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GRACE
of OUR LORD OVERFLOWED
FOR ME WITH THE
FAITH
AND
LOVE
THAT ARE IN
CHRIST
JESUS.

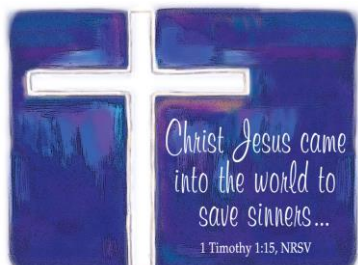
1 TIMOTHY 1:14

TRINITY SEVENTEEN

Luther Memorial Church September 22, 2024

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Sunday School. 9am

Worship. 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 31 (TLH Pg. 130);

PRAYERS: 52 (Pg. 107); 53 (Pg. 107).

HYMNS: 245 785 342 784

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 245 *"God Loved the World So that He Gave"*

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.**

OT LESSON:

JEREMIAH 11:18-20

¹⁸The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

JAMES 3:13-18

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits,

impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

MARK 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.” *

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: 785 *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

THE SERMON:

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

“WHO IS THE CHIEF OF SINNERS?”

This sermon was written by Pastor Michael Roehl of St Paul Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND. Thanks to Mr. David Bernthal for preparing and delivering this message. May God bless us through it.

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: 342 *“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”*

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor) **CONGREGATION:** **“Amen.”**

CLOSING HYMN: 784 *“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”*

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 22, 2024

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Elders Meeting 6pm

Sunday: Bible Study/Sunday School 9am; Worship 10am

FELLOWSHIP HOUR 2024

Thanks to all who signed up to host one of our Fellowship Hours during 2024. Every month is accounted for this year.

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 \$4,430.00 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 \$103,160.25 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

This is your last chance to register 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!

FAMILY GAME NIGHTS

Family Game Night resumed last Friday night at 6:30pm. We have also invited other local CLC congregations. Our schedule for the rest of the year is as follows: October 11th, November 8th and December 13th. The January 2025 Family Game Night will be a bowling outing.

FALL MISSION FESTIVAL

We are planning a fall mission festival to take place on Sunday November 24th with Pastor Caleb Schaller bringing us the message from God's Word. A potluck meal is also being planned.

MISSION BREAKFAST

The Mission Committee is planning a Mission Breakfast on Saturday October 19th at 9am. The Mission Breakfast includes a mission presentation to help us become more effective witnesses. The Breakfast will be a potluck style meal. Please bring something and join us!

GREAT LAKES PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The pastors of the Great Lakes Conference are meeting at Peace thru Christ Lutheran in Middleton, for Pastoral Conference October 1-3. The slate of essays includes: Old Testament Exegesis – Pastor Michael Wilke; New Testament Exegesis – Romans 8:1ff – Professor Steve Sippert; Jordan Peterson – Pastor Tom Naumann; A Study of Church Membership – Pastor Chad Seybt; Evangelism: Helping our Congregations become More Interested and Engaged in Community Outreach – Pastor Terrell Kesterson; Homiletics: How to Preach in such a Way as to Help our People Listen Better – Pastor Matthew Ude; Wauwatosa Theology – David Ude; Does 1 Corinthians 7:10-11 Allow a Christian to Divorce for a Reason Besides Fornication (Matthew 19:9 and Malicious Desertion (1 Corinthians 7:15) – Pastor Mark Tiefel; Speaker: Pastor Stephan Sonnenfeld; Liturgist: Mark Tiefel; Chaplain: Pastor Paul Tiefel.

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 29	Trinity Eighteen	Romans 11:11-24
October 6	Trinity Nineteen	Romans 11:25-36
October 20	Trinity Twenty-One	Romans 12:1-8
October 27	Trinity Twenty-Two	Romans 12:9-21

LUTHER MEMORIAL VOTERS MEETING

The Luther Memorial 3rd Quarter Voter's Meeting is scheduled for Sunday October 20th following worship.

CLC Financial Report - August 2024

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2024	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 2 Months	Balance 8/31/2024
General Fund	0	175,031	201,590	218,830	(26,559)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	358,858	245,953	287,350	112,905
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	110,979	6,950	53,954		63,975
ILC Building Projects	1,560,282	90,874	0		1,651,156
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	120,784	27,708	19,341		129,151
Kinship	169,884	22,411	25,273		167,022
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,684,208	158,061	10,356		2,831,913
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	117,317	16,335	44,429		89,223
EduK8 Fund	47,692	7,003	0		54,695
Reserve Fund	79,964	698	0		80,662
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,891,110	\$330,040	\$153,353		\$5,067,797

General Fund – Compared to a year ago, contributions through August are down about \$20,000 and expenditures up about \$11,000. Thus, the General Fund has a negative balance compared to a small positive balance at this time last year.

ILC Operations – Revenue is up almost \$20,000 over the same period as last year and disbursements down about \$35,000. The result is a much higher balance than last year.

ILC Improvement Fund – Most of the amount spent out of this fund was for the work this summer to remodel the teacherage for the new Professor.

ILC Building Projects – Most of this revenue is market value gain on the investment. Contributions to the fund were just under \$20,000 of the total.

Church Extension Fund – Here too, most of the revenue, over \$70,000, was gain in the market value of the investments, with the remainder from congregation payments on their loans.

Other Auxiliary Funds – The activity in the other funds in the table above is very similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

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

CLC CALL NEWS

Faith Lutheran Church of Manchester (St. Louis) MO has called Pastor Tim Daub of Prince of Peace, Hecla SD to serve as their pastor. • Pastor Zachary Sippert has accepted the call of Grace Lutheran Church of Sleepy Eye, MN. • Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has been called by St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA. • St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School of Mountain View, CA has called Pastor Emeritus Mark Gullerud to serve as Vacancy Pastor beginning October 15, 2024. He has accepted that call. • Pastor Tim Wheaton of Prince of Peace in Loveland, CO, has announced his retirement from the ministry effective September 29, 2024.

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 9/15/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (33)
\$22,000	\$4,430.00	\$17,570.00	\$532.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 9/15/24

Attendance: 9/15 –71

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	LM Building Fund (Non-Budgetary)
\$2,207.00	\$270.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Total Offerings: \$2,602.00				

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 9/15/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount ⁽¹⁶⁾
\$158,600.00	\$103,160.25	\$55,439.75	\$3,465.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 23-28, 2024

Monday – Luke 10:38-42 While it was not wrong to be busy serving Jesus and His disciples, it should not distract us from the Word of God. “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God” (4:4).

Tuesday – James 3:13-18 Those who have the wisdom that comes from above do things in wise humility. Envy and selfish ambition will not rule the day, but peacefulness, mercy, and good fruits.

Wednesday - Proverbs 16:1-9 Verses 1 and 9 are the gate-posts of this wisdom from on high. People plan, but God establishes. “Commit what you do to the LORD, and your plans will be established” (v3).

Thursday – Jeremiah 9:23-24 More valuable than human wisdom, strength, and riches is to know the LORD, “who shows mercy, justice, and righteousness on earth” (v24).

Friday - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Wisdom from above teaches us to have a light grip on the things of this world, “for the way of life that belongs to this world is passing away” (v31). Give me Jesus!

Saturday – Philippians 3:8-14 Knowing Jesus is worth far more to the apostle than everything in the world. In connection with Jesus, Paul has the righteousness that comes from God by faith (v9). This brings the prize that has become his goal: the resurrection from the dead!



These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis.

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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 31

¹ In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! ² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

³ For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me; ⁴ you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge. ⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

⁶ I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord.

⁷ I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul, ⁸ and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.

⁹ Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also. ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.

¹¹ Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. ¹² I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many— terror on every side!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

¹⁴ But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! ¹⁶ Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love! ¹⁷ O Lord, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol. ¹⁸ Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.

¹⁹ Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind! ²⁰ In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

²¹ Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city. ²² I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight." But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help.

²³ Love the Lord, all you his saints! The Lord ²³ preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride. ²⁴ Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR PENITENCE

Merciful Father, grant us grace that we may never purposely sin, but if at any time we sin against you may we truly repent and sorrow over our sin and by a living faith in Christ obtain forgiveness of sins, solely through the virtues of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PARDON

Hear, we pray, O Lord, the prayer of those who confess their sins to You and who trust in Your Son that they may find in Him pardon and peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE

1. God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.

2. Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death; All that confide in Him alone Are built on this chief Corner-stone.

3. God would not have the sinner die, His Son with saving grace is nigh, His Spirit in the Word doth teach How man the blessed goal may reach.

4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which thou hast done; Thou'rt justified by Jesus' blood, Thy Baptism grants the highest good.

5. If thou be sick, if death draw near, This truth thy troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves my soul from death, That is the firmest ground of faith.

6. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

ALLELUIA

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

Congregation (Sung): "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

HYMN

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

1. Children of the heavenly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge ne'er was given.
2. God His own doth tend and nourish, In His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them, In His mighty arms He bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
4. Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

OFFERING HYMN

HOLY GHOST, WITH LIGHT DIVINE

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.

HYMN

CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE

1. Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me; Died that I might live on high,
Lived that I might never die, As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heavens above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity. Love that found me--wondrous thought!--
Found me when I sought Him not.
3. Jesus only can impart Balm to heal the smitten heart; Peace that flows from sin forgiven,
Joy that lifts the soul to heaven; Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

4. Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is All in all to me; All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own. Safe with Him from earthly strife, He sustains the hidden life.

5. O my Savior, help afford By Thy Spirit and Thy Word! When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way; Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

HYMN

LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME

1. Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way; Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day. Without Your grace and favor I go astray; So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

2. Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear; For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near. Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe, For when Your hand is guiding, I n peace I go.

3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come, I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home, And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend! So take my hand and lead me Unto the end. Amen.