



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Christ Be My Leader

When I was a kid, I always got a little anxious when it was time to go back to school. I wasn't sure if I would like my teachers, if I would have the same friends as the previous year, if I would make new friends. As a parent, I've experience something kind of similar each year around this time too. I have wondered if my children will do well, if they will have good friendships at school, and of course, I know I will miss seeing them during weekdays.

This year, such anxious thoughts are dwarfed by the unsettling questions about health and safety at school during an ongoing pandemic. I know that Katie and I are not alone. All parents we know are in the same boat and are asking the same questions. Will masks me worn? Will there be social distancing? Will there be contact tracing? Will there be a COVID outbreak at school?

In the midst of these questions and anxious thoughts, my attention was brought to a hymn we will be singing at the end of Divine Service on Sunday, September 19th. It is entitled, "Christ Be My Leader." Some of you may know it well. For others it may be completely new. The hymn proclaims that no matter what the future holds, Christ is our leader.

This truth brings me comfort, and I pray it does the same for you. Whatever is going to happen, we can face it with confidence, because Jesus Christ is our leader who has gone before us. He has died to take away our sin, our guilt, and our death. He has risen to life again and gives us His eternal life, a secure eternity with God, and the confidence to live courageously in the present, come what may.

As we enter into a new school year and a new season in life, with so many unknowns in the future, we do so led by the Christ who is our leader, our teacher, and our calm in the midst of stride. I have shared the text of this hymn on the following page. I invite you to meditate upon it and make it your proclamation this fall. Nothing can touch you, for you belong to God in Christ forever. Amen.

In Christ,
Your Pastor, Joshua Miller

Continued . . .



Christ Be My Leader
By Timothy Dudley-Smith

Christ be my leader by night as by day;
safe through the darkness for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care,
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Saviour in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord's prophet has been faithful in bringing God's comfort to his people,
trusting that the Lord will vindicate him in the face of mistreatment by the people.

James 3:1-12

James voices strong admonition on the use of the tongue,
especially for teachers.

The tongue must be used not to curse but to praise our Lord and Father.

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus' teaching about his suffering and death leads to teaching about discipleship.
Following him means denying self and taking up the cross of suffering and submission to God's will,
for only so will one find his true self.



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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Donna Ostenson Kiefert
Bernice Demulling
Rita Galston
Paul Finegan
George Mendoza
Sandy Quenzer
Tom Kelly
Tim Robinson
Patrick Carey
Wesley Pagel
Keith Hendrickson (step-son of Wesley Pagel hospitalized)
Shirley Starner, and her son-in-law Greg Beaudoin
Jim Kinsel
Lynne Baerthel and her family
John Watson (recovering from surgery for blood clots)
John "Jack" Hedenstrom (brother of Sue and brother-in-law of Al Puder)
Jeannie Edwards (cousin of Pastor Miller)
Joyce and Susan Boettcher (stepmother and cousin of Elizabeth Wegner)
George Hild, Sr. (father of George Hild)
Jenna Schmidt (daughter of Perry Schmidt)
Nicole Pierce (friend of the Millers from Emmaus Lutheran)
Sue Schutte (mother of Principal Jay Schutte from King of Kings Lutheran)
John and Linda Borgstrom
Ramone and his family



*Let my prayer
rise before you as incense.
Psalm 141:2a*

Those suffering or recovering from COVID-19 and for wise use of the vaccines.

Safety and good health for all students, teachers and staff at schools, including those from this congregation.

For strength to speak out for and protect the lives of the unborn our God has created and compassionate care of all that He has made.

For the people of Afghanistan and for innocent lives caught in the midst of the tumultuous events taking place there.

For those affected by Hurricane Ida.

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For President Biden and Vice President Harris as they serve our nation.

For Governor Walz and all in leadership in our state.

For our Synodical President Matthew Harrison, our District President Lucas Woodford as they lead us, and our Circuit Visitor, Steven Bielenberg.

For our congregation, its Pastor, and its lay leaders as we move forward together in outreach.

For the Mekane Yesus congregation as they call a new pastor.

Special Weekly Prayers:

As we pray for each member and family in our congregation by name, this week we pray for David, Katherine, and Joyce Mennicke. .

*Note, we are currently praying for two members or families from Jehovah Lutheran each week. The order for these prayers is alphabetical. In addition to our public prayers, our Pastor and board of Lay Ministry are praying individually for these members and families each week. Special prayer requests are encouraged any time and may be given to Pastor via phone or email.



On August 17, severe rainstorms and sudden flash flooding turned parts of the properties of Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa into a raging river. It had a devastating impact on the seminary community. The flood has caused the death of 8 people. A professor of leadership lost both her parents and children. Sixteen families have been evacuated from their homes.

The Evangelical Mekane Yesus Lutheran Fellowship in North America is currently collecting monetary donations to support the recovery efforts. If you would like to contribute to this cause, the GoFundMe link is:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/mekane-yesus-seminary-flood-disaster-fund?
utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1](https://www.gofundme.com/f/mekane-yesus-seminary-flood-disaster-fund?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1)

You can also send a check to the address below written to Evangelical Mekane Yesus Lutheran Fellowship in North America.

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Divine Service – 9:30AM each Sunday
In Person service in the sanctuary

The Word of the Lord Grew:
Outreach in the Earliest Church

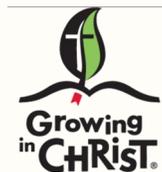
Jehovah Lutheran Church
Adult Bible Class



11:00AM on Sundays.

Join us in person in the lounge.

Contact Pastor Miller with questions
at 612-600-3514 or pastorjoshuamiller@gmail.com.



Family Sunday School meets weekly in the nursery after the Service.
Parents are welcome to stay with their children.



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CHECK OUT THE LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK!



This is the final week to purchase the LSB hymnal. You can drop your order form in the offering plate on Sunday, or send it to the office. Cost per hymnal is \$26.99. Please make your check payable to Jehovah Lutheran Church and mark "Hymnal" on the memo line. Are you curious to see what the new hymnal will look like? There is a review copy on the volunteer desk in the office. Come take a look! If you need more information, talk to Pastor Miller, Elizabeth Wegner, Jehovah's Music Director, or call the Jehovah office.

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name.
Psalm 100:4*

JEHOVAH'S WEEKLY FRIENDLY FRIDAY CALL-IN CHAT



Join us on Fridays at 11:10am.

All you need is your phone.

Dial: 978-990-5000. If you are using a land line please dial 1 and then the number.

When prompted enter the JELC code:

796345#

After the beep just say hello and your name. We will have a short devotion, a topic for discussion, and prayer.

*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,
as indeed you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

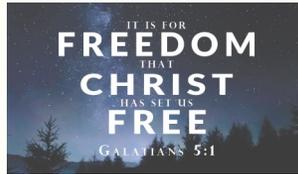


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The National Lutheran Choir's 2021-2022 Season will include four in-person concerts, two unique virtual programs, regular virtual content, and more.

Tickets go on sale September 14th and can be purchased through our website, NLCA.com.



The New Freedom Store would like to voice a special thanks to Diane Grandstand and Marc Hequet who sent a carload full of hygiene kits to Lutheran Social Services in preparation for new Afghan Refugees. While the Freedom Store has focused on those recently released from prison, it has also helped the homeless, those impacted by Covid, and even Lutheran church members in need. In the next weeks and months we will become more active, perhaps also helping Hurricane Ida survivors in partnership with LCMS efforts.

thank you



Rezek House is moving toward a full house again and are reaching out with some specific basic needs. They are looking for 5' x 7' area rugs to place under the beds to help prevent scratches on the beautiful new floors. They also have a dire need for size 1 and size 4 diapers.

Drop off your donations at 501 N. Asbury Street, St Paul MN 55104. Please call Sean at 504-228-9149 to coordinate your drop off.



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