



"What love the Lord has for me!" A Pentecost story

*"And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"
(Acts 2:8)*

The hot African sun was setting behind the mountains as I walked through the campus of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon's Bible School in Tcholliré. As I approached the steps of student housing, I saw two young men sitting on the steps with a large book in their lap. After the traditional greetings and hand shakes they told me they were reading from the Gospel of Luke. With a big smile on his face, the younger man explained that his "big brother" was helping him learn to read God's word. It was then that I realized that both of the young men were blind; they were reading the raised dots of Braille.

Hand in hand, the older of the two helped the younger move a finger over the dots. The younger man paused, turned to me and exclaimed, "It is so wonderful to read God's word. I can now see what love the Lord has for me!" He went on to say, "Maybe someday I'll be able to read from the whole Bible."

There was no rushing wind nor tongues of fire that afternoon, but I could clearly see the Spirit resting on these two young men as they experienced the presence of the Lord through the word.

A note: Because of the efforts and gifts of many, the young man's "maybe someday" hope was fulfilled. A Bible in Braille arrived at the school. It weighed 150 pounds and needed 13 feet of shelf space.

Jim Noss and his wife, Karen, served for 35 years as ELCA/ALC missionaries in Cameroon. Having retired in 2008, Jim and Karen now live in Eagan, Minn. They enjoy giving presentations about their experiences as missionaries in central Africa.



PENTECOST

- The next Confirmation class will be held Saturday, May 29. All students in grades 7-9 are welcome to attend. For more information call Jeff Moore at 267-5703.
- The Berlin Sidewalk and Yard Sale will be held July 10. Spaces will be available along Main Street for \$20, or you can have your own yard sale. To reserve a space, call Christine Blubaugh at 267-5183.

ATTENDANCE	Date	Worship	Sunday School
Last week	5/16/2010	175	75
Last year	5/17/2009	133	79

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY:	8:00 AM	Worship & Healing Sunday
	9:30 AM	Sunday school
	10:40 AM	Worship & Healing Sunday
	7:00 PM	Uncommon Life
TUESDAY:	9:00 AM	Quilters & Knotters
	7:00 PM	Beth Moore Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Compassionate Visitors & Homebound Comm.
WEDNESDAY:	6:30 PM	Senior Choir
SUNDAY:	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:30 AM	Sunday school
	10:40 AM	Worship
	4:00 PM	Mt. Zion Lutheran Memorial Service
MONDAY		Memorial Day -- Office Closed

to give them their food¹ in due season.
 You give it to them; they¹ gather it;
 you open your hand, and they are filled¹ with good things.
When you hide your face,¹ they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return¹ to their dust.
 You send forth your Spirit, and they¹ are created;
 and so you renew the face¹ of the earth.
May the glory of the LORD en-¹ dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in¹ all your works.
 You look at the earth¹ and it trembles;
 you touch the mountains¹ and they smoke.
I will sing to the LORD as long¹ as I live;
I will praise my God while I¹ have my being.
 May these words of¹ mine please God.
 I will rejoice¹ in the LORD.
Bless the LORD,¹ O my soul.
Hal-¹ lelujah!

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:14–17 (p.734 in pew Bible; p.1629 in large-print Bible; p.1372 in Christmas edition)

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***GOSPEL: John 14:8–17 [25–27]** (p.700 in pew Bible; p.1547 in large-print Bible; p.1304 in Christmas edition)

SERMON: Bob & Romyne Harkcom

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** 370 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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PRAYERS

Rejoicing in the glory of the resurrection dawn, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Come, Holy Spirit, and kindle the flame of gospel witness. We pray for leaders of the church and all the people of God, that together we might preach the gospel to those with needy hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth. We pray for oceans and sky, for rivers and deserts, for lakes and forests, for mountains and

grasslands. Lord, in your mercy,

Come, Holy Spirit, pour out justice on all the nations. We pray for countries wracked with violence, for soldiers and civilians, for peace-makers and relief agencies. Lord, in your mercy,

Come, Holy Spirit, give hopeful visions to the young and restful dreams to the old. We pray for those whose lives are nightmares, for those who feel distanced from your light, and for those in any need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

Come, Holy Spirit, lead us in our work. We pray for firefighters and scientists, for midwives and custodians, for writers and housekeepers, for parents and students, and for so many others in our community. Lord, in your mercy,

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Come, Holy Spirit, and bind us to the communion of saints who have gone before us. We remember with thanksgiving all those who served and witnessed by your power (*especially*). Lord in your mercy,

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANOINTING *Pastor will invite all who wish to come forward and be anointed to come up the center aisle and after you have been anointed, return to your pew*

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***CLOSING HYMN:** 400 "God, Whose Almighty Word"

***Please stand, if you are able.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS AND PSALM

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Edward Kimmel by Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Maust.
- The bulletins are given to the glory of God and in honor of Irene Mowry's 93rd birthday by her family.
- We thank Bob & Romaine Harkcom for bringing us their message of God's healing today. Following each service Bob & Romaine will sign

copies of their book. If you do not yet have a copy or would like an extra one to give as a gift, they will gladly give you one. All they ask is a donation to the Steeple Fund. Checks can be made out to HTLC Steeple Fund.

- Thank you to everyone who has donated to Holy Trinity's Steeple Fund. As of May 16 we have collected \$40,709.13. Because we are now depositing all donations into our Money Market account, please make donations separate from your regular contributions. Checks can still be made out to Holy Trinity.
- The Berlin Brethren Mission Team is having a "Soup/Salad/Sandwich Lunch TODAY from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Freewill donation -- all proceeds will go toward their Peru trip.
- The meeting of the Homebound Communion and Compassionate Visitors has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 25.
- The Whiskey Rebellion Rummage and Book Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 29 and 31 at the Berlin Grove. Drop off items at the Grove anytime Wednesday, May 26, or call 267-4420 for pickup.
- The Mt. Zion Lutheran Cemetery Memorial Service will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 30. The cemetery is located at the intersection of Route 31 and Glen Savage Road in Allegheny Township.
- The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day.
- A Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue benefiting Berlin Boy Scout Troop 135 will be held Monday, May 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or until chicken runs out!) at the Berlin Community Grove. Cost is \$5 per chicken half or \$9 for a meal, eat-in or take-out.
- On Sunday, June 6, we will hold a steeple dedication service at 10 a.m. There will NOT be an 8 a.m. service that day.
- Following the steeple dedication service on Sunday, June 6, there will a chicken BBQ luncheon in the Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Youth. We are asking for donations of fruit and desserts. All other side dishes will be provided. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. So that we barbecue enough chicken we are asking that you please take a ticket from the basket on the back windowsill by May 30. Please take one ticket for every person dining. This will allow us to have a correct count for the number of chickens we will be barbecuing. The luncheon is a free will donation.
- If you or someone you know is graduating from high school, technical school or college this spring, please let us know at the Church Office at 267-5014, or e-mail us at htelc@verizon.net. We will be honoring all of our graduates during a special worship service June 13.