

Praise the Lord! Dorothy and I feel very blessed to return to JCC. It has been a wonderful homecoming as we reconnect with many brothers and sisters. God has blessed JCC abundantly by giving us this land and new building for His Kingdom purposes. I am privileged to join you in this new environment to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in proclaiming His Gospel to the Jurong community together with other tenant churches housed in the same building.

JCC is where I first started in pastoral ministry in 1994. My children are all married now and they serve in Bedok Lutheran Church except for my youngest, Eirene, who is in her husband's church. Dorothy and I are currently enjoying time with our 5 grandchildren who are between 3 months and 5 years old.



*(L to R) Front: Arielle, Fredric, Dorothy, Sophie, Eden, Jonathan, Lauren, Amy, Eirene, Isaac. Back: Jing, David, Declan, Charis.*

I'm impressed and very encouraged to see many second generation JCCians serving actively and in leadership too. I know your parents are very proud of you!

Many older JCCians remember Dorothy for teaching the Bethel Bible Series. However, over the years, Dorothy has developed her ministry in Church organ music. She continues to serve regularly to play the Church organ in Bedok & Queenstown Lutheran Church and she has been in the Singapore Symphony Chorus for the last 20 years because she loves to sing. Her passion has always been in art and music so I've been very much blessed by her support in the worship music ministry. I support her by enjoying her singing. ☺

As a Pastor of the Lutheran Church in Singapore (LCS), it has been my privilege to pastor in Bedok Lutheran Church, Yishun Christian Church (Lutheran), and Queenstown Lutheran Church. I have experienced how each congregation is uniquely different. Yet all are united by our distinctive identity as Lutherans of LCS and our common Lutheran Confessions.

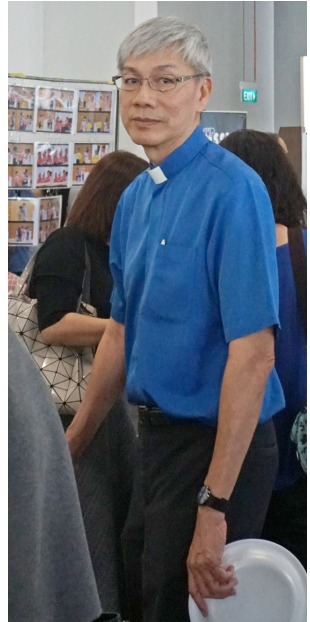
The longer I serve the Lord, the more I appreciate the key feature of our belief which is that we are hopeless sinners who are mercifully saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Jesus saves and keeps you and me through the waters of baptism and in the Eucharist. The longer I carry the cross, the greater is my need for God's grace, the deeper my hunger for the Eucharist, the more grateful I am for the "washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."

<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup> This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good." (Titus 3)

Thankfully, God has brought us into His family in JCC so that neither you nor I need to walk alone in this world. Since we are by nature sinful and are easily tempted by the devil, the Holy Spirit gathers us every Sunday in the Divine Worship Service to receive God's grace in the Word and Sacraments. Our treasured Lutheran Liturgy enables us to encounter Christ, to hear Him speak to us in the Gospel read and proclaimed, to be forgiven and renewed in the Eucharist, and thus be empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Good News by our words and our actions. "Let the life God gives us be shared with everyone."

My dear brothers and sisters, "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Mt 5:16). Praise the Lord!

Blessings of grace and peace in our Redeemer Jesus Christ,



*Pastor Fredric Lee*