

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 28, 2026



MT. HOREB LUTHERAN CHURCH
101 East Boundary Street
Chapin, SC 29036

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church! We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ welcoming all who are visiting. It is good that you are here to worship and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offering plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured that the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with, and under the bread alone.

PRELUDE: Maestoso from Adagio on "All Are Welcome" Charles Lenz

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the People of God
to be forgiven, enlightened, fed, and sent into world to serve.*

WE CONFESS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

WE GATHER TO SING: HYMNAL#641 ALL ARE WELCOME

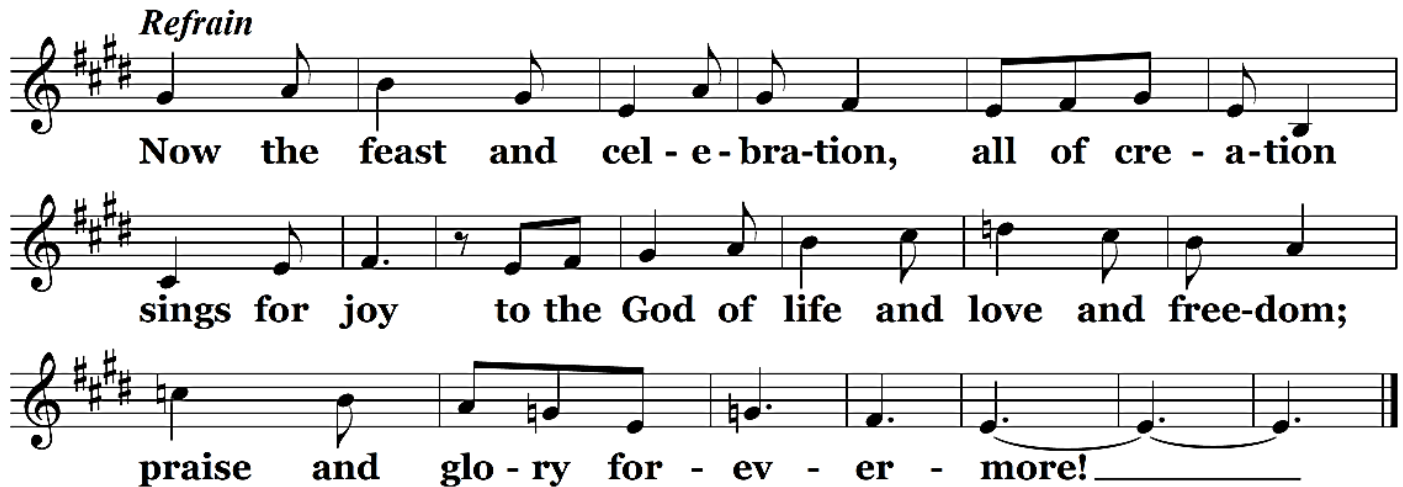
VSS. 1 AND 2-ALL; VS. 3-MEN; VS. 4-LADIES; VS. 5-ALL

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *Now the Feast and Celebration (Join the choir in singing the refrain)*

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood
has freed and united us to be one great people of God. **Refrain**
2. Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. **Refrain**
3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;
to make all things new. **Refrain**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

We sit

THE WORD

We hear the word of God's promise in Scripture and in preaching. This includes the readings, the sermon, hymns and the Apostles' creed, prayers of intercession and the passing of the peace of Christ.

"We will recount to generations to come the power of the Lord (Ps. 78:4)."

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

L The Word of the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18



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¹ Your love, O Lord, forever [|] will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- [|] claim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- [|] lished forever;**
you have set your faithfulness firmly [|] in the heavens.

³ "I have made a covenant with my [|] chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
⁴**'I will establish your line forever,
 and preserve your throne for all generations.'**
¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
 They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
¹⁶**They rejoice daily in your name;
 they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
 and by your favor our might is exalted.
¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;
 our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

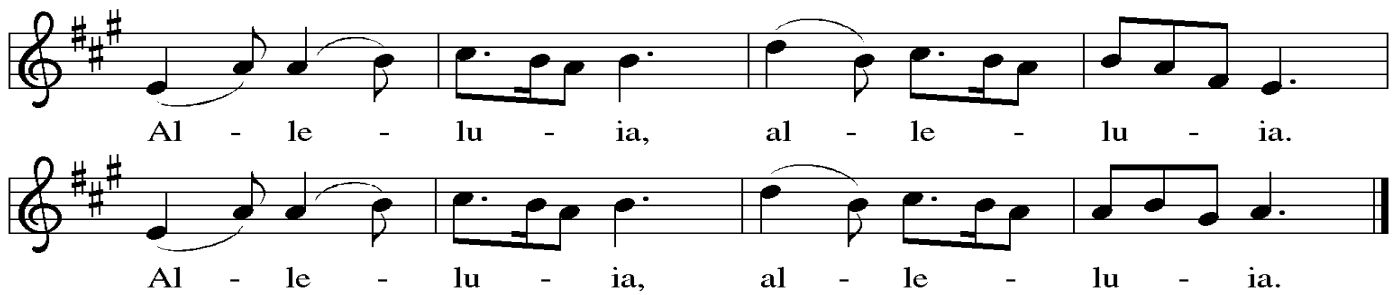
²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L The Word of the Lord!
 C **Thanks be to God!**

We stand

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord!**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P The Gospel of the Lord!

C **Praise to you, O Christ!**

We sit

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON: “WHAT ALL ARE WELCOME REALLY MEANS!”

REV. RONALD D. PHILABAUM

We stand

WE SING TOGETHER

Hymnal: #719

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Vss. 1, 2, 4, and 6

TOGETHER WE AFFIRM WHAT WE BELIEVE

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the ☩ resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

WE PRAY TOGETHER IN HOPE

P God of Grace,

C **Hear our prayer**

WE SHARE CHRIST'S PEACE WITH EACH OTHER

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We sit

THE MEAL

In the Word read and proclaimed, God speaks to us the word of Promise. In the Lord's Supper it is a "visible word" of the invisible promise of which Martin Luther speaks – God feeds us with the promise and presence of Christ Jesus. We begin with our own offerings from what God first gave us to use: money, bread and wine, and praise and thanksgiving.

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *God of Great and God of Small* Natalie Sleeth

OFFERTORY SONG: *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be - low; Al - le -

-lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ, whose pow'r up -

10 lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be__ with you. And al - so__ with you.

Lift__ up__ your hearts! We lift__ them to the Lord!

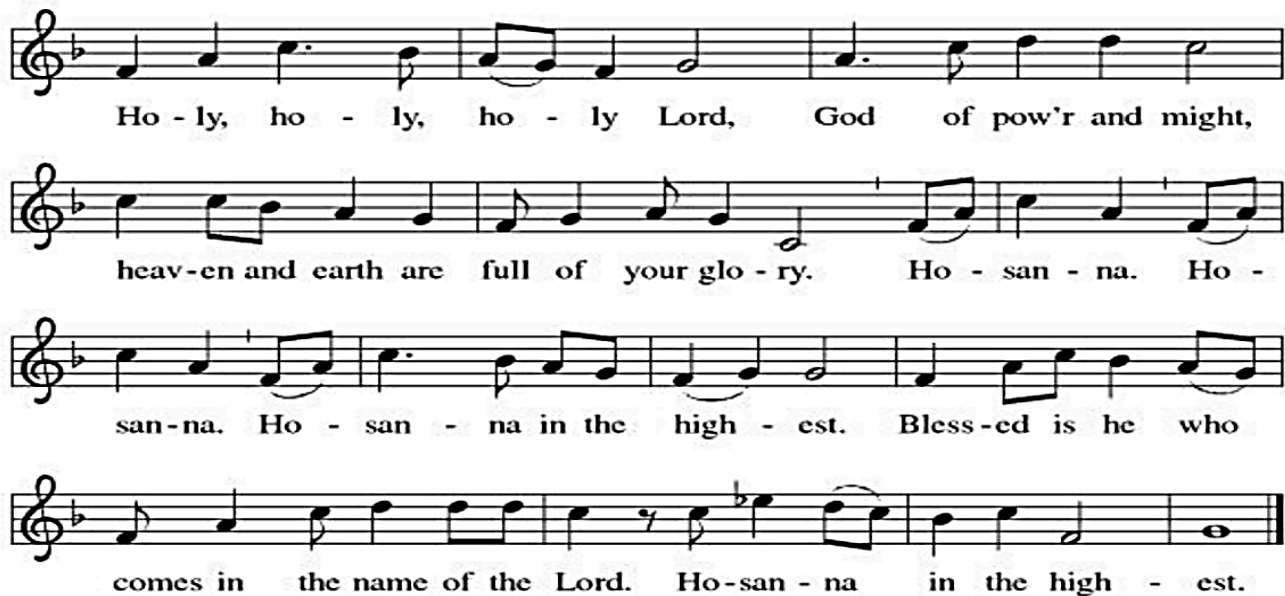
Let us give____ thanks to__ the Lord our__ God.

It is right__ to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You have revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Holy COMMUNION PRAYER

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.



WE ARE INVITED TO THE LORD'S TABLE

P Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.
Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.
Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.
Come, old and young, for there is room for all.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

ADAGIO FROM *PARTITA ON "ALL ARE WELCOME"* CHARLES LENZ (ORGAN ONLY)

WE SING TOGETHER HYMNAL #461 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

P Let us pray: Almighty God, before whose face the human generations pass away, we thank you that as the broken bread was gathered into one loaf, the broken fragments of our history are gathered up and healed by the redeeming act of Christ. Send us forth in peace, form us into what we celebrate here, the body of Christ in the world. Nourished by this sacrament, give us strength and courage to serve you in daily life with joy and singleness of heart, through the same Lord Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit

WE ARE SENT

Our worship comes to a close. We have gathered as a body of believers, received instruction, have been nourished and commissioned to be Christ's body in service to the world. We are now ready to go and proclaim the good news that has inspired us to authentically

love all of God's people as Jesus loves us. We pray that our expressions of love and service reflect who Jesus is in us. We give thanks that we get to come back together to celebrate freely this awesome God who loves us and forgives us, even when we mess up.

BENEDICTION

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: Hymnal #546 To Be Your Presence

DISMISSAL

P What will you do with what you've learned today?

C **I will go and share Christ today!**

P As you go in peace, how will you encourage others?

C **I will share my joy with somebody each day!**

POSTLUDE: Finale and Dance from *Partita on "All Are Welcome"* Charles Lenz

Great News!!!

Our missionaries are coming; our missionaries are coming!

Tell your friends to come and hear how the gospel is being proclaimed in a country who has a 1% Christian population. Pastor Megan Tee and her husband Tee Sieng will be joining us on July 2nd at 6:30 for Hors d'oeuvres.

I am sure you have questions like:

- What is living in Japan like?
- What other religions are there in Japan?
- How do the Japanese feel about us sharing Christ with them?
- What are some of your most memorable experiences in ministry in a culture so different from your own?

They are willing to answer all your curious questions and share more Thursday evening at 6:30. Bring your friends and neighbors to hear interesting cross-cultural information about the ministries we support five thousand miles away.

Pastor Ron

Announcements

Serving Today Sunday, June 28

Lay Reader	Stan Shealy
Acolyte	Caleo Williams
Audio/Video	Rod (Audio), Barry (Video)
Communion Assistants	Ashley Williams, Stephanie Stoudemayer, Don Wise
Altar Flowers	Bernie & Faye Hawkins in honor of Our 69th Wedding Anniversary – 6/30

Serving Next Sunday, July 5

Lay Reader	Glenda Lindler
Acolyte	John Adams
Audio/Video	Schmidt Family (Audio & Video)
Communion Assistants	Rod Davis, Brandon Miller, Karl Fulmer
Altar Flowers	Greg & Kim Shealy in honor of Ann S. Shealy

Please keep the following in your prayers:

*Bishop Ginny Aebischer
Janelle Barrett
Dan DeFreese
Beth Ellis
Barbara Feltman
Jesse Frick
Kevin Frick
Louis Kolb
Carol Lindler
Craig Lindler
Aubrey & Mary Nell Metts*

*Phyllis Metts
Bill Moser
Emma Olsen
Peggy Roche
Margaret Robinson
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Can we pray for you?

Visit mthoreb.net to submit a request.

*Long-term and friend/family requests are printed in the
monthly newsletter.*

Last Sunday Attendance

In-person: 127
Online: 33

This Week at a Glance

<u>SUN</u>	June 28	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Faith Formation Classes Worship & Holy Communion
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		11:30 a.m.	Worship Team
MON	June 29	10:00 a.m.	Visitation Team Meeting
TUES	June 30	4:30 p.m.	Kindred Strings Practice
WED	July 1	10:00 a.m.	Fiber Friends
THUR	July 2	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Pray and Play Social Ministry Japanese Missionary Reception

*Stay connected with everything happening at The Mount!
Sign up for our weekly e-news at www.mthoreb.net and follow us on Facebook.*

When you know of a church member, whether it is a family member, friend, or acquaintance who has been unable to attend Sunday services or other events at Mt. Horeb, and would like to receive a visit from the Visitation Team, please let the church office know by calling 803-345-2000 or emailing the frontdesk@mthoreb.com.



Produce and Peach Picking Time!

Anyone interested in traveling to Strawberry Hill USA on July 7, 2026, for some fresh produce and peaches, sign in on the signup sheet located on the Welcome Center.
We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m.

Publishing Deadlines

Sunday Bulletins: Announcements and Prayer Lists: Monday at 10:00 a.m.; submit via email to the office, frontdesk@mthoreb.net, or via Jotform

Newsletter: 15th of each month; all information and submissions to Stan Shealy at mayorstan@att.net

From the JELC February 2026 Newsletter

Greetings in the name of Jesus, Savior of the Word,
Our names are Pastor Megan Tee, and Tee Sieng and we are missionaries with the ELCA serving in Tokyo, Japan. I am called to serve Tokyo Lutheran Church



as Pastor to their English-language worship service. My husband Tee, has been called to serve Global Mission in local outreach and community support. We would be honored if you would consider becoming missionary sponsors to support our work as part of ELCA Global Mission.

The ELCA's model of service is called ***accompaniment***, and it shapes every form of service across our church. This accompaniment model will inform everything Tee and I do during our service in Tokyo. Accompaniment leads with *listening* and *relationship* at the front of every conversation and interaction. Our service is centered in getting to know those we serve so that we can walk alongside them as *equals*. This means that our work in Tokyo **will look a lot like your ministries in your neighborhood**, even though our communities are 5,700 miles apart. As of the writing of this letter, Tee and I have been serving in Tokyo for nearly four months! We would love to tell you about Tokyo Lutheran Church (TLC)!

TLC is one church--that worships in two languages—Japanese and English. However, the church is made up of a rich tapestry of cultures and backgrounds. The congregation is made up of worshippers from 11+ different countries; and every age, from newborns to 80+ years old. Worshippers often travel for nearly 90 minutes, one way, to attend service.

Lutheran identity, rooted in the grace of Christ, is a source of deep pride. Recently, several members of the congregation have begun living out this loving grace, by going out to the streets to share hot soup and tea with unhoused neighbors not accessing services by other nonprofit and church groups. They bring shower cards so neighbors can take a bath, new undergarments, hats, scarves, and mittens. We are one church, of many nations, worshipping the Lord and living out His love.

Tokyo Lutheran Church has had a ministry of providing an English-language worship service for a long time. **Every dollar you give will support the mission we share of creating a safe, grace-filled space of love, courage, and encouragement—rooted in Scripture and grounded by the Lutheran Confessions.**

We would LOVE to invite you to be a part of this ministry! There are many ways we can work together to spread the love of Jesus in Tokyo.

--A financial gift, of course, is a HUGE blessing—as it enables Tee and I to keep serving this community. We couldn't do this without you!

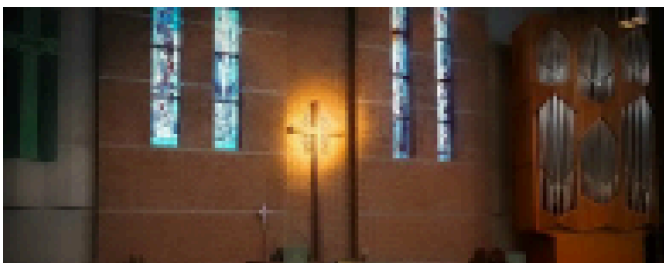
--Be pen pals with our Sunday School kiddos and youth! We'd love to exchange letters!

--Zoom call or video chat with us---we'd love to show you around our church and Tokyo—and pray together!

To find out more about missionary covenants, and to stay connected, check out our website <https://teefamilymission.org/> ;Follow us on Instagram! <https://www.instagram.com/teefamilyonamission/>

We'd love to return your support for our ministry with support for yours! Our prayers are with you and your ministry; and thank you for remembering us in your prayers.

Christ's peace and joy,
Pastor Megan Tee and Tee Sieng



We have been living in Tokyo for five months now; and we would be honored and delighted to share a bit about what life and ministry in Tokyo are like!

Tokyo Lutheran Church (TLC) is part of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church. It is unique in that it is one church that worships in two languages. I am pastor to the English-speaking worship service. My colleague Pastor Matsumoto, serves the Japanese-speaking worship service. My husband Tee has been called by ELCA Global Mission to do outreach ministry.

Tokyo Lutheran Church Sanctuary

Photo credit: Mikkiya Nosaka

Tee and I's focus, in our first five months, has been to ground ourselves in relationship and community. We want to know our church members' stories, how they came to believe in Jesus, how their faith fits into their daily lives.

Christianity in Japan is less than 1% of the population. (Most people are Buddhist or Shinto) Thus, whenever I look out at our congregation and see 50+ people in attendance, I feel a kind of awe. It's amazing the Spirit has called us to be together, from so many cultures and countries.

Godzilla, just down the street from TLC! These are our boys, Saya (8) and Sacha (5)



Picture of mountains around Tokyo on our hike last Fall. Not pictured, the wonderful church members who kept us from getting lost and introduced us to INCREDIBLE cheeseburgers at the end of the experience.

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