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# Ventura, adventures in Chile.

July 2018.

*Ventura Isla Newsletter.*

***"In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." Eph 1:7.***

The word REDEEM means "to rescue, to free, or to purchase again". It is a word that makes us think about transactions at the grocery store; a desired item may be redeemed paying the required amount of money.

Our sins separate us from our neighbor...they enslave us to death, the world, and the devil. In his explanation to the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed, Luther calls us "a lost and condemned person". We were once without God and without hope.

But God's grace, manifested in the perfect sacrifice of His son, Jesus Christ, has redeemed us.

He has "purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death." This is the meaning of redemption. Luther also says that the word "Lord" simply means Redeemer...redeemed from everything in which the devil, death, and sin trap us, and He maintains us in this redemptive state. With joy in this redemption, we join with Luther and say, "This is most certainly true"! Amen.



## WINTER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN CONSTITUCION.

Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

On Tuesday, July 17, we had a winter vacation VBS. Children from our mission and the mission in Talca, as well as several from Santiago participated in this activity. The event was titled "Let's Go to the Farm" and was focused on the text "I am the vine and you are the branches" (Jn 15:1)

It was a great time of recreation and learning from God's Word. The happy children enthusiastically sang, played, and enjoyed "delicious meals" – both spiritual and physical!

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, anyone who Will not receive the kingdom of God like a child Will never enter it." (Luke 18:17). We are in Chile with a mission: to proclaim the riches of redemption by

Grace, because of Christ, through faith. That is our purpose. Our world needs to learn of this wonderful news. For that reason, in each worship service we recognize that God comes to us in Word and Sacrament. Without Christ, the world is trapped in sin and blindness.

This is God's Good News: the Gospel!

We want you to be part of God's mission in Constitucion. You can do this by going to our page at [globallutheranoutreach.com](http://globallutheranoutreach.com). Under "our missionaries" click on Adrian & Cruz Maria Ventura. Check it out! You can make the payment on-line, AND, for each dollar or peso donated for our mission, GLO will match the donation! If you desire to be part of this awesome opportunity, click here:

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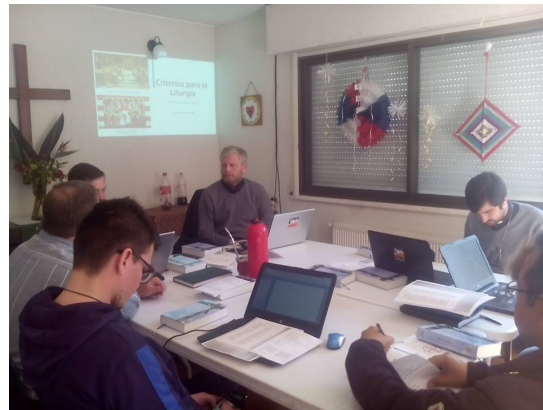
*"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25*

Rev. Sergio Fritzler, professor at the seminary "Reformador" in the Dominican Republic, was the presenter at a recent Bible conference in Santiago, Chile. Pastor Fritzler taught about the history and content of our liturgy found in the Divine Service. We learned that in that service, God unites heaven and earth...God imparts his gifts of grace, forgiveness, life and salvation.

## Pastoral conference.

On July 23-24, our team of 5 pastors and one chaplain met at the Lutheran mission in Providencia, Santiago for our usual planning and strategizing. Pastor Fritzler also led us in a Bible Study regarding the Divine Service, where we reflected upon

various proposals to unite our efforts in regards to worship in each of the churches and missions throughout Chile.



## After School program:



We thank God for allowing us to have our first children enrolled in the after-school program at the mission in Constitucion! Two girls, Isabela and Miranda, have been

participating regularly in our program since the school winter vacation in July.

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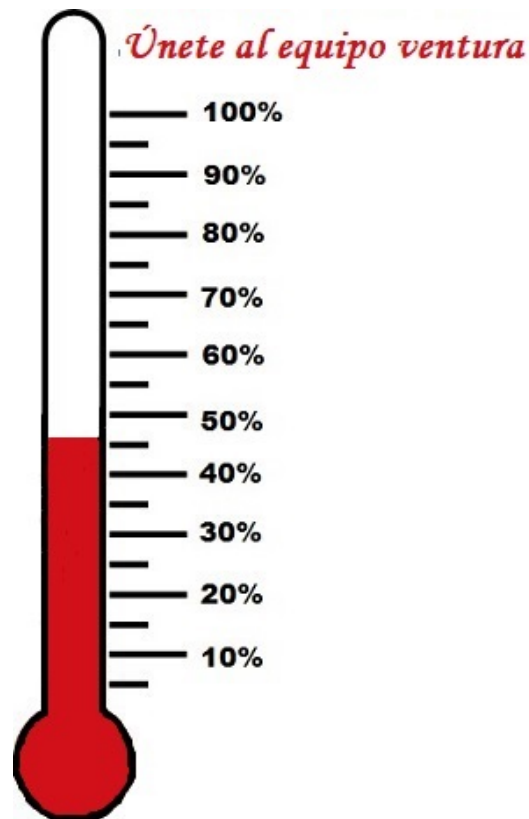
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## SAD NEWS

On Saturday, July 28, we received the sad news that Cruz Maria's brother, Luis Islanda, was

hit by a car in Maturin, Venezuela. He was killed on impact. In the midst of this sadness, we take refuge in the promises of our merciful God.



## Prayers:

**We thank our Heavenly Father that in each worship service, through Word and Sacrament, He unites heaven and earth, pouring out multiple gifts of His grace.**

**We thank you, O God, for the communion of saints, for the Holy Christian Church, who by the work of the Holy Spirit, gathers weekly in the Divine Service.**

**We ask you, Triune God, to bless the activities that are planned at the mission sites in the 7th Region of Chile (Talca and Constitution). May your Word will be proclaimed and bring forth fruit in the lives of those who hear it.**

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If you would like to know more about our future ministry in Chile, we have a virtual presentation which we would love to share with you! Contact us at:

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