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Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

A crowded church is a happy church. Our children almost touch the pastors albs and altar area. It seems crowded and humid but the praises go high. Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

A Note From Pastor Dass

I am humbled to serve at God's House, where forgiveness of sins is free through the "Means of Grace."

We love to share that most people stay over an hour after church service; to share their love, their daily challenges and above all, the blessings that they receive through Word and Sacrament. I am blessed and humbled to serve this church and pray for God to continue to show His love for this people.



We pray also that the Lord will provide more room for us in the church. Our communion line is getting longer and we are running out of room every Sunday. We thank God for all the blessings and especially for our rented building.

Thank you for your partnership in this mission.



Holy Week 2025

We celebrate Holy Week with humbling reminders. Jesus serving at the table to all who are disciples, and foot washing to teach the church to be humble to serve as Jesus did.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Son that whoever believes in Him should not die but have eternal life.



A reminder of God's love for human kind is celebrated as a Good Friday. We call it Blessed Friday, when our Savior took our sins to the Cross and died for us, so we may live. Thank you, Jesus, for saving all humankind from sin and death.



Pray, bless the food, sit together and talk about Lent and Holy Week.

On the last day of Lent, a lot of people fast and then they break fast together. It's a community affair in celebration of the Last Supper. What a wonderful opportunity to sit together and talk about all that happened during Holy Week.



Happy Resurrection Day of our Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia Hymns are sung with clapping, Easter is celebrated well here.



The children of St. Mark Lutheran Church and Concordia Lutheran School, Islamabad Pakistan.

The children at St. Mark Lutheran Church and Concordia Lutheran School had a long day practicing for Palm Sunday and Good Friday. This is our yearly opportunity to witness, from the coming of a King, to the Resurrection Day of our Lord and King Jesus Christ. Our children prepared Urdu and English Hymns and were able to share the Word of God with children who are not Christian or baptized.

They practiced hard but we do get treats from Miss Julie. An Oreo Cookie packet will make these little faces smile and the bit of sugar will boost up their morale (pictured above). Thank you partners who make these little treats possible.



Passion Play 2025

The Sunday School Teachers at St. Mark Lutheran Church and Concordia Lutheran School, Islamabad Pakistan have done a simple, yet effective, evangelism effort to explain The Story of Salvation. Pastor Hannan explained the Passion Play and the message behind it, that all sinners are saved by the blood of Christ on the Cross of Calvary. As a simple explanation of the sins that Jesus took on the cross, sins were written on placards and the children hung them on Jesus' neck.

We preach Christ Crucified and Resurrected, Who died for our sins and Lives to give us eternal life.



Practicing music and liturgy can be a fun time for the little ones, but after a long day at the school they get tired, exhausted and hungry. Julie knows how to handle them well. She throws a little party every Friday for the best singers (choir) and everyone works hard for next Friday. She teaches them how to serve themselves and how be kind to others by leaving enough in the serving plates. Here's a glimpse of a good evening on a Friday. After snacking up, they sing loudly!



St. Mark Lutheran Church and Concordia Lutheran School is making a difference in so many lives. Liturgy is part of our education as a Lutheran School and will be highlighted in our LCCP History via Documentary. Wait for the announcement for when we will upload the whole documentary on our website.

“A Bus to Us” will also be a part of our documentary. You might have heard about our School Bus that the children were given for pick-up and drop-off. It took 2 donors to pay for



a Nissan Van which can seat 18 passengers at a time. During the winter months, freezing temperatures, freezing rains and all the challenges of narrow streets, children still walk through the narrow streets to come to main roads to be picked up. We are very thankful for our brothers and sisters who donated this bus to us and we thank our staff who makes sure that the children are carried in and out of the bus safely.



Julie likes to hang late at the school to help all the children return home safely. The children who stay late are the ones whose parents are working far away and cannot come on time and we cannot drop them home unattended. Praying for more female teachers to stay late especially for the girls. But as a plus, this is also time to get extra help for their studies.



Miss Shamsa is our school principal and a good hearted woman. She knows how to train children.



Miss Sana is a good teacher and a hardworking woman. After school, she helps Julie with after school activities and choir practice.



Shafiq is a trustworthy caretaker for church building.



Our dedicated team of security guards, who are ready to protect the church, the children and the building. All 4 men are faithful and brave to serve. They take turns during the service to come and join us at The Lord's Table. (pictured above: Masih by Pastor Hannan and William by Pastor Dass.)



Three deacons who are in pre-seminary classes for Lutheran Theology.

We are thankful for all the blessings and especially for our dedicated team of staff who serves the congregation with Bishop Jay Dass and Pastor Hannan.



The School Year has started here at Concordia Lutheran School, Islamabad. Many of the students are not able to buy books. St. Mark Lutheran Church, with the help of our partners in mission, is able to provide for a few. We request your prayers for the remaining students who are not able to afford books, that they will find a partner. Thank you for your prayers.



Hallelujah! He is risen indeed! Pictured above: The children are practicing "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" and "Christ The Lord is Risen Today".



We have sprung from a wet and cold winter to summer within 10 days. Spring was lost somewhere in this change and we immediately needed summer clothes for our household (adopted family) children. You can see that she is still wearing a nice hooded jacket in these photos pictured above. This little girl is the youngest and is very happy to show off her new cloths. We thank God that we are able to help.

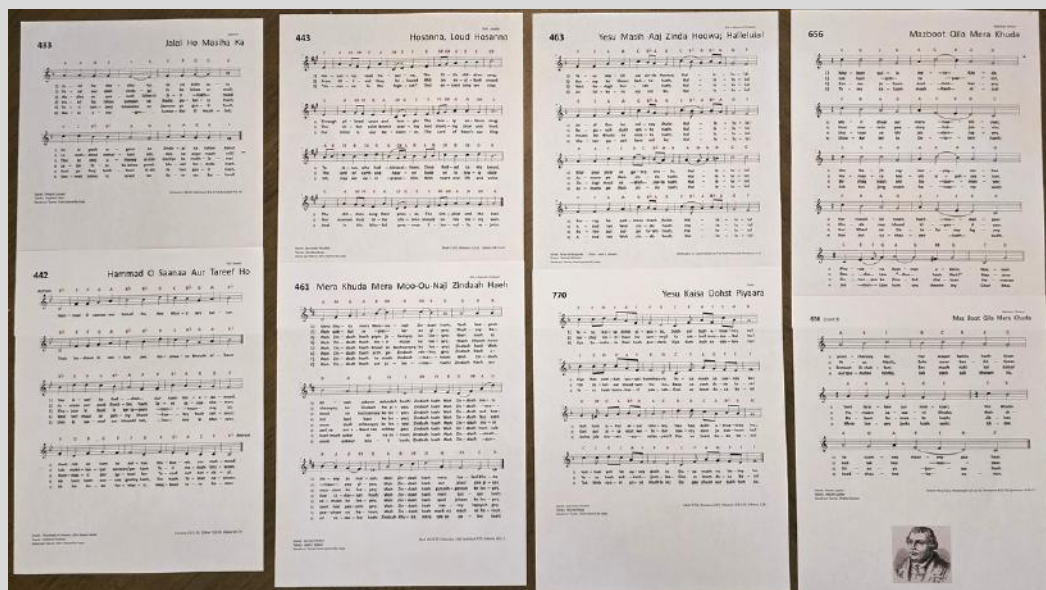


We are blessed to have Julie in the mission field with us, no one can explain things in the most simple way to these little ones. She introduced the idea of under garments in a casual way while taking the size for each child. You cannot imagine being a less privileged child. Every day is a happy day in God's world, in faith and love of Christ. Thank you all for your prayers and partnership.

We are blessed and we know it, in faith and love of Christ Jesus. We are blessed to have partners in mission who send these gifts for the children at St. Mark Lutheran Church and Concordia Lutheran School Islamabad.

Music Update – Hymnal Translation

The focus for the spring of 2025 has been to translate and practice new hymns for Lent, Easter and the general church year in Roman Urdu. The process includes a first draft of the poetic lyrics, aligning the syllables with the



music, practicing with the praise team, and finally editing for proper meaning and syntax. The titles include 'Glory Be To Jesus', 'All Glory Laud and Honor', 'Hosanna Loud Hosanna', 'I Know That My Redeemer Lives', 'Christ The Lord is Risen Today', and 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus'. We also rejoice that 'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God' is complete after presenting a significant challenge to our team. We are in the process of recording it professionally and have received quite a number of invitations to sing at other churches in the area. What an opportunity to evangelize!



We thank God for Pastor Hannan's service at St. Mark Lutheran Church, and St. Paul (under the tent) Islamabad. He is truly a servant of God, who loves to serve.

Fridays are fun in many ways for our children at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Islamabad. They come for choir practice at about 5pm. We practice Liturgy and Music and then have some juice/milk or cupcakes.

Our littlest were the servers, Samsoon and Lisa were serving others and learning new things. Please keep our team in prayers who serve tirelessly.

We thank God for St. Mark Lutheran Church (rented) building and pray that soon we will have our own place. This is a multipurpose building which holds school and church and community activities. For sure a choir practice here can turn into a healthy competition and fun for children. Thanks be to God.



Pray for these men who are serving Lutheran Confessional Church Pakistan.

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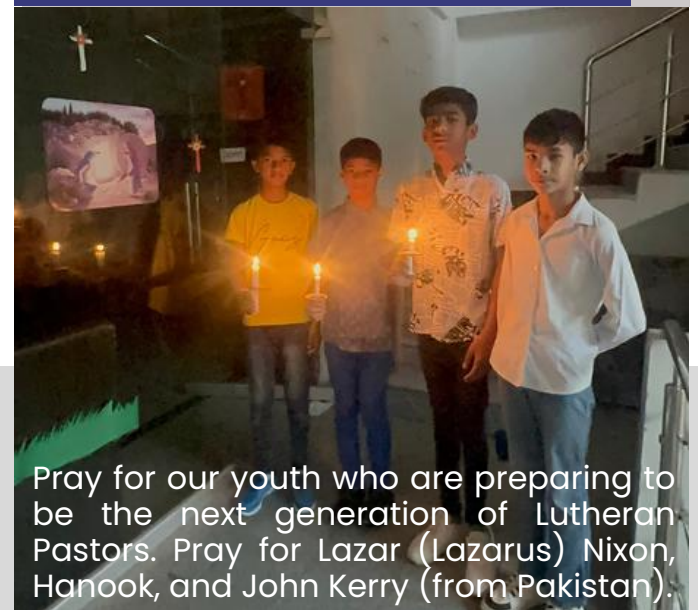


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Pray for our youth who are preparing to be the next generation of Lutheran Pastors. Pray for Lazar (Lazarus) Nixon, Hanook, and John Kerry (from Pakistan).



Our partners in mission show their love and support in many ways, and we love to thank them with heartfelt thanks from the children.

Your prayers and support mean a lot for our mission team and children here in Pakistan.