



Pastor Paul's Call

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New Seminary Classes

The new semester just began at China Lutheran Seminary, and I'm teaching two Bachelor of Theology courses this term – Theology and

Practice of Liturgical Worship and Homiletics II (Preaching). I've taught the worship course a few times before, and so already have lots of material, including a 1500 slide PowerPoint file. It's a great blessing that this semester we'll be able to use the new pilot version of the Chinese Lutheran Service Book. This is the first time, though, that I've taught the “advanced level” preaching course. The four students in the course all took my “beginning level” course a year ago. This time around, we'll most importantly continue working on distinguishing and applying Law and Gospel. In addition, we'll try to improve our logic and thought flow, and also try to utilize different types of overall sermon structures. All the students in both classes are very eager to learn and are a joy to work with.



Brief Updates

- Right after returning to Taiwan, I was the speaker for a Lutheran congregation's men's retreat. My topic was “Law and Gospel.”
- With our daughter Elizabeth now in her first semester as a college student in the US, our mission congregation has been scrambling to have worship piano accompanists every Sunday. Irene and I are in the rotation along with four others.
- With CELC pastor Rev. Dr. Joseph Lu focusing on work elsewhere for the synod, I am now the “sacrament pastor” at our mission congregation, which means I am ordinarily the pastor who administers the Lord's Supper and Baptisms.
- This coming Sunday I will begin teaching a six-week adult Bible Class at our mission congregation on Paul's Epistle to the Galatians.

I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.
(Acts 20:32 ESV)





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- the new seminary classes and students eager to learn
- many opportunities to mentor new and future Church leaders

Petitions for:

- our mission station's second location very near our apartment...that we could soon move in and begin using it.
- the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His harvest field. We need many more pastors and deaconesses.

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Beginning our catechism study with prayer

I am called to Taiwan as a theological educator. The most important educating I do is for the current and future pastors of our partner synod, the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC). The primary reason I'm teaching the worship and homiletics class mentioned on the front page is that the CELC's only seminary student, Youting Huang, needs to take both of those classes for his preparation to Lord-willing eventually serve as a pastor in the CELC. Those classes meet on Tuesday and Wednesday. Every Monday morning I continue to lead a "pericopal study," which is designed especially to help the CELC's three vicars and the one seminary student mentioned above. During this study, we study together the Gospel for next week's worship service and discuss ideas about how to develop a sermon based on it. One CELC pastor, Rev. Alexander Wu, also joins in the discussion and gives valuable input. Finally, every Thursday I teach Luther's Small Catechism to one of the vicars and his wife at their apartment (see picture above). This vicar will soon begin teaching the catechism in our mission station, so our class is good preparation for his future teaching.

Continued Mentoring



While I study the catechism with the vicar and his wife, Irene watches their youngest child.

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