

Old & Young Alike Clothed with Christ



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.

Galatians 3:27 states, “all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ” (NIV). The past few weeks both an elderly gentleman and a teenage girl were clothed with Christ through Holy Baptism. We had planned that 90 year-old Zhenmian Yan would be baptized in Church on Sunday morning, but the day before the Baptism he was taken to the hospital with dehydration...so we went to the hospital Sunday afternoon for the Baptism. I think he was actually sleeping during the Baptism itself, but prior to the brief ceremony he was alert and remembered the previous teaching I had given him and again assented to being baptized. Just one week later 13 year-old Guanqian Lin was baptized during the Divine Service, the first time our new baptismal font was used. Join us in praising our Heavenly Father for His gift of new life in Christ. Please also pray for our Lord to strengthen these two children of God in their new faith through the hearing and study of His Word.



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**All of you who were baptized
into Christ have clothed
yourselves with Christ.**

Galatians 3:27 NIV





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- God's rebirthing of Mr. Yan and Guanqian through Holy Baptism.
- the wonderful opportunity to proclaim the Gospel at Christmas and all who heard it.

Petitions for:

- Mr. Yan and Guanqian, that God would keep them strong in faith through His Word.
- those who came to our Christmas program, that God would lead them to continue hearing His Word.
- good progress on translation projects in the weeks to come.

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Christmas Gospel Proclamation

Christmas is always the best time of year to reach non-Christians with the Gospel. This year Saturday, December 26th was our busy day, beginning with our apartment complex bell choir ringing and singing Silent Night and Away in a Manger for a two-complex combined Christmas celebration. A few hours later about 20 members from our mission congregation sang Christmas carols and distributed tracts to those still milling around in the same area. Finally, our big Christmas program at Church began at 7:50pm, with lots of choir and instrumental music, a PowerPoint introduction to the first Christmas, a skit in five acts depicting Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension, and my evangelistic Christmas message, all based on the theme "He Came to Save." Three of my English class members (all non-Christians) came to the service, as well as many others from the neighborhood. All who came heard repeatedly the Gospel message of salvation in Christ, who came at the first Christmas to save each one of them from sin and hell.



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