



### Pastor Paul's Call

Pastor Paul is a theological educator in Taiwan, serving with the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) and China Lutheran Seminary (CLS). He is called to teach, write, and help plant and pastor Lutheran churches.

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## Irene teaches Sunday School



*Irene and about half of the regular Sunday School children. Jesus is the Door!*

The mission station where we worship has held a weekly Saturday afternoon children's program from the very beginning, partly as an outreach to neighborhood children. However, until now we've not yet had a Sunday morning children's Sunday School. While we've had adult Bible class prior to worship for quite some time, the children either had to figure out a way to keep themselves busy while their parents attended Bible class, or the parents simply had to care for them and not attend Bible class. Irene really wanted the parents to be able to have a focused study of God's Word, so a few weeks ago she began teaching the children, basing her lessons on the Gospel reading for the day. She says, "I thoroughly enjoy teaching the children God's Word in this way, and am encouraged by their attentiveness." Unfortunately, due to space limitations they have no choice but to meet either outside (if the weather's good) or in an echoey stairwell, but God's Word still gets taught.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 19:14 ESV





### What can you pray for?

#### Thanks for:

- continued stability in Taiwan, despite COVID-19
- Irene’s Sunday School class
- outreach to mothers & others

#### Petitions for:

- our Lord’s mercy on all those affected by COVID-19, and an end to the pandemic according to His will
- the Lutheran Confessions class, for good teaching & good learning
- safety and health for Irene as she travels to the US to help our daughter

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Mother’s Day is a very big holiday here in Taiwan, celebrated on the same Sunday as in the US. Many churches use the holiday as a way to reach out to women (and even men) with the Gospel. Already last Sunday our mission station, which hosts a Vietnamese Christian fellowship group on Sunday afternoons, held a Mother’s Day evangelistic service. Even with the coronavirus concerns, well over 20 Vietnamese gathered at our mission station for the event. In addition, our mission station is providing carnations to members to share with neighbors and friends. Along with the carnations is an invitation to attend our mission station activities. Irene will be sharing many of these flowers with our neighborhood mothers.

## Mother’s Day Outreach



Vietnamese mothers & friends

## Holy Week in Taiwan

Many of you have already seen a Holy Week video which I sent out over email a few weeks ago. We were so blessed to be able to worship as usual that week. For the first time, maybe in 50 or more years, an LCMS partner synod (CELC) congregation even held a Maundy Thursday worship service, which I prepared for our mission station. On the Saturday of Holy Week we also had a major children’s program, for which Irene was the primary organizer. If you haven’t yet seen the short video highlighting these events, the YouTube link is <https://youtu.be/Wf73n-qYpMc>.

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## Brief Updates

- While COVID-19 has not impacted daily life too much here in Taiwan, we continue to pray for all of you in the US who have been much more effected. May our Heavenly Father have mercy and bring this plague to an end soon.
- I continue to spend quite a bit of time preparing my Lutheran Confessions seminary course. We just finished our study of the Lord’s Supper yesterday and move on to Confession and Repentance for next week.
- Our oldest child Rachel was married last summer and this summer will give birth to their first child---our first grandchild. Irene is planning to be with Rachel in Missouri to help her “sit a month,” as Chinese mothers are usually expected to do after giving birth. Please pray for safe travel and protection from the coronavirus.

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