



Our Lord Working Through Everyday Life

Christians live out their vocations wherever the Lord has placed them. This is what you do where your life is, even (especially!) in these days of pandemic and protest. You simply live out the life you've been given, speaking and acting in accord with the faithfulness to who our Lord Jesus has made you to be in the waters of Holy Baptism. You speak and act as a faithful Christian (also known as Lutheran) in everything, confident in His forgiveness and love. This is also what we do here in Taiwan, where the Lord has placed us through you, His church. And many times, without us even realizing it, He is working wonderful things through this everyday faithfulness.



We take the bus to church every Sunday, from one side of Chiayi to another. Then we have about a ten-minute walk through a busy market area, from the bus stop to the actual church building itself. Along that way, we pass food and drink stalls, and sellers of everything from pants to pineapple.

One of the pineapple sellers has a young daughter of seven years old, just in between our Cassandra and Carissa. The family is not Christian, but we had interacted with them several times as they sold us pineapple on the way to church, and as they asked curious questions about our large white family, and why we passed their stall every Sunday about that time.

After several Sunday mornings of this interaction, the family had more to say: they actually asked us to take their daughter along with us so that she could attend Sunday School and church with us, since their stall was just a few doors down from the door of the church. The daughter did not speak any English (and neither did the parents!), so we were thankful for our two years of Chinese lessons thus far! Would we take their daughter to church, where she could hear about Jesus?!? You bet we would. What a privilege.

The girl joined us for Sunday School and church, sitting with the pastor's wife and daughter, and with Cheryl, and interacting with our kids. She clearly had no idea what to expect, but she was anxious to learn more about what we were doing. God only knows what she took away, but we know that because we sing Lutheran hymns, follow the church's liturgy, and are a Lutheran church, she certainly heard the Word of God in Christ, for her!

To our pleasant surprise, the parents sent her along with us the next week, too. And the week after that! It's been several weeks now that we've had her along with us, and the local Chinese pastor has made contact with the parents as well. God grant His Word to take root in the lives of this family, and spring up into eternal life according to His promise. And all this from buying some pineapple! Thanks be to God.





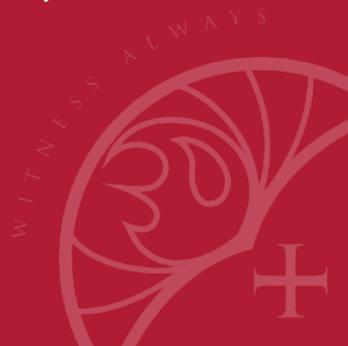
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Those like the neighbors we all have who do not yet know Jesus and His peace.
- Courage and wisdom to take advantage of the chances we have to speak the Word of God with confidence.
- Your newest LCMS missionaries who cannot freely visit congregations to raise support.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Protection and health for your LCMS missionaries as they continue to live out their vocations where you have placed them.
- Our generous church, which continues to support her missionaries and servants even in uncertain times.

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Congratulations and Happy Birthday to two of our girlies who celebrated birthdays in May and June...



Chloe (left) turned four years old, and picked out a chocolate cake to share with the families in the building. Chloe wanted to watch a movie with her family to celebrate her day, and chose the latest from the Frozen franchise.

Carissa (right) turned eight years old, and decided she wanted to visit the water park for her birthday. We swam all day long, even in the midst of a lightning storm; being careful to stay under the roof of the pool. She’s a social little girl who loves to be in the middle of everything. Her cake was a Black Forest cake she picked out at the local bakery.



Cheryl did some research as part of her Chinese class and discovered that there’s a brass instrument factory right in the general area of where we live. We took a day and visited the Carol Brass Factory, about a 30 minute drive outside of Chiayi. The

tour was all in Chinese, but was a fascinating opportunity to interact with our host community and meet some new people. The kids even got to try out some instruments. Charlotte was somewhat less than impressed.



God bless all of you for your continued friendship, support, and love.

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