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Every Child Has A Story

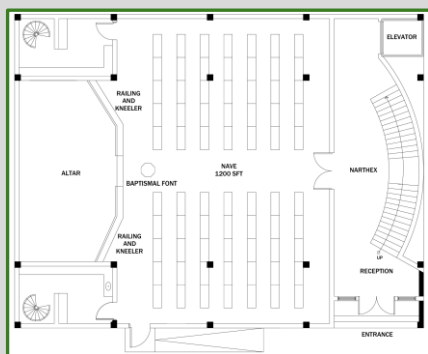
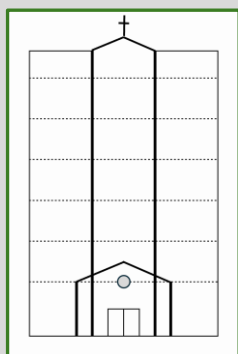
We have seen firsthand the tremendous wisdom and blessings that flow from Jesus' command in Matthew 19:14 to "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." From Luke 10:21, we know that the Holy Spirit has "hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children." Even among the small Christian community in Pakistan, the baptism of infants and young children is considered heretical. The parents and other adult relatives come to faith many times because of these young witnesses. Instead of attending a school, Solomon (below) was sifting through landfills for the equivalent of 25 cents/day, Rachel and her siblings (right) were rescued after losing their mother, John Kerry (top right) came from poverty into academic excellence, and Ariana (top left) is the newborn daughter of staff member Simon.





(cont'd from Page 1) Lazarus (far left) is in a family that was rescued from forced labor and is now aspiring to be a Lutheran organist. We have 13 orphans within our student body. Some stories are so graphic and heartbreaking that we aren't able to publicly share them, due to safety and privacy concerns with social media. But thanks be to God that tragic circumstances have been wonderfully transformed into eternal victory!

Our New Building is on Paper!



After obtaining the new lot in Islamabad on which we plan to erect our next larger St Mark Lutheran Church and School building, we sought to make sure that we have a wise plan for construction. For less than 3% of the project value, we have engaged a reputable Pakistani architectural firm to create appropriate mechanical drawings and assist with directing the trades involved. In addition,

preliminary estimates are pointing to a total construction cost number that will be less than 15% of what it would run in the U.S. due to the much lower cost of Pakistani labor and the willingness of men in the congregation to volunteer their time to work on the project. The exterior walls will extend to the very outer edge of the property. There will be 6 floors inside and then the 7th surface rooftop will function as an open-air playground for the children. After demolition and site cleanup, groundbreaking will take place in October and completion is expected by the end of 2027 or the beginning of 2028. The blessings of your prayers and support are always greatly appreciated.

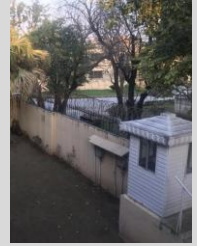
Manual Labor for Daily Living

Students, rescued slaves, support staff, and special events all have different needs to address with good old-fashioned elbow grease.



Faithful Servants on our Security Team

We have 3 full-time security guards, a camera system and equipped stations to maintain our safe environment at both the church building and mission house. Two are members of our congregation. Please pray for them, as they all work longer hours than the average guard.



Summer School & VBS 2026

St. Mark Lutheran Church & School not only offers VBS and Summer School but creates a place where children get nourished in all aspects of life. It's a church where they learn faith, liturgy and prayers, where they come happily and parents know they are safe. We thank God for our Pastors and teachers, who love and care for them as their own.



Summer Presentations



On the road again...telling the wonderful story of what God is doing in Pakistan to U.S. churches far and wide, whether in front of a video screen, in a pulpit or both. We are open to any invitation, asking only that cost of travel be covered by the host. We do it by Zoom too, all year long!



Explaining How We Are the 'Bible Singing Church'

Reasons for Using Lutheran Liturgy

Lutheran Ibadaati Tareeqa Istamaal Karney Ki Wajuhaat

لو تھرن عباداتی طریقہ استعمال کرنے کی وجوہات



Heading of detailed explanations in the preface of new hymnal in English, Roman Urdu and Urdu Script

Parts of Lutheran Liturgy

Lutheran Liturgy Ke Hissay

لو تھرن عباداتی طریقہ کے حصے



The remnants of Christianity in Pakistan can best be described as chaotic. Neighbor churches are pleasantly intrigued by our use of liturgy and have questions. Our new hymnal is being compiled and in its preface, we are giving detailed reasoning to inform all participants in English, Roman Urdu and Urdu Script (above).

Communion at St Mark Lutheran Church

Every Sunday, our congregation receives the Lord's Supper while using the Urdu translation of the Service of the Sacrament in Divine Service Setting III. During the distribution, they sing the hymn "Glory Be To Jesus" (in Urdu as well) because of its reference to "...poured for me the lifeblood...". Worshiping without shoes for reverence, they follow the cultural practice of men and women communing separately. Their offerings are sacrificial for their income level, but very small in dollar terms. They take great pride in providing the bread, wine and other altar supplies themselves out of these funds. Please join them in thanking our Savior for His gifts.

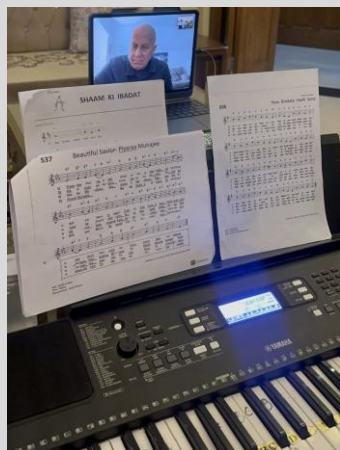


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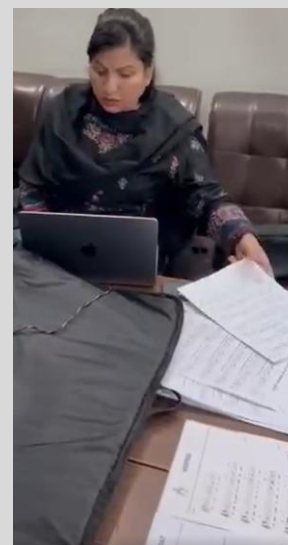
In June, the national government of Pakistan recognized St Mark Lutheran School as the #1 need-based educational institution in the capitol territory! Pastor Hannan is seen here accepting the award from the Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (PEIRA). Having undergone inspections for our curriculum and teaching methods, we thank God for this blessing so soon after our startup.



The Intangibles of Our Translation Work

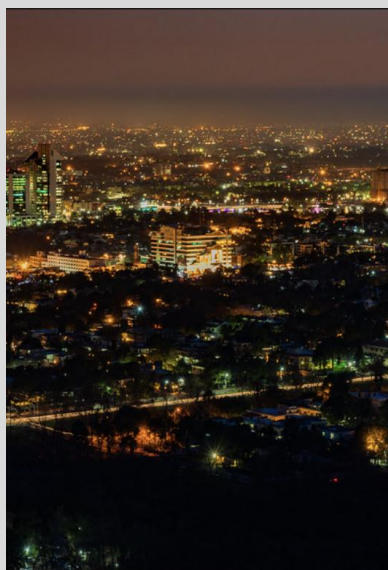


Translation work on Lutheran Liturgy and Hymns is far from being a one-dimensional pursuit. Because of its poetic nature connected with its reliance on Biblical texts, help from an AI tool is not feasible at this stage of the technology. Our team has become skilled at recreating the beauty and reverence from English into Urdu, but it is quite time-consuming. Sometimes the process on a particular piece will stop for several weeks because the right phraseology just doesn't come to mind. Tunes in Pakistan are normally committed to memory since European music notation is not in general use, so things like the rules of timing and judging syllable use on each line are an ongoing learning process. Putting the notation into a right-to-left format to accommodate Urdu script is also quite a process. We believe that music has a way of imprinting the faith on hearts, and having it in print will open up the horizon for participation and attracting new members. Please pray for God's guidance.



Pray for Peace!

Your prayers are still greatly needed for a resolution of peace negotiations between the U.S. and bordering Iran. We are well, but tight security slows WIFI, raises costs, brings curfews, and hampers Islamabad traffic and flights.



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