



First of all... We and our brothers and sisters in Christ here in Taiwan pray for you, our brothers and sisters in the US, during this pandemic and time of isolation. “If one member [of Christ’s body] suffers, all suffer together” (1 Cor 12:26 ESV). In this part of the world, we know well the suffering dangerous viruses can cause, and we pray for our Lord’s strength for you during this difficult time.

God’s Word Keeps Working

The COVID-19 coronavirus reached Taiwan rather early, but at least until now, things have been quite controlled and life for the majority of people here has not been disrupted too much. The number of cases does, however, slowly continue to rise (there have been 339 total cases on the island thus far as I write this), and many here are still nervous and fearful. While my teaching and resource development work has continued as usual, our community outreach work has suffered quite a bit, as people are much less willing to get out and meet with people. Irene is still planning to hold an Easter outreach event for children, although it might just be our own church children that attend in the end.



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.

While only a few are not able to come to Sunday worship (their companies discourage them from doing so), we just began live broadcasting this past Sunday on our mission congregation’s Facebook page. Some new people joined us for that who have never come in person. In addition, my teaching and preaching videos have recently been circulated to other Chinese-speaking areas in the world and I just received reports that with the limits on gatherings, people are making much more use of these videos that they can watch in their homes. While all of us pray for our Lord’s mercy that this pandemic would end soon, what a blessing it is that God’s Word still gets out and keeps working to create and strengthen Christian faith in those who hear!

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Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal.
But the word of God is not bound!
(2 Timothy 2:8-9 ESV)





What can you pray for?

Thanks for:

- God’s Word, which continues to be taught and preached, and works to create and strengthen Christian faith

Petitions for:

- God’s mercy to bring an end to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic world-wide, and for comfort for those suffering and mourning
- more opportunities to reach non-Christians, even & especially during this time of crisis

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What Kind of Christ Alone?



Every year China Lutheran Seminary holds a major lecture series in the Spring, that gathers around 200 registrants. This year’s topic was “solus Christus” (Christ alone), and the main speaker was Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Oswald, currently

a New Testament professor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, but also a former professor here at the seminary in Taiwan. I was asked to give one of three sectional presentations, and I chose the theme “What Kind of Christ Alone?” Just like Peter in Matthew 16, and the Jews and Gentiles mentioned in 1 Corinthians 1, we often desire a different kind of Christ than He actually is. While I tried to help the audience see their “false Christs,” I stressed that God’s Word proclaims the true Christ – Christ crucified for the forgiveness of our sins, including our sin of wanting the wrong kinds of Christ. The presentation seemed to raise a bit of a stir (I think for the most part positive), and its YouTube video that I quickly posted got much more attention than my other content. I again am thankful that God’s Word continues to go out so quickly and widely through the internet.

From Luther to the CELC

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