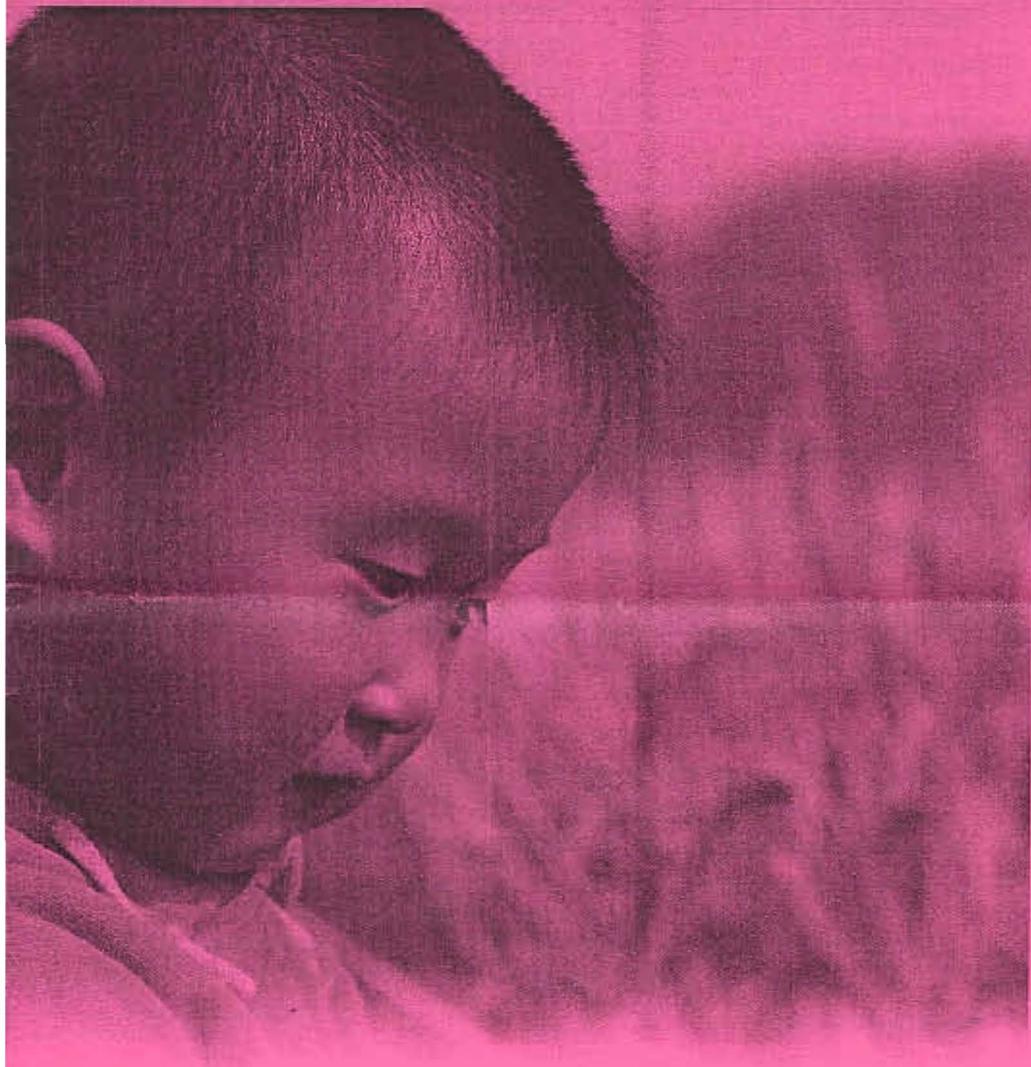




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Christ's Love, Our Calling.



# SHARING AND CARING

*for people in need around the world.*

WELS COMMITTEE ON RELIEF

*be seated*

**The First Lesson**

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

The Israelites are to come before the Lord with thanksgiving.

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

**Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 100 (page 104)

**Gospel**

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals the ten lepers. One returns to give thanks.

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him--and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

**Seasonal Response:** *Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.*

**Hymn:** Hymn 610

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

**Sermon**

Philippians 4:10-20

Paul rejoices in the Lord for the Philippians

I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*stand*

**Creed: Hymn 270**

*“We All Believe in One True God”*

*be seated*

**Offering**

*stand*

**Responsive Thanksgiving Prayer**

**M:** Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

**C:** **Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

**M:** Thank you for the roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**C:** **Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

**M:** Thank you for our cities and our countryside, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**C:** Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

**M:** Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

**C:** Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**C:** Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

*be seated*

### **Choir Anthem**

*Our Many Hymns of Thanks (Thursday)*

### **Luther's Evening Prayer (Wednesday)** *spoken in unison*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### **Luther's Morning Prayer (Thursday)** *spoken in unison*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### **Benediction**

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** Amen.

*be seated*

**Closing Hymn:** Hymn 260

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

## OUR MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
Committee on Relief

### Grants September 2008 through September 2009

<b>Domestic:</b>	\$	112,500	Hurricanes in Louisiana and Texas
		103,000	Aid to called workers
		66,300	Flooding in Indiana, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Florida
		63,000	Aid to families with medical and personal needs
		22,000	Tornadoes in Minnesota and Tennessee
		15,000	House fire in Burnsville, MN
		7,500	Wildfires in California
		6,000	Food pantries and inner city relief
		4,000	Tornado in Michigan
		3,000	Ice storms in Arkansas
		2,000	Forest fires in Lake Tahoe
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		<b>\$404,300</b>	<b>Total domestic relief</b>
<b>Foreign:</b>	\$	13,000	Ukraine medical relief
		30,000	Zambia hunger relief
		10,000	Ukraine general relief
		8,000	Antigua medical and hunger relief
		7,000	Nigeria disaster relief
		6,000	Native America general relief
		5,000	St. Lucia general relief
		5,000	Nepal and Pakistan hunger, medical relief
		5,000	Bolivia medical aid
		2,000	Mexico medical aid
		2,000	Thailand general relief
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		<b>\$93,000</b>	<b>Total foreign relief</b>
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		<b>\$497,300</b>	<b>Total grants distributed</b>

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