

SERVING THE LORD IN

# THE PHILIPPINES

REV. ROGER & AMY JAMES



Pentecost  
August 2020



### Please Pray for:

- For the new academic year to proceed without problem or further delay.
- The safe delivery of our first granddaughter (sixth grand child) to Kezia and Aaron Nielsen, due early October.
- For safe travel for Amy, who is hoping to return to the USA in a few weeks to help when the baby is born.
- That Amy will not be prevented by the pandemic from returning when the time is right.
- For congregations around the world to fully resume services of Word and Sacrament.

### Praise God for:

- All those who support us and other LCMS missionaries throughout Asia and the world.



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Rev. Roger James serves as LCMS theological educator. He and his wife Amy live and teach at Lutheran Theological Seminary and Training Center (LTS), the seminary of the Lutheran Church in the Philippines (LCP).



This picture shows the decimated attendance in our local Divine Services. The quarantine authorities had allowed religious gatherings since the end of June. This was from the early service. I understand that more gathered for the late services. The city would not allow children, so that obviously prevented many from being able to worship.

Now, however, we have had another setback. Once again we are on a more restricted quarantine, locked down on Sundays, so we cannot gather; we cannot receive together the saving word or the body and blood of Christ.

Lord, have mercy!

As I mentioned in many of my notes to supporters, we also were unable to have the normal June-July pre-seminary classes for those desiring to begin study for the ministry. Consequently, no new seminarians will be coming to the seminary in August. Thankfully, we have students returning from vicarage for their final year and first year

seminarians returning for their second year of study. The plan is to begin classes 24 August which is about three weeks later than usual. God grant!

I have been assigned these courses: Pastoral Theology (Final Year Class); Romans, and History of Mission (Second Year Class). I hardly need to say that I am eager to begin teaching again after these last months.

With the quarantine the Lutheran Church in the Philippines continues to offer online services for those who can access them. I was asked to preach for The Ninth Sunday in Pentecost. If you are interested, here is the link to that service.

[https://www.facebook.com/lutheranph/videos/325895545449859/?so=\\_channel\\_tab&rv=\\_related\\_videos](https://www.facebook.com/lutheranph/videos/325895545449859/?so=_channel_tab&rv=_related_videos)

Seminarians Jello Malita and Yan Sandy, who are going on vicarage for this next academic year, are the lectors for this service.

I hope you will take a moment to glance through the list to the right.

These are all the congregations and organizations that have supported us financially this last fiscal year (July 2019 - June 2020).

It is inspiring to me and also humbling — inspiring to think that we enjoy your concern, prayers, and gifts; humbling because it is impossible adequately to thank you and our Lord for the kindness shown to us.

So, in this small way, I want to boast to one and all about your generosity and Christian love for us and for Christ's mission to the world.

## Thanks be to God for your kind and generous gifts and prayers!

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Michigan

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Michigan

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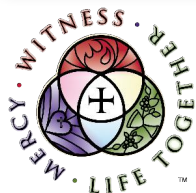
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*Because of you, Amy and I have been able to serve here in the Philippines at Lutheran Theological Seminary. We ask and pray that you would continue to provide financial support and remember us in your prayers. We always enjoy hearing from you.*

Thank you, and  
Peace in Christ,



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