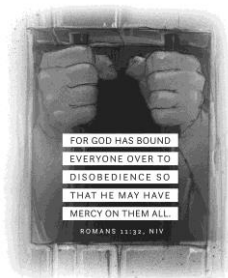


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Luther Memorial Church September 29, 2024

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Bible Study/Sunday School. . . . 9:00am

Worship. 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 51 (TLH Pg. 134);

PRAYER: Morning Prayer (Pg. 118).

HYMNS: 521:1-4 447 449 521:5-6

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 521:1-4 *“What God Ordains Is Always Good”*

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement Pg. 22)

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Congregation: **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence, we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: NUMBERS 11:16,24-29

¹⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” *

EPISTLE LESSON: JAMES 4:7-12

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

¹¹ Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. ¹² There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor? *

GOSPEL LESSON:

MARK 9:38-50

³⁸ John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

⁴² “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”*

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN: 447 *“Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might”*

THE SERMON:

ROMANS 11:11-24

¹¹So I ask, “Did they stumble in order to fall permanently?” Absolutely not! Rather, by their trespass, salvation came to the Gentiles to make the Israelites jealous. ¹²Now if their trespass meant riches for the world, and their failure meant riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fullness mean!

¹³I am speaking to you Gentiles. For as long as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I am going to speak highly of my ministry. ¹⁴Perhaps I may make my own people jealous, and so save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, what does their acceptance mean other than the dead coming to life?

¹⁶If the part offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole batch. And if the root is holy, so are the branches. ¹⁷But if some of the branches were broken off, and you—a wild olive branch—were grafted in among them and share in the rich sap from the root of the olive tree, ¹⁸do not boast that you are better than the branches. If you do boast, remember that you are not supporting the root, but the root is supporting you. ¹⁹Then you will say: “Branches were broken off so that I am grafted in.” ²⁰That is true—but remember that they were broken off because of unbelief, and you remain in place by faith. Do not be conceited, but stand in awe. ²¹For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you. ²²So take note of God’s kindness and his severity: severity on those who have fallen, but God’s kindness on you—if you remain in his kindness; otherwise, you also will be cut off.

²³And if they do not remain in unbelief, those branches will be grafted in again, because God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴For if you were cut off from a wild olive tree and, contrary to nature, were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more easily will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree?

TRASH AND TREASURE

God does not consider Israel trash...but future treasure.

Don’t consider yourselves treasure...and others trash.

God’s grace makes trash into treasure.

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. These gifts are NOT collected during worship but placed in the rear of the sanctuary at the beginning of worship. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary.

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/THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 449 *"My Soul, Be on Thy Guard"*

THE BENEDICTION: **CONGREGATION:** (Spoken) "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 521:5-6 *"What God Ordains Is Always Good"*

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Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' hope that you will return again. It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened by the preaching of God's Word and by the psalms and hymns of our Scripture-based liturgy. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please speak with the pastor or an usher on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 29, 2024

THIS WEEK

Tuesday-Thursday: Great Lakes Pastoral Conference, Middleton, WI.

Sunday: Sunday School (Saul is Chosen)/Bible Study – 9am;

Worship 10am (Holy Communion); Fellowship Hour 11am (Host: Ude)

LUTHER MEMORIAL VOTERS MEETING

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

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 \$.25 toward that pledge.

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 \$.00 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.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Verland Ritterling and his family would like to extend a sincere thank you to those in the congregation who shared their sorrows and offered encouragement. The gestures and words were deeply appreciated by Verland and his family during the difficult time following Mary Ritterling's passing to her heavenly home.

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
October 6	Trinity Nineteen	Romans 11:25-36
October 13	Trinity 20	Lay Service
October 20	Trinity 21	Romans 12:1-8
October 27	Trinity 22	Romans 12:9-21

NEW WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER

There have been some changes made to our website and more are coming. If you have a smartphone, you can even read the QR codes near every entrance to Luther Memorial, which will take you to the website. A new newsletter is also coming, but to obtain it you need to subscribe on the website and confirm your subscription by clicking a link when an e-mail is received from Luther Memorial.

DISSOLUTION OF CONGREGATION

St. Stephen-West (Mountain View) and East Bay (Hayward) are effectively now a combined congregation. St. Stephen Lutheran Church of the East Bay has resolved to dissolve the congregation on 12/31/24. The members of the congregation have been encouraged to transfer their membership to St. Stephen-West in Mountain View prior to the dissolution date, which most of the East Bay members have done already. Sunday worship services in Hayward will be maintained through the end of Pastor Bernthal's service in October. The hope is that in the near future a preaching station in the East Bay region (Oakland area) will be established, along with our current preaching stations in Stockton and Sacramento.

RISE AND SHINE RETREAT REVIVAL

There is interest in reviving the 'Rise & Shine Retreat,' a retreat for those young adults in the CLC in their 20s and 30s. There is a need for individuals who would like to help coordinate and plan such a retreat. There is a need for people with an aptitude for organization and forward thinking who desire to put those gifts to work in God's kingdom in this endeavor. If you would like to assist with this work, please contact either Bethanie Gantt (715-577-8807) or Pastor Frank Gantt (470-214-3401). Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request.

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.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Tim Daub of Prince of Peace in Hecla, SD, has returned the call of Faith Lutheran Church of Manchester (St. Louis) MO. • Pastor Zachary Sippert will be installed at Grace Lutheran Church of Sleepy Eye, MN on Sunday September 29th. • Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has returned the call of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA. • Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown, ND, has received and accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Ipswich, SD. • 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 9/22/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (32)
\$22,000	\$	\$	\$

LM Offerings 9/22/2024

Attendance: 9/22 - 64

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP) (Missions)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)
\$	\$	\$	\$
M & I (Non-Budgetary)			
\$			
Offerings: \$			

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 9/22/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (15)
\$158,600.00	\$	\$	\$

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DEVOTIONS/SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 5, 2024

Monday – Luke 7:36-50 The sinful woman recognizes her sin and loves her Savior from sin. The Pharisee, on the other hand, who does not view himself as “a sinner” (v39), shows much less appreciation for forgiveness.

Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 7:6-10 The apostle is thankful to learn of the Corinthians’ godly sorrow, because such sorrow produces repentance which appreciates Christ’s forgiveness and salvation.

Wednesday - Jeremiah 17:5-10 The prophet compares those who trust in mankind (vv5-6) with those who trust in the LORD (vv7-8) and points out that the LORD can see the difference (vv9-10).

Thursday – Matthew 15:21-28 A Canaanite woman seeks the help of Jesus for her daughter, and trusts Him even when He appears unwilling to help. His answer: her daughter was healed at that very hour.

Friday - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 Paul commends the Thessalonians for their God-pleasing walk, and encourages them to continue. Forgiveness is not a license for uncleanness, but a reason to love and honor God.

Saturday - Acts 9:32-35 The Lord can heal eight years in an instant. And when Peter heals paralyzed Aeneas in the name of the Jesus Christ, people in the whole region who see Aeneas turn, not to Peter, but to the Lord!



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 51

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. ¹⁴Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. ¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

¹⁸Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; ¹⁹then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar. *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

MORNING PRAYER

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every devil that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commit my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

O crucified Lord Jesus Christ, who, as the Lamb of God, suffered for me the most shameful death on the cross and with Your precious blood redeemed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, I pray that you would give me the assurance of this redemption through Your Word, govern my heart with Your holy Spirit, preserve me with Your love and hide me this day, both soul and body, in Your holy wounds. Wash me clean from all my sins, teach me to live a life of deeds that glorify You and finally lead me from this world of sorrows to Your eternal joy and glory, O most faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, my only Comfort, Hope and Life. Amen.

HYMN

WHAT GOD ORDAINS IS ALWAYS GOOD

1. What God ordains is always good; His will abideth holy. As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly. God indeed in every need Doth well know how to shield me; To Him, then, I will yield me.

2. What God ordains is always good. He never will deceive me; He leads me in His own right way, And never will He leave me. I take content What He hath sent; His hand that sends me sadness Will turn my tears to gladness.

3. What God ordains is always good. His loving thought attends me; No poison can be in the cup That my Physician sends me. My God is true; Each morn anew I'll trust His grace unending, My life to Him commending.

4. What God ordains is always good. He is my Friend and Father; He suffers naught to do me harm, Though many storms may gather. Now I may know Both joy and woe, Some day I shall see clearly That He hath loved me dearly.

HYMN

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT WITH ALL THY MIGHT

1. Fight the good fight With all thy might; Christ is thy Strength and Christ thy Right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.

2. Run the straight race Thro' God's good grace; Lift up thine eyes and seek His face. Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the Path and Christ the Prize.

3. Cast care aside; Upon thy Guide Lean, and His mercy will provide; Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove Christ is its Life and Christ its Love.

4. Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear. Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is All in all to thee.

OFFERING HYMN:

♪ 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

MY SOUL, BE ON THY GUARD

1. My soul, be on thy guard; Ten thousand foes arise, And hosts of sin are pressing hard To draw thee from the skies.

2. Oh, watch and fight and pray, The battle ne'er give o'er; Renew it boldly ev'ry day And help divine implore.

3. Ne'er think the vict'ry won Nor lay thine armor down; Thine arduous work will not be done Till thou obtain the crown.

4. Fight on, my soul, till death Shall bring thee to thy God; He'll take thee at thy parting breath To His divine abode.

HYMN

WHAT GOD ORDAINS IS ALWAYS GOOD

5. What God ordains is always good. Though I the cup am drinking Which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking. For after grief God grants relief, My heart with comfort filling And all my sorrow stilling.

6. What God ordains is always good. This truth remains unshaken. Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken. I fear no harm, For with His arm He shall embrace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.