



The Eternal Light

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WORD IS . . .

ISAIAH 55: 6

**“SEEK
THE LORD WHILE HE MAY
BE FOUND;
CALL UPON
HIM WHILE HE
IS NEAR;**

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A WORD FROM PASTOR THORSON

Back-To-School

We're at that point in the rhythm of the year when parents and students are gearing up for the beginning of school. Moms and dads are out shopping deals on pens, pencils and paper. Kids are (grudgingly) making sure their laptops and iPads are ready to go. The time is right to make sure we're all prepared for school. This is sometimes a monumental effort, and other times it is like falling off a bike. Some things we do to get ready take careful planning, while others just take showing up. It is a wonderfully organized yet chaotic time. Parents may plead, and students may stress, but now is the time to make sure we're prepared for school.

“Jesus is here and near for you!”

Grab your bibles and read Isaiah 55: 6 and 2 Corinthians 6: 2. In these passages, we see that 'right now' is also the time to draw near to God. Or to put it as Jesus does in Mark 1: 15, "Repent and believe the gospel." Just like we're seeing back-to-school deals and dusting off the study tools that were set aside at the beginning of the summer, now is also the time to turn away from our old sinful selves and believe the Good News that Jesus has won the victory over sin and death by His own death and resurrection. We all know there are different times and seasons of life, but Jesus has graciously given us 'now,' while we draw breath, as the time to draw near to the Father. Unlike back-to-school sales and assignment deadlines, Jesus' invitation doesn't run out. His sacrifice and life guarantee that we have every moment to draw near to Him and believe His promise. It isn't too late! No matter how messed up by sin your life gets. No matter how chaotic or what doubts you may have because of your past actions (yes, even those that may have happened in the past thirty seconds), Jesus' power and promise give you the



opportunity to lay down your sins, your shame, your achievements, and indeed your very being and take up the new life His victory over evil guarantees. The time is right, and it is right now, to draw near to the Lord because He's promised to

be found. He can be found in every Sunday Service where the Gospel breaks the monotony and routine of guilt and sin. Jesus can be found wherever brother and sister Christians forgive and help one another in His name. Our Savior can be found wherever His Word is shared no matter how simply or quietly. Jesus is here now, near to you. He is here to hear you. Jesus is here to forgive you. Your Savior is here to give you the strength that you need to face the very rhythm and seasons of life. It doesn't matter if you're dreading school or looking forward to its structure. It doesn't matter if you're going through chaos or your plans are going off without a hitch. Jesus is near now for you. Hear it, believe it, and draw near to hear His Gospel as often as you need, every single day of your lives, because Jesus is here and near for you!

In Christ,

Pastor Ant O. Ih

Upcoming Events

August 3-6 – Roof is being replaced

August 6 – Thursday morning Bible Study resumes

August 9 – Sunday adult Bible Study resumes

August 10 – Concrete for the pavilion will begin

August 16 – Confirmation families meet with Pastor after Bible Study.

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of June were:

July 5	\$ 3,901
July 12	\$ 1,690
July 19	\$ 5,130
July 26	\$ 3,565
Online Offerings	\$ 5,564



This weekly average (\$4,963) compares to our 2026 weekly budget needs of **\$5,349**.

COUNTER SCHEDULE

If you have a conflict on a day you are scheduled, please arrange with another counter to cover that day.

August 2 – Polly Cowley and Kristin Burkett
August 9 – Mark Bunge and Ron Bredehoft
August 16 – Katherine Moore and Ron Bredehoft
August 23 – Mark and Mary Bunge
August 31 – Mark and Mary Bunge

Sept.6 – Marc and Jan Ertle
Sept. 13 – Marc and Jan Ertle
Sept. 20 – Sam and Lynn Kelley
Sept. 27 – Sam and Lynn Kelley

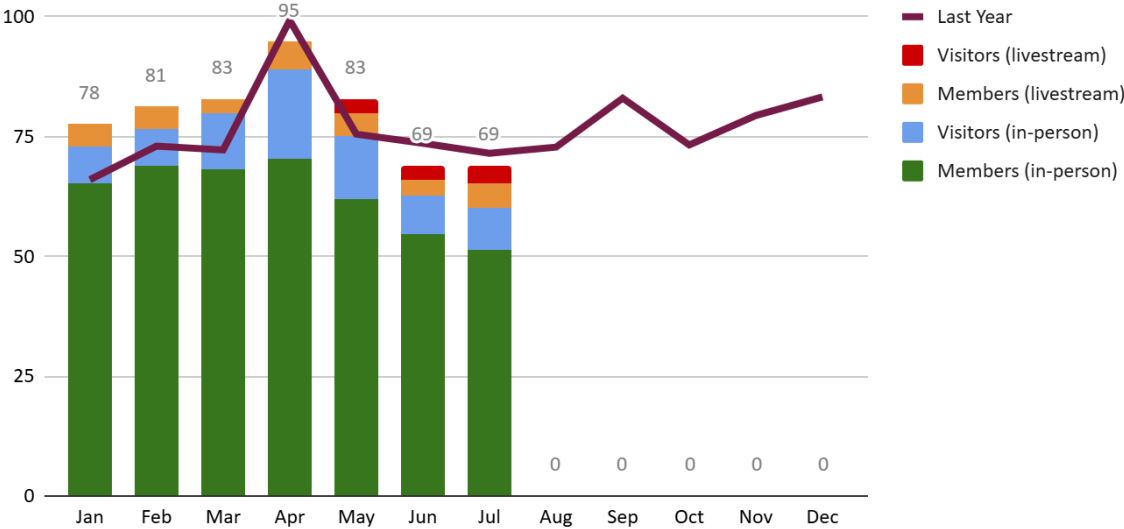


Attendance Graphs!

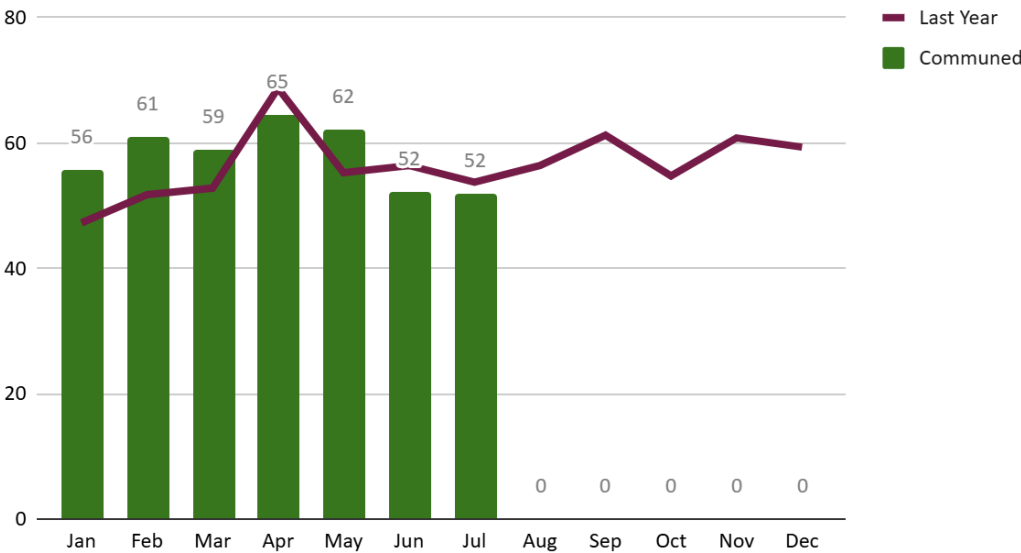
Members of Eternal Savior.

These are graphs showing our attendance and communion for 2026.

2026 Attendance: Per-Sunday Average



2026 Communed: Per-Sunday Average



Voter's Meeting Results

A Voter's meeting was held on June 28th. Listed below are the highlights from the meeting.

General Fund Status Update

We are almost even with where we were at the same point last year. We're in a healthy position heading into the summer months. In the LCEF checking account there is roughly \$130,000. Most of those funds have been designated for specific purposes.

Memorial Pavillion Update

All the plans have been approved by the city. The committee is working with a new concrete company. Hope to begin construction in August. The materials should be delivered in mid-July. The location of the delivery will impact some parking spots.

Roof Update

Our roof is 23 years old and will need to be replaced within the next one to two years. If we wait, we would be risking damage during storms (leaks, etc.). The trustees and Mark have received bids for roof replacement and there is one, the council would like to move forward with. The roof replacement would cost \$62,975. This would be an upgrade to a class four shingle that will better protect against wind and hail. It also includes removal of the old shingles.

To pay for the roof replacement now, the congregation would need to take out a loan.

Motion to replace the roof. Replacement to be paid for with a \$63,00 LCEF building improvement loan. Minimum (interest only) payments to be made in the first two years with a large principal payment before year three.

Beginning August 3rd the roofing company will be working on replacing the roof.



Current Project Updates

Here is an update on two major projects at Eternal Savior. Please be prepared for a few inconveniences like parking spots being blocked and maybe a few minor others. Hopefully, we will return to normal early in September.

NEW ROOF: We have been approved for our loan, and we have received the funds. The roof project is tentatively set for August 3rd to 6th.

PAVILION: On Friday the 31st of July, our committee met to discuss some options for furniture, along with closing a few loose ends. The kit for the structure has been delayed and is planned to be delivered August 18 or 19. The concrete company is planned to begin work the week of August 10th. The contractor that will assemble the pavilion is fully aware of these timetables and should follow with their work soon after. One of the final tasks will be to connect electricity to the site. We are not going to quote a date when all the work will be done, but we believe we will start to see a lot of work is just a few weeks.



REMINDERS

The Deacon's Fund supports Emergency Family Assistance, ULC, and other charities as well. All of these funds will be used to alleviate the needs of people who are in very vulnerable circumstances. We are only able to do this because of the generous and faithful contributions of you, our dear members, to the Deacon's Fund! Please consider contributing via your offering envelopes or in the Deacons' Fund collector in the Narthex!

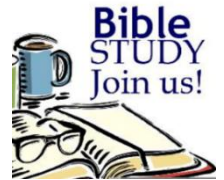
Please be responsible!!! For everyone who has access to the church building, it is your responsibility when you leave to make sure that all lights are off, the heat/air-conditioning/fans are turned back or off and all of the **doors are locked and secure!!** Please do double checks before you leave.

Sign Up to Receive Text Messages - Eternal Savior is building a text message list for urgent communications. i.e., Service is cancelled due to a blizzard. If you would like to receive notifications like that via text message, please text **ETERNALSAVIOR** (one word, no space) to 84576. Contact Laura Raben if you need help signing up.

***** The 2026 flower calendar is available on the bulletin board.** Please look to see if there is a service you would like to provide flowers. Also include if the flowers are for a special occasion.

Parking spaces in front of the church should be reserved for those members and visitors that need to park close to the building due to health concerns or weather. Please be considerate and leave these spaces to those who need them most.

Sunday Morning Bible Study - Beginning August 9th please join us after service downstairs for Sunday morning Bible Study. The topic is "What It Means To Be a Christian Man".



Thursday Morning Bible Study - Please join us for Thursday morning Bible Study at 10:30a.m. The topic has not yet been determined.

Sunday School! Sunday School will be taking a break during the month of August. Be sure to join us on Rally Day Sunday, September 6 when we start our new school year of Sunday School!

**Keeping
Current**

SERVING IN AUGUST

Sunday, August 2

Organist /Pianist	Valerie Igler
Acolyte	Trinity Anderson
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski & Katherine Moore
Greeter(s)	Cheryl and Ryan Lambrecht
Counter(s)	Polly Cowley and Kristin Burkett
Elder(s)	Ron Bredehoft and Marc Ertle
Altar	Mary Bunge
A/V Booth	Keith Cowley
Lawn	Bob Vieyra & Kyle Martz
Flowers	Bunge

Sunday, August 9

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Cantor	Mark Bunge
Acolyte	Cole Mayer
Usher(s)	Tom and Cindy Stahly
Greeter(s)	Terri Nagel
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge and Ron Bredehoft
Elder(s)	Ron Bredehoft (r) & Eric Olson
Altar	Mary Bunge
A/V Booth	Hinrichs
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra & Kyle Martz
Flowers	Innes

Sunday, August 16

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Dylan Mayer
Usher(s)	Tom and Cindy Stahly
Greeter(s)	Keith and Polly Cowley
Counter(s)	Katherine Moore & Ron Bredehoft
Elder(s)	Bob Hartwig & Marc Ertle
Altar	Mary Bunge
A/V Booth	Keith Cowley
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra & Kyle Martz
Flowers	Hartwig

Sunday, August 23

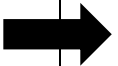
Organist /Pianist	Valerie Igler
Cantor	Tom Stahly
Acolyte	Aliyah Thorson
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski & Levi Hinrichs
Greeter(s)	Bob and Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r) and Tom Stahly
Altar	Mary Bunge
A/V Booth	Mayers
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra & Kyle Martz
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, August 30

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Eva Lambrecht
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski & Levi Hinrichs
Greeter(s)	Jeanie Fink
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Ron Bredehoft & Eric Olson
Altar	No Communion
A/V Booth	Laura Raben
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra & Kyle Martz
Flowers	Raben/Hire

We have many ways in which our members can share their gifts with others each Sunday. Some of those are Greeters, Offering Counters, Ushers, Livestream and Audio Engineers, Lawn Mowing/Snow Removal. These are all listed on the Servant Calendar on our web site. Please reach out to Mary at the church office if you can serve. We so appreciate and thank God for your service!

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Church Council	3  Roof	4 Being	5 9:30 Quilting Replaced 	6 10:30 Bible Study	7	8
9 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Deacons	10  Concrete	11 For	12 9:30 Quilting Pavilion 	13 10:30 Bible Study	14	15
16 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:10 Trustees 10:30 Adult Bible Study 11:30 Confirmation Families meet with Pastor	17	18 Pavilion structure delivered 	19 9:30 Quilting	20 10:30 Bible Study	21	22
23 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Adult Bible Study	24	25	26 9:30 Quilting	27 10:30 Bible Study	28	29
30 9:00 Worship (Matins service without Communion) 10:30 Adult Bible Study	31					

For livestreaming video, please go to church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/EternalSaviorLutheran or ESLC website <https://eternalsavior-lutheran.org/>

Bible-Based Funeral Rituals

New Christian Services for the *Shi Bring Hope in Christ

Traditional *Shi funeral rituals have been practiced for generations. Elaborate ceremonies considered essential for the spirit of the deceased to be at rest.

New *Shi Christians hope in Christ, not ritual. *Shi house church leaders pleaded early this year, “We need help to do a Christian funeral...and Bible verses in our language so those who come to the funeral of a Christian understand what Christians believe”

*New *Shi Christians hope in Christ, not ritual.*

*Shi colleagues Mr. S and Mr. P spent three months under the guidance of a consultant studying and translating Scripture passages about resurrection and eternal life. Alongside house church leaders they also drafted songs and a simple liturgy. Pray this Scripture service will bring comfort, dispel fear, and witness to the community.

*Pseudonyms used due to a sensitive location



Lutheran Bible
Translators

PO Box 789
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2026

August

PRAYER CALENDAR



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- 1.** Pray Nutrition and Wellness Advisor Valerie Federwitz will experience fruitful work and good health, especially as she celebrates her birthday today.
- 2.** Pray for God's guidance and wisdom for the board of directors nominating committee as they prepare for the fall 2026 election.
- 3.** Pray for Holy Spirit-led direction for the REV79 program management workshop and strategic planning taking in Tanzania this week.
- 4.** Pray for stamina for the Nathan and Sarah Federwitz family during their orientation course focusing on language and cultural learning. *(PNG)*
- 5.** Pray for godly wisdom for Kara Kuhn in her role as West Africa data coordinator, especially as she celebrates her birthday tomorrow.
- 6.** Pray for the Lord to renew and strengthen Ruthie Wagner in her consultant training, especially as she celebrates her birthday today.
- 7.** Praise God for volunteers from Christ Lutheran who transported missionary families to and from the airport for the annual Concordia Mission Institute Conference.
- 8.** Pray for Bible translation needs to become clear for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELC-PNG) during the multilingual assessment tool evaluation workshop.
- 9.** Pray for joy and health for the Nathan Federwitz family as they spend two weeks living in a village with a family for cultural and language immersion starting tomorrow. *(PNG)*
- 10.** Pray for the favor of the Lord to rest on Executive Director Rich Rudowske, especially as he celebrates his birthday today.

- 11.** Pray for wisdom and discernment for the Waria Cluster Project as they make plans for translation work, community Scripture engagement, and training for translators. *(PNG)*
- 12.** Pray for good electricity, internet, health, communication and God's wisdom for Jim Kaiser and the Kono team checking over their translation of Ezekiel. *(Sierra Leone)*
- 13.** Pray for ministry opportunities and safety for missionaries serving in sensitive locations in SE Asia.
- 14.** Pray for organizers and participants to have fruitful conversations and determine a clear path forward at the *Psalms that Sing* workshop hosted by the ELC – PNG.
- 15.** Pray for Bennett Frazier to be filled with the Spirit of God and wisdom especially as he celebrates his birthday tomorrow.
- 16.** Pray for the God of all peace and comfort to rest on Katie Hogan, especially as she celebrates her birthday today.
- 17.** Pray for good electricity, internet, health, communication, and God's wisdom for Jim Kaiser and the Tsamakko team during translation checking. *(Ethiopia)*
- 18.** Pray for smooth transitions and a wonderful academic year for students and teachers returning to school.
- 19.** Pray for the *Shi team as they transition from oral Bible stories to a written translation of the Gospel of Luke. *(SE Asia)*
- 20.** Praise God for women in mission (LWML) across the country who voted to support Lutheran Bible Translators' ministry through grants and mite offerings.
- 21.** Pray for health and balance for Mathias Gesengsu as he organizes workshops for Bible Translation ministry and begins University studies. *(PNG)*

- 22.** Pray for the *Shi team as they train a core group of people to be literacy teachers. *(SE Asia)*
- 23.** Pray for smooth processes for all missionaries, staff, and partners waiting on paperwork for passports, visas, and other important documentation needed to do their work.
- 24.** Praise God the Maan Bible is being sent to the printer. Pray the Dan Bible will soon follow. *(Liberia)*
- 25.** Praise God for Waria Cluster project leaders Bethuel, Job, Kepa, and Nonege. Pray for health, wisdom, energy, family, and protection. *(PNG)*
- 26.** Pray for safety and supernatural strength for translation contexts where work is interrupted due to weather emergencies or threatened safety.
- 27.** Praise God for Mpoki Jafari's love for God and Scripture as he faithfully uses his gifts to serve five languages in Tanzania.
- 28.** Pray for blessing over the school year for students and teachers in the Linguistics and Bible Translation Department – Theological College of Northern Nigeria.
- 29.** Praise God for LBT staff dedicated to researching careful, considered, and community-based implementation of AI tools and strategies.
- 30.** Praise God the *Shi literacy primer has been completed along with over 30 easy-reader booklets. *(SE Asia)*
- 31.** Pray for God's provision so the Yala translation team may have the entire Bible ready for typesetting by the end of 2026. *(Nigeria)*

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AUGUST

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

CHURCH WORKERS — AUGUST 1-15

Pastors; deaconesses; Lutheran school teachers; directors of Christian education, Christian outreach and family life ministry; parish musicians. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) is blessed with many faithful church workers who assist and lead people in participating in the fulfillment of the Great Commission, while building up the Body of Christ.

Remember God's work through the Synod's church workers as you pray:

1. *with thanksgiving for the many dedicated church workers in the LCMS, who share in our joys and sorrows. Ask the Lord to comfort and defend them from every assault of the devil.*

2. *for the Synod's pastors, that they would hold fast to the Word of God and find strength to continue preaching God's truth in an increasingly anti-Christian culture.*

3. *for the Synod's deaconesses. Pray that they would be equipped with all things needful to love and serve people in every situation.*

4. *that God would bless the work of directors of Christian education, as they develop educational ministries for children, youth, adults and families.*

5. *for the Synod's directors of Christian outreach, that God would guide their efforts to support a congregation's or organization's outreach and evangelism work.*

6. *for directors of family life ministry. Ask that God would guide their vital work to strengthen the families in our congregations.*

7. *for teachers and administrators in Lutheran schools, that they would model Christ-like behavior*

for students and incorporate the Gospel message into each and every day.

8. *for directors of parish music, that they would find joy and satisfaction in their work of enhancing the worship life of the church.*

9. *for the Synod's commissioned lay ministers, who work under a pastor's guidance to support a church's efforts in evangelism, Christian education, parish administration and other areas that are God-pleasing.*

10. *for missionaries, who leave home and family to work in faraway lands. Ask God to give them strength, wisdom and protection as they do His work.*

11. *for those involved in Specialized Pastoral Ministry, who serve the ill, imprisoned, aging, troubled and isolated. Give thanks for their service to people in the midst of tragedy or crisis.*

12. *for military chaplains, who put themselves in harm's way to minister to members of our armed forces. Ask God to keep them safe as they share Christ's love with our servicemen and women.*

13. *for the health and well-being of all church workers, that they would utilize opportunities for rest and renewal.*

14. *with thanksgiving for every person who volunteers in a congregation as an elder, an usher, a Sunday school teacher or in another capacity. Praise God that He calls His people to support full-time church workers in a variety of ways.*

15. *with thankful hearts for the blessings God gives to His people through full-time church workers. These faithful men and women care for us, pray for us and teach us the Word of God.*

THE CHURCH — AUGUST 16-31

“The Church is the congregation of saints [Psalm 149:1] in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered. For the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree about the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments” (Augsburg Confession VII).

Remember God’s work through the Church as you pray:

16. *with thanksgiving to God for raising up voices in every age and generation as He continues to call people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

17. *that God would raise up in our own time faithful pastors and church workers who will preach Jesus Christ crucified and risen, for the edification of His people and for the sake of those not yet of the faith.*

18. *with thanksgiving that God does His bidding through unworthy and unlikely people. Pray that He would keep us from thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought and keep us focused on the proclamation of the Gospel.*

19. *that God would give us faith so that we may not fear in times of trouble nor fall away in times of prosperity.*

20. *for the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above to be given to us, so that*

God’s Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edification of Christ’s holy people.

21. *that the Church would work together in God-pleasing unity and that their joint efforts would further God’s kingdom.*

22. *for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.; and other institutions that prepare servants for the Church, that they would properly prepare men and women to serve God and His Church.*

23. *with thanksgiving for every person and organization that supports the work of the Church. The prayers and financial support of God’s people enable the Gospel to be shared at home and around the world.*

24. *for young people, that the Lord would lead them to serve Him and bless His people.*

25. *for us, that when we are tempted to focus on the things*



of the world or on ourselves, God would direct our attention to His Word and will.

26. *with thanksgiving that God continues to strengthen us through His Word and Sacraments.*

27. *with thankful hearts to God for sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross and rise again so that we might have the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life.*

28. *that we would joyfully study the Sacred Scriptures as a light to our path and gratefully make*



use of the Lutheran Confessions to help us understand and apply the Scriptures.

29. *with thanksgiving for shepherds in the Church’s history and pastors today, whom God uses to guide His flock.*

30. *that God would keep all Christians from being led astray by false teachings, and instead bring them to a deeper knowledge of Him.*

31. *that we all would be given a trust in the saving Gospel and a great passion to spread its joy with others in our lives.*



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