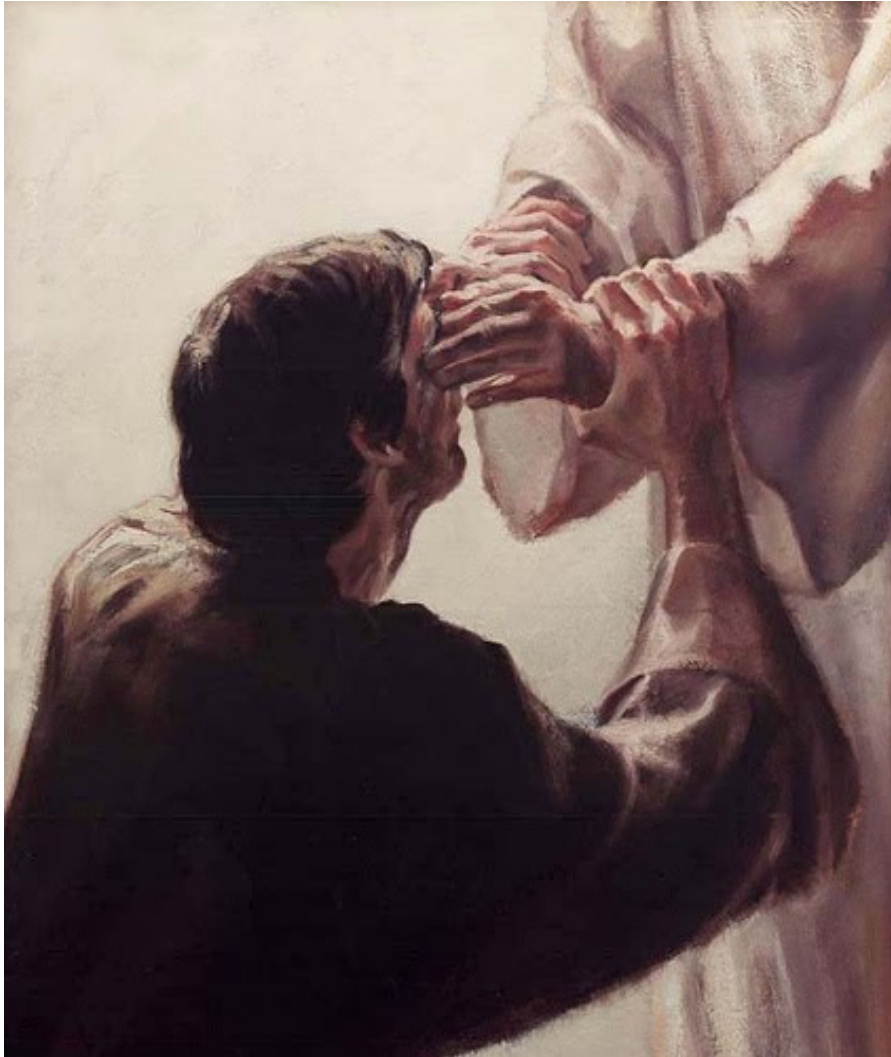


# Third Sunday in Lent

## March 27, 2011



*From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one blessing after another.*  
John 1:16

# PRESERVICE MUSIC

**10:00 AM I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**  
*Christian Worship Supplement #771*

*Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all;  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

**WELCOME**

## LENTEN GATHERING RITE: REMEMBER YOUR LOVE

*The opening hymns and songs of Christian worship mean to "gather" individual Christians into a worshipping assembly. What the traditional service does with hymns, canticles, and opening liturgy, this Lenten gathering rite does with contemporary songs and responses.*

### ENTRANCE SONG

*The cantor/choir introduces the refrain. The congregation repeats the refrain and sings it again as indicated.*



### Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear?  
The Lord is my life and my refuge, when I call God hears.

#### ***Refrain***

If you dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand?  
But with you there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand.

#### ***Refrain***

O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me.  
My heart cries out for your presence; it is you I seek.

#### ***Refrain***

### INVOCATION

[M] In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] **Amen.** (*spoken*)

[M] The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION - LORD, HAVE MERCY - ABSOLUTION

[M] As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us confess our sin and ask the Lord for pardon and strength:

[C] **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Cantor: 1. Lord Jesus, you came to heal all blindness:  
2. Christ Jesus, you see what we cannot see:  
3. Lord Jesus, you bring life to the world:

*After each stanza,  
follow the printed  
music below*



1. Lord, have mer - cy.      Lord, have mer - cy.  
2. Christ, have mer - cy.      Christ, have mer - cy.  
3. Lord, have mer - cy.      Lord, have mer - cy.

[M] God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] **Amen.** (*spoken*)

*All sing the refrain once more.*



Re - mem-ber your love and your faith-ful-ness, O Lord.



Re - mem-ber your peo-ple and have mer-cy on us, Lord.

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**STAND**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

[M] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[M] Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] **Amen.**

**BE SEATED**

# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:14-21

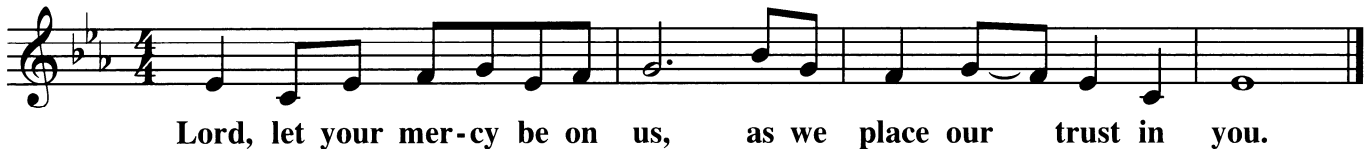
“For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant. I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools. I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. But those who trust

in idols, who say to images, ‘You are our gods,’ will be turned back in utter shame. “Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one committed to me, blind like the servant of the LORD? You have seen many things, but have paid no attention; your ears are open, but you hear nothing.” It pleased the LORD for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 143

### Refrain



### Psalm Tone



1. O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for / mercy;\*  
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to / my relief.
2. Do not bring your servant into / judgment,\*  
for no one living is righteous be- / fore you.
3. My spirit grows faint with- / in me;\*  
my heart within me / is dismayed.

### Refrain

4. Answer me quick- / ly, O Lord;\*  
do not hide your / face from me.

5. Let the morning bring me word of your un- / failing love,\*  
for I have put my / trust in you.
6. Teach me to do your will, for you / are my God;\*  
may your good Spirit lead me on / level ground.
7. **Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy / Spirit,**  
**as it was in the be- / ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

### Refrain

## SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to

mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: “Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Worship Choir will sing the first refrain and stanzas. Congregation joins in the refrains following each stanza.

Refrain (choir)

1. Just as the blind man that Jesus gave sight,  
I want to live as your child of the light.  
Awaken this sleeper, from death set me free,  
so that Christ shines upon me, and I truly might see.

Refrain

2. Grant me the joy of abiding in you,  
a life that is holy, a heart that is true;  
Proclaiming your mercy, my joy and delight,  
you who called me from darkness into wonderful light.

Refrain

**OPEN MY EYES**

Marty Haugen

**Refrain**

O - pen my eyes, O God, help me to  
see, break through the shad-ows, heal the  
blind - ness in me. Come, dawn on my  
dark-ness, make me ho - ly and wise, O Light of the  
world, come, o - pen my eyes.

*To Last time*

*Last time*

world, O Light of the world, O  
Light of the world, come,  
o - pen my eyes.

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## GOSPEL

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing...They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied,

“and I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others asked, “How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?” So they were divided. Finally they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” The man replied, “He is a prophet.”...To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out. Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.” Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**BE SEATED**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**Christ Is the World's Light**  
*Christian Worship #343*

## SERMON

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39  
Insight From a Blind Man

STAND

*Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.*

Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in  
me. Do not cast me a - way from your pre - sence or take your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold,  
hold me with your free Spir - it.

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BE SEATED

**OFFERING** *Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

*Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass along. Thank You!*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

10:00 AM

Amazing Grace  
By Simon Clark

STAND

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH — LENT

[M] Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

[C] **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

[M] Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

[C] **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

[M] Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

[C] **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

[M] Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

[C] **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

[M] Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

[M] Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

[C] **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

[C] **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## HYMN

**How Can I Thank You, Lord**  
*Christian Worship #460*

*STAND*



[M] Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

[M] The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

[C] Amen.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful  
Christian Worship #373

POSTLUDE

10:00 AM

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It  
By Johann Bachofen, Arr. by Valerie A. Floeter

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Preacher ..... Pastor Sam Clemons  
Worship Leader (10:00 AM) ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke  
Accompanists ..... Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)  
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)  
Cantors ..... Jay Wiechmann (7:45 AM)  
Worship Choir & Guitar Ensemble (10:00 AM)  
Worship Choir Director ..... Beth Kassulke  
Ushers ..... Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)  
Joe Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak (10:00 AM)  
Sound & Recording Tech ..... Chris Stuhr





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**To Aid You in Worship...**

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. ASK A GREETER OR USHER FOR A COPY.
- *For those with young children:* A private Mother's Room is located across the courtyard in the Ladies' Restroom. Parents of young children may also use the Child Care Room in the basement at any time to quiet and care for them (the service can be heard in both locations).
- Sermon copies & service CDs are available in the narthex.

# Welcome to Grace!

**Our mission at Grace** is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

**Altar flowers** have been given by Robert Chappell in memory of his mother, Bernice Chappell.

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***Read Ahead for Wednesday:***

Romans 8:18-30  
Matthew 26:57-27:10  
Matthew 27:51c

***Wednesday's Sermon Text & Theme:***

Matthew 27:51c  
*The Miracle of the Splitting Rocks*

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***Read Ahead for Next Sunday:***

Genesis 37:1-11  
Romans 8:1-10  
Matthew 20:17-28

***Next Sunday's Sermon Text & Theme:***

Matthew 20:17-28  
*Seek Spiritual Success in Selfless Service*

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## You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship following 10:00 AM worship today hosted by Sally Littau, Nancy Miles, Pat Rader, and Lois Thornton. Please join us in the courtyard.

## Last Day to Grab Lost and Found Items!

A table is set up in the courtyard with lost and found items. Please check the table to see if you've left any items such as clothes, sunglasses, or children's toys and claim them. Any remaining items left after today will be donated to charity.

## Usher Training TODAY!

Usher training will take place immediately following the 10:00 AM service today. All ushers who are currently serving, and all who would like to serve are asked to attend. Please contact Mark Christianson at 575-0168 if you have any questions.

## Work Day

Grace will be having a Work Day Saturday, April 30 starting at 7:00 AM. Work will focus on the awning and rain gutters in the courtyard. There are also a few other projects we hope to tackle as well. Tools will be supplied, just bring your own gloves. Questions? Call Dave Breitreitz at 298-9758.

## Christian Fellowship Group

Please join your Christian friends for a fellowship meal Saturday, April 9, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to pass. Hope to see you there! *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

## This Week's Schedule (3/27/11 - 4/3/11)

### Today

- Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class ..... 8:45a
- Adult Bible Class:
  - *The Life of Christ* ..... 9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*..... 9:00a
- Usher Training following 10 AM Worship** .....
- Coffee Fellowship Following 10 AM Worship .....
- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry: *Why Join a Church?*... 7:00p

### Monday

- English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p

### Tuesday

- Worship Choir .....5:30p
- English as a Second Language Classes .....6:30p

### Wednesday

- Midweek Lenten Worship** .....10:00a
- Grow in Grace Class .....2:45p
- Wind Ensemble Practice: *Brass* .....5:30p
- Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall** .....6:00-6:45p
- Midweek Lenten Worship** .....7:00p

### Thursday

- Women's Bible Class ..... 9:00a
- Financial Peace University.....6:30p

### Saturday

- LWMS Spring Rally at Grace** ..... 8:30a

### Sunday

- Worship Services/Communion ..... 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a
- Adult Bible Class:
  - *The Life of Christ* ..... 9:00a
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- Coffee Fellowship Following 10 AM Worship.....
- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry: *"How to React To..."* ...7:00p

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### LWMS Rally this Saturday!

A quick reminder, the Women of Grace are hosting the Spring LWMS Rally here at church this Saturday, April 2, starting at 8:30 AM. Ladies who are attending please remember to bring a pan of bars or cookies for the lunch dessert. **If you missed registration and would still like to attend, please see Debbie Koehler at the SCRIP table in the courtyard or give her a call at 293-5617.**

### Easter Concert

Preparations have begun for our annual Easter concert! Those interested in participating may pick up an application form in the Fellowship Hall (on the table underneath the televisions) or in the church office. Questions can be directed to Beth Kassulke (293-2935).

### Lenten Suppers

Midweek Lenten worship services continue this Wednesday at 10:00 AM and at 7:00 PM. The Lenten Supper starts at 6:00 PM before the evening midweek worship service. If you, a group, or family would like to host a meal for approximately 60 people, please sign the sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Your costs for the meal may be reimbursed by donations. Please call Teri Guenther at 235-1177 if you have any questions about hosting. **Wednesday, April 6, is still available. Please sign up today!**

Many members of Grace have enjoyed the fellowship opportunity that these Lenten suppers provide. It may be a convenient way to get some food for your body as you also join us to receive food for your soul from the Word of God. Your generous donations to help our hard-working hosts are appreciated!

### Easter for Kids

Our annual Easter for Kids event is Saturday, April 16. Children ages 2-12 are invited to join us for a Bible lesson, singing, crafts, and lunch. The event is free, but please register using the forms available in the Fellowship Hall or online at [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com) by April 13. The registration forms include an invitation for you to pass along to friends.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out, please speak to Pastor Kassulke.

## Asian Ministry Center

Anne Press, a WELS member who is the coordinator of the Asian Ministry Center, will be sharing information about this organization's work with our Sunday School students on Sunday, April 10. The Sunday School is collecting donations for the Asian Ministry Center to use on upcoming trips to Thailand. Items on the wish list include over-the-counter medications and children's items. A complete wish list is available in the Sunday School display in the Courtyard. Debbie Dyjak will be available in the Courtyard today and in upcoming weeks to receive donations if you would like to contribute.

## Family Fun Day

The CPTL (Christian Parent Teacher League) of Redeemer Lutheran School invites you and your family to a fun day after church next Sunday, April 3 from 12:00-3:00 PM at Crossroads Park. The park is on the southeast corner of Cortaro and Silverbell. The ramadas, basketball courts, and a softball field have been rented. Games in all areas will be organized, so bring your sporting equipment. A jumping castle, blow up slide/obstacle course and balloon animals will be at the park for your enjoyment at no cost! Plan to bring your sunglasses, sunscreen, and lawn chairs, and have a fun day of fellowship! Sonoran hotdogs, drinks, and other snacks will be sold. Can't wait to see you there!

## Outreach Tools

In the last year, through generous donations, Grace has received *Road to Emmaus* DVD's and NIV Bibles that can be given to unchurched friends and neighbors. If you know of someone who does not know God or has no church home and you would like to give them a DVD or Bible, you can pick one up in the Fellowship Hall (on the table underneath the televisions) or in the church office.

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## WELS relief efforts in Japan underway



Rev. Brad Wordell, WELS' missionary based in Tokyo, and members of the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church, WELS' sister synod in Japan, have begun gathering relief supplies for delivery to residents devastated by the earthquake and tsunami that struck March 11.

Wordell says that he and Rev. Takeshi Nidaira, national pastor, will drive a two-ton truck full of essential items such as clothes, bottled water, and batteries to Kesenuma—just north of Sendai, the city virtually wiped out by the tsunami. About one-third of Kesenuma was destroyed. This city of about 75,000 is home to a member of the Japanese church who at first was feared missing in the disaster. It turns out she and her husband were able to flee ahead of the tsunami and their home was spared. This member is now serving as the church's key contact in the region.



Wordell says that as the supplies are delivered, he and Nidaira will look for opportunities to talk with residents and offer comfort. "We want to tell them we're Christians and that we care," he adds.

The emergency supplies are being funded by WELS Christian Aid and Relief, which has made \$20,000 available for such relief efforts—\$10,000 through our missionary and national pastors, the other \$10,000 through the independent relief agency CARE.

Discussions continue with Wordell and other leaders of the Japanese church to assess the need for future relief efforts. Wordell says the church is looking into ways to help care for the thousands of evacuees expected to move closer to Tokyo and the church's nine congregations and preaching stations. He expresses appreciation on behalf of church members for the thoughts, prayers, and gifts from their brothers and sisters in faith in WELS.

**To support relief efforts in Japan, send a check to WELS Christian Aid and Relief, 2929 N Mayfair Rd, Milwaukee WI, 53222-4398 or give a gift online at [www.wels.net/relief](http://www.wels.net/relief).**