



The Parish Beacon

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August 2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ —

I just attended the LCMS Convention, and for a long time I had absolutely no desire whatsoever to attend.

The national convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) began in 1847 in Chicago, Illinois, at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where 12 pastors and 14 congregations signed its founding constitution. Led initially by Dr. C.F.W. Walther, the gathering serves as the primary legislative assembly for setting doctrine, policy, and electing church officers.

On average, the convention has happened about every three years since and follows the district convention held the previous year. At the district convention, resolutions are drafted and sent to the national convention.

I have only attended one district convention early in my ministry. Our district's convention conflicts with our annual UKANDU youth mission trip. I have always preferred to lead the youth on a mission trip than debate with pastors, and the Elders have always agreed.

But something changed. Two years ago, I was appointed Circuit Visitor. I was appointed by President Saunders because Pastor Mitch Otto stepped down. Pastor Otto served as circuit visitor for years and Pastor Mons for years before him. Essentially, it was my turn.

At the 2025 district convention, in my absence, I was elected Circuit Visitor (a three year term). For the 2026 nation convention, each circuit elects one Pastor and one lay person (from different churches). I was elected by the circuit to attend the 2026 LCMS Convention.

Some have warned that "once you see how the sausage is made" you will never want to eat it, but after attending this year, I disagree. I want to understand it better. I want to be involved more. I want to be a part of making a difference for our beloved synod. I am not a political person, but I am one who stands for justice and righteousness.

Hear the Word of the Lord —

Whereas Amos 5:24 says: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"

Whereas Micah 6:8 says: "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Whereas Isaiah 1:17 says: "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow."

Whereas Matthew 5:6 says: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

Therefore, be it resolved: I will pay attention to and participate in synodical business in order to uphold justice and righteousness. I pray that you, too, will find ways to uphold justice and righteousness in your own life. This is what our God has called us to do. Let it be so. Amen.

Blessings, Pastor Hartwig

P.S. I will give a more in-depth presentation on the LCMS Convention during Sunday school this weekend.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH/The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost/July 26, 2026

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have Mercy**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have Mercy**

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have Mercy**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have Mercy**

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have Mercy**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have Mercy**

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have Mercy**

P: For the sick and the dying, and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have Mercy**

P: For the "Enter His Courts" Ministry Expansion Campaign results, we give you thanks, and we ask that you would govern the construction of the "Cross and Entrance" project this fall, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have Mercy**

P: For the year of ministry with *Vicar Andrew Vought*, we give You thanks. We commend to You all ministers of Your Word. Make them zealous and faithful, that through their service Your kingdom would grow, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have Mercy**

P: For the love between husbands and wives and that you instituted holy marriage. Bless *Rob and Diana Bowman* for their 39th wedding anniversary and *Chad and Crissy Pence* for their 25th wedding anniversary. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For *Becky Behrens, Dorothy Blume* (Carol Schuldt's sister), *Joanne Bowman* (Rob Bowman's mother), *April Tutton Clark* (sister of Grace Maurer), *Tom Cowley* (Aaron Mueller's brother-in-law), *John Enokian* (brother of Chuck Enokian), *Mary Helen Gibson* (sister of Gwen McNatt Enokian), *James Haack, Ella Grace Hedberg* (granddaughter to Becky Pedersen), *Jeff Hundley* (grandson of Karen Abernathy), *Sandra Jacobs, Dora Jacobson* (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), *Todd Jones* (Barb & Ron Jones' son), *Ruth Langehough, Dot Langholdt* (friend of Ruth Varney), *Ben Malcom* (father of Tiffany Roiseland), *Craig Michel* (Denise Schwarting's step-dad), *Norma Miller* (Twyla Freeman's aunt), *Jane Mills* (aunt of Rob Ghabel), *Marvin Muhlenbruck, Merri Mullane, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp* (cousin of Ruth Varney), *Elora Nelson* (great niece of John and Tracy Nelson), *Erin Nielsen* (cousin of Crissy Pence), *Ed Pederson, Beverly Prem, Mary Ann Schlueter, Carol Schuldt, George Schuldt, Lee Schwarting* (Art Schwarting's mother), *Stanley Seese* (friend of Harold Warner), *Carol Simpson* (mother of Kara Hartwig), *Marlene Thompson, Natalie Ullrich* (Jeff Kucera's cousin), *Reece Ullerich, Don Warner* (Harold Warner's brother), *Harold Warner, Charma Wenck, Lynne Westphal, Garry Wilcox* (Melissa Mullane's dad), and *Jennifer Wood* (Henry & Linda Diggelmann's daughter), let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have Mercy, Christ, have Mercy, Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

THIS WEEKS ACTIVITIES

Sun 07/26	Worship Service 8:00am
Vicar's last	Sunday School 9:20am
Sunday	Adult Bible Class 9:20am
	Worship Service 10:30am
	Vicar's Farewell Lunch 12:00pm
	Chamber Singers Audition 1:45pm
Mon 07/27	Help Vicar load moving truck 10:00am
	Staff Meeting 1:00pm
	Chamber Singers Auditions 5:45pm
	Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm
	Children's Committee (VBS) 6:00pm
Tues 07/28	SM-Small Group/Marlene 6:00pm
	AI-Anon 7:00pm
Wed 07/29	TOPS 8:00am
	Youth Activity 6:00pm
Thurs 07/30	Comfort Tiers 9:00pm
	Help Vicar unload moving truck 9:00am
	Chamber Singers Auditions 5:45pm
	AI-Anon 7:30pm
Fri 07/31	***
Sat 08/01	Worship Service
Sun 08/02	Worship Service 8:00am
VBS	Sunday School 9:20am
Starts	Adult Bible Class 9:20am
	Worship Service 10:30am
	VBS Commissioning @ 10:30am
	VBS Volunteer Lunch, etc. 11:45am
	VBS 5:00pm

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR



Flowers for the altar this weekend (July 25/26) are from Rob and Diana Bowman for being blessed with 39 years of marriage.

PEACH PICK UP DAY!!



Hey everyone! Peach pick up day is Monday, July 27 at 4:00pm to 7:00pm!

Don't forget to bring your YELLOW POSTCARD. See you there!

VICAR & FAMILY FAREWELL POTLUCK LUNCH

Join us for a farewell potluck lunch for Vicar Vought & family Sunday, July 26 immediately follow the 10:30am service. Please bring a side dish to share.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**WATCH YOUR FRIDAY EMAIL FOR LIVE
STREAM LINKSS FOR WORSHIP**

Saturday, 5:30pm In Person/LIVESTREAM
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am In Person/LIVESTREAM

Communion: August 1, 2, 15, 16, 29, 30

Sunday School 9:20am—In Person
Adult Bible Class 9:20am—Fellowship Hall/ZOOM

Bible Study/Lunch Bunch meets on the 1st & 3rd
Wednesday of each month at 11:00am with lunch
immediately following.

Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am

Praise Team practice varies--
Contact Myrl Holida: myrl-holida@uiowa.edu or

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch Reflections for more details



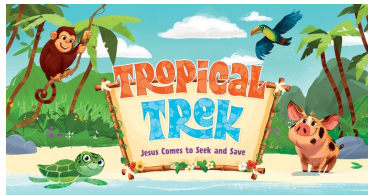
VICAR VOUGHT'S LAST SUNDAY
JULY 26

FAREWELL LUNCH IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING LATE SERVICE

LOADING MOVING TRUCK
MONDAY, JULY 27 @ 10:00am



VICAR MORSE—MOVE IN
THURSDAY, JULY 30 @ 9:00am



VBS Decorating & Setup, July 31 & August 1
VBS Commissioning, Sunday, August 2, 10:30am
VBS Volunteer Lunch & Training 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall
VBS Setup 1:00pm
VBS August 2 - 6, 5:00pm



FUN FAITH FEST, Sunday, August 9
Setup 9:20am (No Sunday Classes)
Worship (VBS Worship) 10:30am
Hot Dog Lunch 12:00pm
Fun Faith Fest 1:00pm

Best Practices
August 9--11



LWML Road Trip
August 15
Matchstick Marvels



LLL Steak Fry
August 25 at
6:00pm



First Day of School—
ICCS
August 24



Labor Day
Monday, September 7
OFFICE CLOSED

Birthdays

July 26	Daniel Gaffey, Jackson Nemitz, Mark Schweer, Emerson Sexton
July 27	***
July 28	Dillon Bruckman, Cade Obermueller
July 29	Amy Frantz, Kelsey Johnston
July 30	Andrew Bell, Brian Beneke, Kelly Carlson, Kristene Lake, Lonne Loney, Alexander Rasmussen, Amanda Saterfield, Cade Sexton, Zoey Sexton
July 31	Frannie Ogilvie, Claire Siems, Ardith Stoner
August 1	Kora Johnson, Cody Kreutz

Stewardship—July 11/12, 2026

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Sat. 07/11 In Person 5:30pm	35	Contributions	\$11,594.50
Sun. 07/12 In Person 8:00am	69	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Sun. 07/12 In Person 10:30am	139		
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	243	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	45/na



Membership Changes & Official Acts

MISSION	June/July
Iowa District East	\$5,833.32
TOTAL	\$5,833.32
Common Fund (Community Crisis)	\$125.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$5,958.32
Crisis Center	***
Lutherans for Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	\$150.00
Lutheran Hour	\$642.41
TOTAL	\$6,625.73

<u>Transferred In</u>	
Brian, Lena, Vitali, Neal Beneke	06-16-2026
<u>Transferred Out</u>	
Brad, Julia, Brock, Morgan, Michael Kimball	06-12-2026
<u>Deaths</u>	
Faith Pederson	06-09-2026
<u>Baptisms</u>	
Theodore Weis	06-28-2026

STOCK THE PANTRY

The Morse family will be moving into the vicarage soon. Let's give them a warm Our Redeemer welcome with things for their pantry. Suggested items to donate include:

- * non-perishable food items
- * household goods
- * paper products
- * cleaning supplies
- * gift cards (grocery store, local restaurants or area businesses)

The items collected will be presented to them upon their arrival. We will continue to collect them through his installation in August. Please place your donations of goods in the box in the Narthex. *However*, please put your donations of gift cards in the church office.



*Let's help
Vicar Morse & family
with their
Pantry
Needs*

VOLUNTEERS & MOVERS NEEDED!!

Vicar Vought will be moving out of the vicarage on **Monday, July 27th. at 10:00am.** Beginning on **Tuesday, July 28th at 8:30AM,** we will be doing the annual "moving-out, moving-in" cleaning of the vicarage to get it ready for our new Vicar Jacob Morse (and his wife, Grace, and baby Maria) to move in on **July 30th at 9:00am.**

Volunteers to help would be greatly appreciated for this "one-time, one-day" cleaning to refresh the vicarage and do any maintenance if needed.

In the past years, we have experienced that a team of volunteers can clean the whole house efficiently and effectively inside and outside in one day (at times, in a half day)! We know that a clean home is a happy home, which is why we do this before each Vicar moves into their home for the coming year.

SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE WELCOME COUNTER

The Properties Committee



These are most of the people who attended the LWML Convention.

Kneeling L to R:
Laurel Sellers, Cynthia Fruendt,
Brenda Johnson

Standing l to R:
Marilyn Paetz, Marge Lemke, Donna
Saehler, Carol Zimmermann, Linda
Bonefeld, Beth Hargens, Linda
Berryhill

Not pictured but were in attendance:
Diana Bowman, Sharon Hintze, Krista
Jiroutek

PRAYERFULLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE FUN FAITH FEST ON AUGUST 9



The Outreach Committee is excited to announce that we will have our Fun Faith Fest again this year on Sunday, August 9, from 12:00pm—2:00pm, after the second Sunday service and a hot dog lunch in the Fellowship Hall. This event is large and in order to get the event set up and make it successful, we are in need of a LOT of volunteers! There will be games, prizes, popcorn, cotton candy, a bouncy house and a dunk tank! PLEASE use the link below to sign up online, or you can sign up in person on the weekends at church (sign up sheet on Welcome Counter).

The link is: [FunFaithFest sign-up](#)

WE are also in need of CANOPY TENTS to provide sun protection for the games and registration and prize tables. If you have a canopy tent you would be willing to loan to us for that day, please contact Melody Strom at: 319-330-3326 or via email at jmstrom@southslope.net Thank you! Looking forward to working with you at this Fun Outreach event.



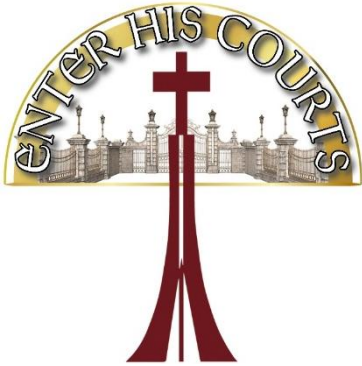
LWML Road Trip August 15, 10:00am

Where: Matchstick Marvels, 319 Second Street, Gladbrook, Iowa 50635 (Gladbrook City Centre Building)

Admission Fee: Adults \$5.00 Ages 5-12 \$3.00 Under 5 years FREE **CASH ONLY--NO CARDS accepted**

Since 1977 Gladbrook artist Patrick Acton has created dozens of wooden sculptures made exclusively of ordinary wooden matchsticks. With over five million matchsticks and hundreds of gallons of glue, he has created more than 70 highly detailed and painstakingly scaled models. Many models have historical significance, such as Iowa governor's mansion, Terrace Hill, and a thirteen-foot scaled model of the USS Iowa battleship along with 14 others on display here at Matchstick Marvels. Ripley's Believe It or Not has purchased several of Acton's matchstick art to place in their museums throughout the world. Experience some of the best matchstick art in the world and the story that began it all! The building is handicap accessible.

Carpool from church meeting at 10:00am to leave at 10:15am with arrival for a lunch break at Murph's Creamery and Grill in Toledo, Iowa at about 11:30am (Price range 10\$ to \$20 per person). We will depart Murph's at 12:30pm to arrive at Matchstick Marvels by 1:00pm. Leaving by 3:00pm to arrive back to Our Redeemer by 5:00pm. Please sign up by **August the 9th**. Sign up sheet is located on the Welcome Counter in the Narthex.



Praise the Lord!! Thanks to the many blessings we have received through the generous support and giving from members of Our Redeemer continues to grow. Work has already begun on the project. The most visible change is a big one. If you have been to church – or even just driven by – in the past few weeks, you will have noticed that the old cross has been taken down. Thanks to a little ingenuity and creative work by one of our members, the top of the old cross is now temporarily positioned in front of the main entrance. It will be exciting to see the changes in the next few months.

Equally exciting is the financial progress that has been accomplished in support of the Campaign. As of July 16, we have received pledges from 101 households totaling \$696,000.00. In addition, we received non-pledged gifts of over \$76,000.00, bringing the total committed to the project to over \$772,148.00. This amount includes a record-setting Noisy Offering of \$466.70 collected during the May 9 & 10 services! The Enter His Courts fund currently has a balance of \$247,369.00. As additional gifts are received, they will be added to this fund. Project costs are paid as they are incurred, so the more contributions we receive upfront to cover these costs, the smaller the loan amount will be, less interest will be paid, and the loan can be a shorter term.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we see the construction phase of this project begin during the coming weeks!

Best Day Ever Cake Boxes Are Needed!

The Human Care Committee is collecting cake mixes and frosting again this year. Please consider bringing a CHOCOLATE, LEMON or STRAWBERRY cake mix and a frosting to go with it. We will be collecting these the rest of July and all of August.

Thank you!



IOWA DISTRICT EAST

SCHOLARSHIP

Available for those going into church work.

For Example;

Pastor / Teacher / Deaconess / DCE / DCO / Music Ministry

Is there a need for Christian laborers?

YES!

In the next 10 years, 50% of the current Pastors will be eligible for retirement.

There is something north of 2600 Pastoral job openings (per www.Indeed.com)

The 2026 class of graduating Pastors (St. Louis & Fort Wayne) is 100.



Pastor



Teacher



Deaconess



DCE (Education)



DCO (Outreach)



Music Ministry



Mission Committee Members

Denise Holida / Anita Nicholson / Val Penney / Bob Powers / Tiffany Roiseland / Lynn Smith (Chair)



Tropical Trek **Vacation Bible School** will be held **August 2-6, 2026**, at Our Redeemer from 5:00-8:15 pm. This is for students ages 4 years old (who are potty-trained) through 8th grade students (for 2026-27).

Sign up today for Tropical Trek VBS this summer! Join us for a Tropical Trek where we will learn how Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10)! As we traverse fun and exciting places, like a dormant volcano and island caves, we'll discover how God finds us and helps us in every challenge we face.

The schedule will include:

5:00 pm meal
5:30-5:45 pm opening
5:30-8:00 pm activities
8:00-8:15 pm closing

Online Registration for both students and volunteers is available.

For more information, contact Kara Hartwig at youthcoordinator@ourredeemer.org or the church office at 338-5626.



Amazon Wishlist Donations for VBS 2026

Help provide supplies for crafts, snacks
and the Bible Challenge at VBS.



Look through the items on the
list, buy it on Amazon and it
will be sent directly to church.

Scan the QR code to see the
Amazon VBS 2026 wishlist.



https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3GWMT2LOOWW8D/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2

Please purchase items by July 26th

Thanks for your support!

Preschool Beacon



Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Christie Cherian M/W/F, Kate Ramsey T/TH
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Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade

Toddlin' to 5th Grade
Sundays at 9:20 a.m.



Date	Bible Lesson	Scripture Reading(s)
August 2	The Wine Sign—A Wedding at Cana	John 2:1-11
August 9	No Classes—FUN FAITH FEST Set Up	
August 16	Eswatini Presentation—All Ages Meet in Fellowship Hall	
August 23	A Weather Wonder—Jesus Calms a Storm	

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS

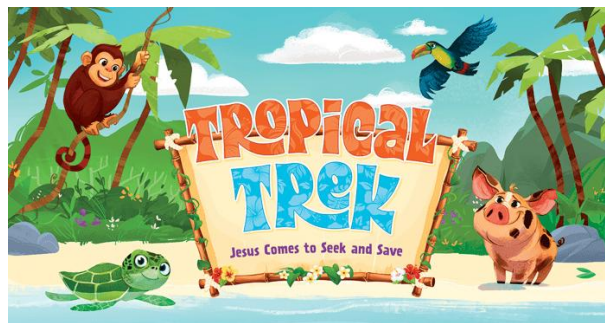
Sunday, August 2, 2026 to

Thursday, August 6, 2026

5:00 PM—8:15 PM

2301 East Court Street

Iowa City, IA



Sign up today for **Tropical Trek VBS** this summer! Throughout this program, we will learn how Jesus came to seek and save the Lost! As we traverse fun and exciting places, like a dormant volcano and island caves we will discover how God finds us in every challenge we face.

NIGHTLY SCHEDULE

5:00 pm meal

5:30-5:45 pm opening

5:30-8:00 pm activities

8:00-8:15 pm closing

STUDENT AGES:

4 year old (who are potty trained)

through 8th grade students (for 2026-27)

Volunteer or sign up to attend at the link below:

<https://vbsmate.com/events/OurRedeemerVBS2026/31540>

Youth

6th—12th Graders

AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

DATE	EVENT	TIME
August 2	VBS	5:00pm
August 3	VBS	5:00pm
August 4	VBS	5:00pm
August 5	VBS H.S. Volunteers Heyn's Ice Cream	5:00pm 9:00pm
August 6	VBS	5:00pm
August 9	Hot Dog Lunch Fun Faith Fest	12:00pm 1:00pm
August 12	Summer Youth Activity	6:00pm
August 19	Summer Youth Activity	6:00pm

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Don't forget to bring your YELLOW POSTCARD. See you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 26th
Vicar's Last Sunday
Farewell Pot Luck 12:00pm

Monday, July 27th
Peach Pick Up
Parking Lot 4:00pm—7:00pm

Wednesday, July 29th
Summer Youth Activity
6:00pm

Sunday, August 2nd
VBS 5:00pm

Monday, August 3rd
VBS 5:00pm

Tuesday, August 4th
VBS 5:00pm

Wednesday, August 5th
VBS 5:00pm
VBS High School Volunteers
Heyn's Ice Cream 9:00pm

Thursday, August 6th
VBS 5:00pm

Sunday, August 9th
Hot Dog Lunch 12:00pm
Fun Faith Fest 1:00pm

Wednesday, August 12th
Summer Youth Activity
6:00pm

Wednesday, August 19th
Summer Youth Activity
6:00pm

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DEADLINES

Reflections (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20th of each month.

RADIO

Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—WMT 600 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am, and **KXEL 1540 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to www.LHM.org.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has a strong, caring ministry with children and youth. To promote the safest and most secure environment possible all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, undergo a background screening before working with younger members. Performing background checks provides safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth, and children.

Quiet Prayer Time

Romans 8:26-27

I fold my heart in humble prayer
while my mind continues traveling—I know not where—
searching for words I cannot speak;
looking for strength since I am weak.

I have no agenda, just feelings of praise,
like the hidden sun through clouds throws rays,
touching at random the earth below...
my mind drifts on with thoughts that flow.

I know others are praying with desperate pleas,
waiting for Your answer to solve and ease
their situation like gentle rain drops to the earth
after famine has caused a terrible dearth.

I have no requests and almost feel guilt
because, normally, words come at full-tilt.
At this time my lips are mute but then realize I know
that the Spirit has already sent perfect prayers
from me here below!

Carol Schuldt

