



Pastor Paul's Call

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Singing the Word of Christ



Colossians 3:16 states, “Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to

God” (NASB). Singing the Word of Christ in hymns is a wonderful way to voice and sing God’s Word. We recently made a second printing of the Chinese Lutheran Service Book – pilot edition, but have also received many requests for audio recordings of the hymns to help church members learn them. First, Deaconess Sandra Rhein made organ recordings of them all, and now we’re working on recording sung versions of the hymns. I recently visited Glorious Grace Lutheran Church and led their young adult group in recording eight of the hymns (see picture). Two other congregations here in Taiwan will help with these recordings, as well as Light of Christ Lutheran Mission in St. Louis, Missouri. If you’d like to hear the first eight recordings, please go to: <https://sites.google.com/view/pilothymnalhymns-sung/home>

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Colossians 3:16 NASB





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- God’s gift of music and the blessing of God’s Word combined with music
- a good beginning with hymn recordings
- progress with publications
- stable life in Taiwan

Petitions for:

- continued progress on hymn recordings and publications
- God’s mercy during the pandemic, and wisdom for government and health officials
- preparations for all the Christmas events. Christmas is the best time for evangelism.

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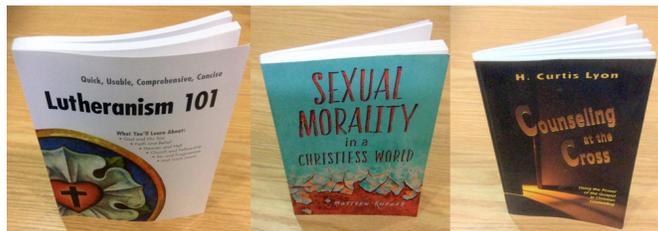
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Publications Update

As mentioned last month, the LCMS missionary team in Taiwan recently got a



boost when Barb Rebentisch joined us to focus in part on editing new Chinese translations of Lutheran resources. She has been busy doing just that, working so far especially on *Lutheranism 101*, a project funded primarily by the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Just today I asked her to put that aside for a bit to work on *Counseling at the Cross*, a project of the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) here in Taiwan. We are hoping to publish that book within a few months. Another book soon to be published is *Sexual Morality in a Christless World* (another CELC project), which will be the first book of its kind ever published in Chinese, as it discusses homosexuality and similar topics from a Biblical Lutheran perspective. The author, Rev. Dr. Matthew Rueger, was in Taiwan two years ago giving lectures on this topic, so those who heard him then will be glad to now read his book. Aside from these three books, about twenty other books are in various stages of production. What a tremendous blessing to the Church these resources will be.

Life Continues Almost as Normal



receiving the Sacrament this past Sunday

It has been a great blessing to live nearly normal lives here in Taiwan, despite the ravaging of COVID-19 worldwide. For numerous reasons, including the fact that Taiwan is a small island nation with nearly all outsiders entering through only two international airports (thus easily monitored), there have been no “local” cases of the coronavirus for many months now. While facemasks are still required in many public places, like subways and railways, restrictions on gatherings have been almost non-existent, and the economy has been only minimally impacted. We continue to keep in prayer you in the US and elsewhere where conditions are worse. Lord, have mercy on us all, including by giving wisdom to our government and health officials.

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