



**Everyone
who calls
on the name
of the Lord
will be saved.**

Romans 10:13

TRINITY FIFTEEN

Luther Memorial Church September 8, 2024

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Worship. . . . 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 146 (TLH Pg. 156); **PRAYERS: 69** (Pg. 109); **70** (Pg. 109).

HYMNS: 11 264 373:1-4 373:5-7

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 11 *“Safely Through Another Week”*

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Setting One, WS. Pg. 1-11)

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Congregation: Almighty God, our maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: ♪ Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.**

**♪ Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

ISAIAH 35:4-7

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

JAMES 1:17-27

¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

¹⁹Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

MARK 7:31-37

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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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 NICENE CREED (WS. Pg. 5)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: 264 *"Preserve Thy Word, O Savior"*

THE SERMON: ROMANS 11:1-10

So I say, did God reject his people? Absolutely not! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham from the tribe of Benjamin. ²God did not reject his people whom he foreknew—or don't you know what Scripture says about Elijah, how he was pleading with God against Israel: ³"Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars. I am the only one left, and they are trying to take my life." ⁴But what did God's answer tell him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

⁵So in the same way at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. ⁶Now if it is by grace, then it is not the result of works—otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

⁷What then? Israel did not receive what it was striving to get. The elect did, but the rest were hardened.

⁸Just as it is written:

God gave them a spirit of stupor,
eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear,
right up to the present day.

⁹And David says:

Let their table be a trap and a net,
and a snare and a retribution for them.

¹⁰Let their eyes be darkened so they do not see,
and let their backs be always bent. **

A REMNANT OF GRACE

God has not rejected his people.
God will not reject his people.

THE OFFERTORY

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, 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 free Spirit.**

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. These gifts are NOT collected during worship but placed in the rear of the sanctuary at the beginning of worship.

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

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN: 373:1-4 *"By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless"*

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

CLOSING HYMN:

373:5-7 *"By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless"*

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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. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. 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 8, 2024

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Council Meeting 6pm

Wednesday: Woodlands Services 9:30, 10am

Friday: LM Family Game Night 6:30pm

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

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 \$3,895.00 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 \$98,701.25 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.

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 8	Trinity Fifteen	Romans 11:1-10
September 29	Trinity Eighteen	Romans 11:11-24
October 6	Trinity Nineteen	Romans 11:25-36
October 20	Trinity 21	Romans 12:1-8
October 27	Trinity 22	Romans 12:9-21

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

There is a Family Game Night scheduled for this Friday, September 13th beginning at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All local CLC Congregations have also been invited to join us. Bring a game and maybe a snack and join us!

GUEST PREACHER

We will have a guest preacher next Sunday (September 15th). Since he's in the area, Pastor Neal Radichel will be bringing us encouragement from the Word of God.

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.

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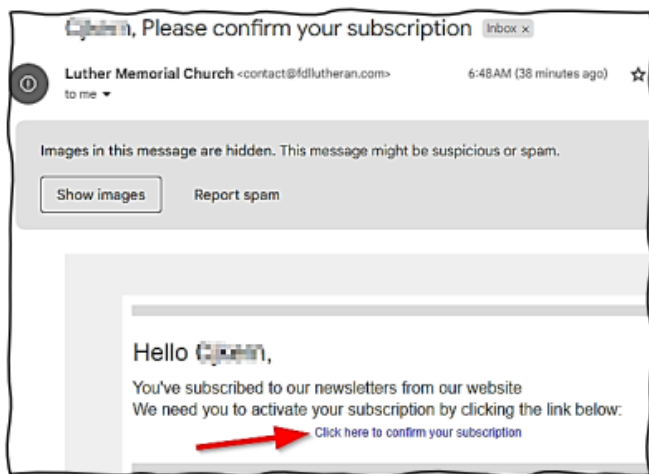
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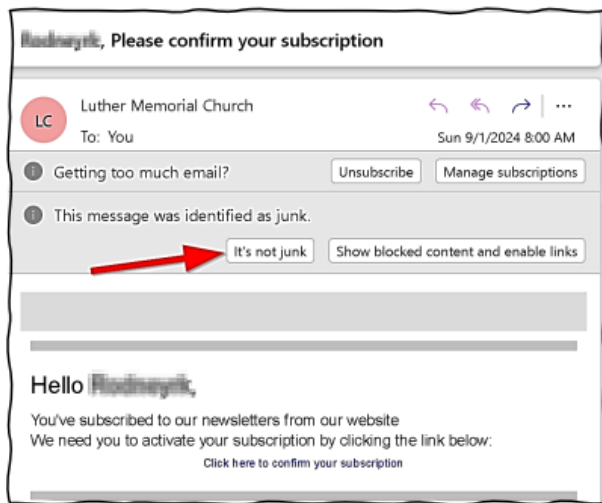
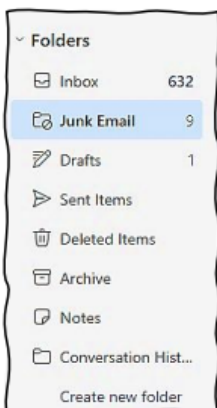
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CLC CALL NEWS

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. ● Pastor Sam Rodebaugh has accepted the call of St. John's Lutheran Church of Okabena MN. ● Pastor Zachary Sippert has accepted the call of Grace Lutheran Church of Sleepy Eye, MN. ● Pastor Drew Naumann has been called by St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA ● 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 9/1/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (35)
\$22,000.00	\$3,895.00	\$18,105.00	\$517.00

LM Offerings 9/1 -2024

Attendance: 9/1 --89

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP) (Missions)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	LM Ladies Orphan (Missions)
\$4,082.00	\$190.00	\$275.00	\$50.00	\$70.00
M & I (Non-Budgetary)	Memorial (Non-Budgetary) M. Ritterling, H. Nelson	Spokesman (Non-Budgetary)		
\$560.00	\$30.00	\$15.00		
Offerings: \$5,272.00				

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 9/1/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (18)
\$158,600.00	\$98,701.25	\$59,898.75	\$3,328.00

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS – SEPTEMBER 9-14, 2024

Monday – Luke 11:5-10 Pray persistently, as you might ask help from an imperfect human friend. If even those requests are answered, your prayers to God will surely be answered.

Tuesday – Luke 11:9-13 Keep on praying because even an earthly father knows how to give good gifts. Your heavenly Father has the best gifts to give!

Wednesday – Luke 18:1-8 Keep on praying, as you might seek justice from a judge whose heart is not in it. Even he may come through when pressed. Will not God, whose heart is in it (“His chosen ones,” v7), send help when you call?

Thursday – Ephesians 4:8-16 The Lord answers the needs of His people, often through other people, whom He has gifted for just this purpose. “He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love” (v16).

Friday - 1 Kings 17:1-6 Elijah comes to King Ahab to announce a drought in the land, God’s judgment for idolatry. While such news might put the messenger in danger from Ahab, God provides for His servant in a miraculous way!

Saturday - 1 Kings 17:7-16 When even the stream sustaining Elijah dries up, God continues to provide for His servant through a widow who is facing starvation herself! Truly it is God who provides for us all!



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 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! ²I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; ⁸the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. ⁹The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord! *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR LOVE

O Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send Your Holy Spirit and pour upon our hearts your love, which is the bond of peace and all virtues, without which we are counted dead before You. Grant this for Your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

FOR HUMILITY

O God, you resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Grant to us true humility, like that of Your Son Jesus Christ, that we may never be lifted up in pride and provoke Your anger, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

SAFELY THROUGH ANOTHER WEEK

**1. Safely through another week God has brought us on our way;
Let us now a blessing seek, Waiting in His courts today: Day of all
the week the best, Emblem of eternal rest.**

2. Mercies multiplied each hour Through the week our praise demand; Guarded by almighty power, Fed and guided by His hand, How ungrateful we have been In repaying love with sin!

3. While we pray for pard'ning grace Through the dear Redeemer's name, Show Thy reconciled face, Look not on our sin and shame. From our worldly cares set free, May we rest this day in Thee!

4. As we come Thy name to praise, May we feel Thy presence near; May Thy glory meet our eyes While we in Thy house appear! Here afford us, Lord, a taste Of our everlasting feast.

5. May Thy Gospel's joyful sound Conquer sinners, comfort saints; Make the fruits of grace abound, Bring relief for all complaints. Thus may all our Sabbaths prove Till we join the Church above.

HYMN

PRESERVE THY WORD, O SAVIOR

1. Preserve Thy Word, O Savior, To us this latter day And let Thy kingdom flourish, Enlarge Thy Church we pray. Oh, keep our faith from failing, Keep hope's bright star aglow. Let naught from Thy Word turn us While wandering here below.

2. Preserve, O Lord, Thine honor, The bold blasphemer smite; Convince, convert, enlighten, The souls in error's night. Reveal Thy will, dear Savior, To all who dwell below Thou Light of all the living That men Thy name may know.

3. Preserve, O Lord, Thy Zion Bought dearly with Thy blood; Protect what Thou hast chosen Against the foes' dread brood. Be Thou her great Defender When dangers gather round; E'en though the earth be crumbling, Safe will Thy Church be found.

4. Preserve, O Lord, Thy children, Thine own blest heritage; Resist, disperse, and scatter Those who against Thee rage. Let Thy commandments guide us, Grant us Thy heavenly food; Clothe us in Thy rich garments, Bought with Thy precious blood.

5. Preserve Thy Word and preaching The truth that makes us whole, The mirror of Thy glory, The power that saves the soul. Oh, may this living water, This dew of heavenly grace, Sustain us while here living Until we see Thy face!

6. Preserve in wave and tempest Thy storm-tossed little flock;
Assailed by wind and weather, May it endure each shock. Take
Thou the helm, O Pilot, And set the course aright; Thus we shall
reach the harbor In Thine eternal light.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 234:1, 3-4)

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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

BY GRACE I'M SAVED, GRACE FREE AND BOUNDLESS

1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe
and doubt it not. Why stagger at this word of promise? Hath
Scripture ever falsehood taught? Nay; then this word must true
remain; By grace thou, too, shalt heav'n obtain.

2. By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct
have no worth. God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus,
to this sinful earth; His death did for our sins atone, And we are
saved by grace alone.

3. By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise When thou art by thy
sins opprest, When Satan plagues thy troubled conscience, And
when thy heart is seeking rest. What reason cannot comprehend
God by His grace to thee doth send.

4. By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to
bear our sin. Was it because of thine own merit That Jesus died
thy soul to win? Nay, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought
Him from His heavenly throne.

HYMN

BY GRACE I'M SAVED, GRACE FREE AND BOUNDLESS

5. By grace! This ground of faith is certain; So long as God is true,
it stands. What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His
Word our God commands, What our whole faith must rest upon,
Is Grace alone, grace in His Son.

6. By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,-- By grace, despite all fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide. Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?

7. By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice; For thought I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice. My heart is glad, all grief has flown, Since I am saved by grace alone. Amen.