



TRINITY FOURTEEN

Luther Memorial Church September 1, 2024

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession
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Divine Worship. 9am

Fellowship Hour. 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 119 III (TLH Pg. 149);

PRAYERS: 49 (Pg. 107); 51 (Pg. 107).

HYMNS: 243 589* 507 54

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 243 *“Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices”*

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Setting 2, WS Pg. 12)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

- C: ♪ Lord, have mercy on us.
 Christ, have mercy on us.
 Lord, have mercy on us.
- C: ♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
- ♪ Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
 Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.
- ♪ Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
 At God's right hand in majesty most high:
 Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
 With all the heav'n-ly host we glorify.

Pastor: Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever." **C: Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-8

“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. ³Your eyes have seen what the Lord did at Baal-peor, for the Lord your God destroyed from among you all the men who followed the Baal of Peor. ⁴But you who held fast to the Lord your God are all alive today. ⁵See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? *

EPISTLE LESSON:**EPHESIANS 6:10-20**

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. *

GOSPEL LESSON:**MARK 7:1-23**

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ² they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴ and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

⁶ And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“ ‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;

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in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” ⁹ And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban” ’ (that is, given to God)— ¹² then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³ thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

¹⁴ And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” *

THE ALLELUIA:

Pastor: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Congregation:

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN: LSB, 589 *“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”*

THE SERMON:

ROMANS 10:5-21

⁵Indeed, Moses writes this about the righteousness that comes by the law: “The one who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes by faith speaks like this: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. ⁹Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. ¹¹For Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

¹²So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him.

¹³Yes, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴So then, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one about whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how can they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, who preach the gospel of good things!”

¹⁶But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who believed our message?” ¹⁷So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ.

¹⁸But I ask, did they not hear? Of course, they certainly did.

The sound of their voice went out to all the earth,
and their words to the farthest parts of the world.

¹⁹Yet I ask, did Israel not understand? First, Moses says:

I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;
I will make you angry with a nation that does not understand.

²⁰And Isaiah also boldly says:

I was found by those who were not looking for me;
I became well known to those who were not asking for me.

²¹But about Israel he says:

All day long I stretched out my hands
to a people who disobey and oppose me.**

TWO ROUTES OVER THE ABYSS

Try and build your own bridge.
Cross over on the One built.

THE OFFERTORY

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary. As our gifts are brought forward to His Altar, we sing His Praise.

THE OFFERING HYMN (TLH 234:1,3-4)

♪ Holy Ghost, with light divine Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.

♪ Holy Ghost, with power divine Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.

♪ Holy Ghost, with joy divine Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.

PRAYER(S) /THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 507 *"Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word"*

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In this confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in Person and the Unity in Substance, with coequal majesty. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

LAMB OF GOD

♪ **O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life restored, Impart Your joy, our faith increase. Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good.

We ask all visitors to speak to the pastor before taking the sacrament, especially if you have not communed here before. The Lord's Supper will be received standing or seated in the pews. You are asked to dispose of the empties in one of the disposals near the front of the sanctuary.

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

♪ O Lord, now let your servant Depart in heav'n-ly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

♪ All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING

♪ My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may Your body and Your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor) CONGREGATION: "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 54 *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will return and join us again. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor or with an usher on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 1, 2024

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP:

✓ Fellowship Hour (Host: Schaller)

THIS WEEK

Monday: Called Worker Party hosted by Faith Lutheran, Markesan 11am

Saturday: Fondue Fest 2024 (9am-5pm)

Sunday: SS/BC 9am; Worship 10am; LM Ladies 11:15am

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

Please keep our Cooperative Budget Pledge needs in mind when giving thanks to the Savior for all of His gifts to you. We have pledged to send \$22,000 to support the work of the LORD in our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession in 2024-25. Thus far we have received \$ 3,705.00.00 toward that pledge.

GENERAL BUDGET

Please keep our General Budget needs in mind when giving thanks to the Savior for all of His gifts to you. The 2024 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$158,600.00. Thus far we have received \$94,619.25 toward that pledge.

LADIES OF LUTHER MEMORIAL ORPHAN FUND

There is information in the church entryway about the Orphan that the Ladies of Luther Memorial support via the Kinship Program. There are offering envelopes prepared by the students of LMS to enable you to give to this worthy cause. Please pick up an envelope from the table in the entryway.

MANUP! WEEKEND

Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. Register and send in your payment before August 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! Website: <http://www.manup.clclutheran.org> and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

ONLINE GIVING

It seems that fewer and fewer people (especially our young people) make use of checks. More and more our payments are deducted directly from our accounts or paid electronically online. After studying the matter of online giving and looking what other CLC churches use, it has been decided to make online giving available to our people. This QR code will take you to the Luther Memorial Giving page which will allow you to create your own account and then give electronically. It's not difficult to set up. Treasurer Michael Sippert is tracking this giving option and will report as it is used. If you are unable to use the QR code, the account can be accessed at:



<https://givingflow.rebelgive.com/46868bacf775a2b1cb88>

THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Last Summer we embarked on a sermon series covering the Letter to the Romans. We resume that study this summer. In an effort to get as much out of this study as possible, please make an effort to read the upcoming section each week. May God bless our study of this letter.

Date	Sunday	Sermon Text
September 1	Trinity Fourteen	Romans 10:5-21
September 8	Trinity Fifteen	Romans 11:1-10
September 15	Trinity Sixteen	Romans 11:11-24
September 29	Trinity Eighteen	Romans 11:25-36
October 6	Trinity Nineteen	Romans 12:1-8
October 20	Trinity 21	Romans 12:9-21
October 27	Trinity 23	Romans 13:1-7

EVELYN DOYLEN MEMORIAL

Jim Doylen, Michael Doylen and Patty Mohr recently made a \$10,000 gift to the Church in the memory of their parents Richard L. and Evelyn Doylen, their grandparents Edwin and Louise Keyes, and uncle, Ronald Keyes. All were founding members of Luther Memorial Church in 1960.

KINSHIP – SPONSORS NEEDED

Kinship is facing the largest seminary sponsorship shortage in many years. Currently there are 10 seminarians in need of support. While we give thanks for the increasing number of overseas seminarians preparing to spread the gospel, we pray for an increased resolve to support their training. Please consider sponsoring a seminary student in one of the many schools partnered with Kinship--Tanzania, India, Nepal, Togo, Congo, and Nigeria. The approximate cost of a sponsorship is \$40--\$50/mo. (\$500--\$600/yr). For more information, please text, call, or email Dan Roehl. Cell: 507-381-2042; Email: danroehl@hotmail.com

TIME CHANGE

Please take note of the fall time change in worship next Sunday. We resume Sunday School and Bible Class at 9am, Worship follows at 10am and the Ladies of Luther Memorial meet at 11:15am.

CLC Financial Report - July 2024

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2024	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 1 Month	Balance 7/31/2024
General Fund	0	94,638	117,280	109,415	(22,642)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	63,835	128,017	143,875	(64,182)
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	110,979	3,726	23,634		91,071
ILC Building Projects	1,560,282	53,775	0		1,614,057
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	120,784	15,725	11,669		124,840
Kinship	169,884	12,135	22,226		159,793
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,684,208	83,569	4,104		2,763,673
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	117,317	10,338	1,009		126,646
EduK8 Fund	47,692	4,716	0		52,408
Reserve Fund	79,964	343	0		80,307
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,891,110	\$184,327	\$62,642		\$5,012,795

July is the start of our new fiscal year and a good time to look forward to the financial goals set before us. The convention passed a **General Fund** budget for our contributions of \$1,312,993 for the new year or about \$109,415 per month. This is an increase of 19.9% over what was received in contributions last year. The increase results from moving half of the third missionary salary and expenses from **MDF** to the **General Fund**, from annual salary increases and from a \$50,000 increase in the Board of Education's budget "for the purpose of assisting CLC congregations in the establishment and ongoing support of Christian Day Schools" which was added during the convention. The **EduK8 Fund** was set up for this purpose but the convention determined that they wanted to be able to provide more support than the **EduK8 Fund** might have available if multiple congregations were looking for assistance in such an endeavor.

You can look at the detail above to see how each of the funds fared in July. With the substantial budget increase, your prayers, consideration, and contributions are needed for the new year.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Andrew Schaller has accepted the call of Messiah Lutheran Church and School of Hales Corners (Milwaukee) to serve as their Vacancy Pastor between September 9-October 20, 2024. ● St. John's Lutheran Church of Okabena MN has called Pastor Sam Rodebaugh who currently serves Faith Lutheran in Ballwin (St. Louis), MO. ● Grace Lutheran Church of Sleepy Eye, MN, has called Pastor Zachary Sippert, who currently serves Redeemer Lutheran Church of Bowdle and Zion Lutheran Church of Ipswich, SD.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Luther Memorial to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Amount Pledged 2024	Received as of 8/25/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (36)
\$22,000	\$3,705.00	\$18,295.00	\$508.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 8/25/24

Attendance: 8/25 – 62

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	LM Building Fund (Non-Budgetary)	M & I (Non-Budgetary)	General School Fund (School)
\$3,792.00	\$240.00	\$20.00	\$500.00	\$100.00
Memorial Undesignated Evelyn Doylen (Non-Budgetary)				
\$10,000.00				

Total Offerings: \$14,652.00*

*This includes \$10,000 given in memory of Evelyn Doylen.

Luther Memorial General Budget 2024

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the general budget at the Annual Meeting in January of 2024. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

General Budget	Received as of 8/25/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (19 Weeks)
\$158,600.00	\$94,619.25	\$63,980.75	\$3,367.00

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS SEPTEMBER 2-7, 2024

Monday – Matthew 10:16-22 The path on which Jesus sends His disciples is one of devilish opposition, but not to worry! God will give them the response to give (v19) and salvation in the end (v22).

Tuesday – Matthew 10:28-31 When brought face to face with those who can kill the body, Jesus says not to fear! God, who watches over the smallest details in all of creation, is in fact “**your** Father” (v29).

Wednesday – Matthew 10:32-38 Even when the path leads to opposition, it also brings the opportunity to confess that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. He who loved us and laid down His life to save us forever is our greatest love and truest Friend!

Thursday – Ephesians 2:19-22 Whether we are Jew or Gentile, or any other human designation, in Christ we are members of God’s household. Together with all believers we are like a building, a temple for the Lord.

Friday - Proverbs 4:14-19 It does indeed make a difference which path we walk down, and we are urged to walk the way of the righteous (v18). The difference is that of light and darkness. The Way is Jesus.

Saturday - Proverbs 4:20-23 The Word of our heavenly Father in our hearts: this is the source of life. From this flows the life that follows the path which is like the light of dawn, shining brighter and brighter until it is day (v18).



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