

SERVING THE LORD IN

# Taiwan

NEWS FROM Rev. Dr. Tom Park



May 2024

**“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).**

My dear friends and supporters, blessed Pentecost to you! This is the church season to celebrate fulfilling of God’s promises and transforming us into the Lord’s witnesses.

Missionaries in the past took God’s Word seriously, and they wanted to share the love of Christ with others. Unfortunately, missionaries made mistakes, and they perpetuated their cultures rather than the Gospel.

Thanks be to God that the Lord accomplished His will despite their shortcomings and sins. As humans, we will intentionally and unintentionally hurt others. God is mighty but also merciful, and there is always forgiveness.



I am with two of three Chinese teachers from my language center at our farewell luncheon. I have had eight teachers from this Chinese center, and I have learned tremendously from each of them. I look forward to starting the fall semester after my home service.



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Thank you so much for your support!



It is hard to believe that I will start my home service next week. I appreciate those who have reached out and helped me set up my visits. I look forward to seeing you and sharing my experiences with you and other friends. I am attaching my schedule with you. If you want me to stop by to say “hi,” please let me know. If you want to see me, you are more than welcome. Thank you!



I am with my Christian Chinese language teacher, Ms. Bizhen. It is encouraging to hear about her faith journey. Having the “mutual consolation of the saints” with my Chinese teacher is lovely. I pray I will have Ms. Bizhen as my teacher in the fall. I learned a lot from her. I also hope to encourage her.

“但聖靈降臨在你們身上，你們就必得著能力，並要在耶路撒冷、猶太全地，和撒瑪利亞，直到地極，作我的見證。”(使徒行傳 1:8) (Acts 1:8).



Left: Taiwan aboriginal patterns.



## Home Service June-August 2024 Schedule

June 30: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake, Iowa

July 7: Ascension Lutheran Church, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

July 11: Reconnect at the International Center, St. Louis, Missouri

July 14: Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Missouri

July 21: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

July 28: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

August 3: Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa, 1:30 p.m.

August 4: Faith Lutheran Church, Deloit/ Kiron; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Schleswig, Iowa

August 11: Trinity Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

August 18: Bethel Lutheran Church, Bismarck, North Dakota

August 20: [Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, Minnesota]

August 25: Trinity Lone Oak, Eagan, Minnesota

\* If you are unavailable on Sundays, we can also schedule some time during the week. I appreciate those friends who reached out and helped me set up some of the dates. Thank you! I am looking forward to seeing you!

### Pray Request:

- Please pray for my friend and "father" in Christ, Old Missionary Gary Thies, and his family as they grieve the death of his dear wife, Maxine.
- Please pray for my mother as she deals with her chronic health issues.
- Please pray for our LCMS Asian Region for strength and unity as we continue to share the love of Christ with the individuals in our field of labor.
- Please pray for me as I continue to learn Mandarin