminaries, that God would bless their time in the field as part of their education.*

29. *for seminarians' wives, that they would be prepared to support their husband's call into ministry.*

30. *for seminarians' children, that they rejoice in the Gospel and in their father's calling.*

31. *for all who listen to those who receive theological education, that the Gospel might take root and produce fruit.*



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