

Whoever wants to be

FIRST



must be

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MARK 9:35. NRSV

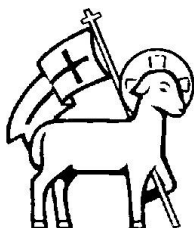
of all and servant of all.

TRINITY TWENTY

Luther Memorial Church October 13, 2024

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Sunday School. . . . 9am

Worship. . . . 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 90 (TLH Pg. 142); PRAYERS: 69 (Pg. 109); 70 (Pg. 109).

HYMNS: 34:1-3 385:1-4 412 34:4

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 34:1-3 *“My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker”*

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:

AMOS 5:6-15

⁶Seek the Lord and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, ⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth!

⁸He who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning and darkens the day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the surface of the earth, the Lord is his name; ⁹who makes destruction flash forth against the strong, so that destruction comes upon the fortress.

¹⁰They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time.

¹⁴ Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. ¹⁵ Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

HEBREWS 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³ For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

MARK 10:17-27

¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰ And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”*

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: 385:1-4 *“Now I have Found the Firm Foundation”*

THE SERMON:

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.” *

PRIDE OPENS MOUTHS THAT SHOULD BE CLOSED AND CLOSES MOUTHS THAT SHOULD BE OPENED

This sermon was written by Pastor Michael Roehl, who is the pastor of our sister congregation, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND. It was originally delivered there on Sunday September 22, 2024. We thank the Lord Jesus for His gifts to His Church and we pray that the Holy Spirit would use these words delivered by Mr. Rodney Kern to lead us on the paths of righteousness.

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: 412 *"May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfil"*

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

CLOSING HYMN: 34:4 *"My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker"*

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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

October 13, 2024

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Council Meeting 6pm

Saturday: Mission Breakfast, 9am

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

LUTHER MEMORIAL VOTERS MEETING

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

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 \$5,485.00 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 \$111,007.25 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

We are coming to the end of this year's study of the Letter to the Romans. 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 20	Trinity 21	Romans 12:1-8
October 27	Trinity 22	Romans 12:9-21

NEW WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER

The New Luther Memorial Newsletter was sent out this past week and will be sent each week to those who have subscribed to it. This may be done at the bottom of the first page of the website: www.fdllutheran.com. Please note that you will need to confirm your subscription by clicking a link you will receive (check the spam or junk box) after subscribing to receive the newsletter.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

*Daylight Savings Time is the time between March and November when most American adjust their clocks ahead by one hour. Daylight Savings began in 2024 on Sunday March 10 when our clocks moved forward an hour. A push to stop changing clocks was put before Congress and in 2022 the U.S. Senate unanimously approved the Sunshine Protection Act, a bill to make daylight savings time permanent. **While the bill passed the Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives did not pass it and President Joe Biden did not sign it.** A 2023 version was introduced in Congress.*

In fact, it was read twice in Congress and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation...but it was never voted on or passed.

So...despite what you may have heard...nothing changed.

What is the point of this bulletin note on government ineptitude and internet-based misinformation?

Well, on Sunday, November 3, 2024 we fall back (turn clocks back an hour, at 2am) and gain an hour of sleep.

It's possible that this practice may change at some point, but for now things remain as they have been during our lifetimes and on March 9th, 2025, if the Lord Jesus doesn't return first, we will lose that hour again when we set our clocks forward. Clear as mud?

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.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR LUKE BERNTHAL

Pastor Luke Bernthal will be installed as the Pastor of Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners on Sunday October 20th during a 10:30am service conducted by Pastor Mark Bernthal.

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING

The Sunday School Teachers met after worship last Sunday (September 29th) and are scheduled to meet again on Sunday October 27th following worship.

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE – OCTOBER 27

On Sunday October 27th a Joint Reformation Service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Markesan, Wisconsin. The Choir will practice at 3:30pm. The Worship Service with Holy Communion follows at 4:00pm. A meal follows at 5:30pm. The Reformation Choir will sing: “Foundations of our Faith” copies are available. The Children will sing TLH 261, “Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Thy Word.” The theme is: Jesus is our Foundation. The theme is reflected in messages from three speakers. Jesus is the Foundation of our Salvation – Pastor Andrew Schaller; Jesus is the Foundation of our Church – Pastor David Ude; Jesus is the Foundation of our Life – Pastor Mark Tiefel.

2025 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP TO NEPAL

Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

CLC CALL NEWS

Faith Lutheran Church of Manchester (St. Louis) MO. has called Pastor Frank Gantt. Pastor Gantt currently serves Zion in Loganville, GA. • St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA. has called Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dallas, TX. • 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.

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 10/6/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (30)
\$22,000.00	\$5,485.00	\$16,515.00	\$550.00

LM Offerings 10/6 -2024

Attendance: 10/6 --81

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP) (Missions)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	M & I (Non-Budgetary)
\$4,208.00	\$630.00	\$250.00	\$70.00	\$565.00

Offerings: \$5,723.00

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 10/6/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (13)
\$158,600.00	\$111,007.25	\$47,592.75	\$3,661.00

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DEVOTIONS OCTOBER 14-19, 2024

Monday – Luke 19:1-5 Zacchaeus is trying to get a glimpse of Jesus, but the good news is that Jesus is looking for him! And Jesus wants not just a glimpse, but to come into Zacchaeus' home that very day.

Tuesday – Ephesians 6:1-4 When Jesus enters a home, children remain children and parents remain parents, but their relationships to each other are definitely affected, for they submit to one another in reverence for Christ (5:21).

Wednesday – Ephesians 6:5-9 As with children and parents, the Lord's word speaks directly to those under authority, urging obedience and respect. Such obedience does not come from the master's threats (v9).

Thursday - 1 Kings 21:17-25 The murder of poor Naboth and the theft of his vineyard have not gone unnoticed by the LORD. Elijah is sent to tell King Ahab that his whole family will suffer as a consequence of his and Jezebel's actions.

Friday – Psalm 127 The blessings of a household – the building, the watching, the working – are all useless without the LORD's participation. Indeed the extra mouths to feed (children) are a heritage from the LORD!

Saturday – James 1:9-12 When Jesus stays in the house, the poor one recognizes his blessings, and the wealthy one does not put his trust in his earthly riches or power. Even those undergoing trials look forward to the crown of life.



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 90

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³ You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷ For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. ¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. ¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

¹² So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

¹³ Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants! ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. ¹⁶ Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands! *

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

MY SOUL, NOW BLESS THY MAKER!

1. My soul, now bless thy Maker! Let all within me bless His name
Who maketh thee partaker Of mercies more than thou dar'st
claim. Forget Him not whose meekness Still bears with all thy sin,
Who healeth all thy weakness, Renews thy life within; Whose
grace and care are endless And saved thee through the past; Who
leaves no sufferer friendless, But rights the wronged at last.

2. He shows to man His treasure Of judgment, truth, and
righteousness, His love beyond all measure, His yearning pity o'er
distress, Nor treats us as we merit, But lays His anger by, The
humble, contrite spirit Finds His compassion nigh; And high as
heaven above us, As break from close of day, So far, since He doth
love us, He puts our sins away.

3. For as a tender father Hath pity on his children here, He in His
arms will gather All who are His in childlike fear. He knows how
frail our powers Who but from dust are made; We flourish like the
flowers, And even so we fade; The wind but o'er them passes, And
all their bloom is o'er,- We wither like the grasses, Our place
knows us no more.

HYMN

NOW I HAVE FOUND THE FIRM FOUNDATION

1. Now I have found the firm foundation Which holds mine anchor
ever sure; 'Twas laid before the world's creation In Christ my
Savior's wounds secure; Foundation which unmoved shall stay
When heaven and earth will pass away.

2. It is that mercy never ending, Which human wisdom far
transcends, Of Him who, loving arms extending, To wretched
sinners condescends; Whose heart with pity still doth break
Whether we seek Him or forsake.

3. Our ruin God hath not intended, For our salvation He hath
yearned; For this His Son to earth descended And then to heaven
again returned; For this so patient evermore He knocketh at our
heart's closed door.

4. O depth of love, to me revealing The sea where my sins
disappear! In Christ my wounds find perfect healing, There is no
condemnation here; For Jesus' blood through earth and skies
Forever "Mercy! Mercy!" cries.

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.

HYMN

MAY WE THY PRECEPTS LORD, FULFILL

1. May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfil And do on earth our Father's will
As angels do above; Still walk in Christ, the living Way, With
all Thy children and obey The law of Christian love.

2. So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace adore, Thy power confess,
From sin and strife to flee. One is our calling, one our name,
The end of all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.

3. Spirit of Life, of Love, and Peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase,
Thy gracious help supply. To each of us the blessing give
In Christian fellowship to live, In joyful hope to die.

HYMN

MY SOUL, NOW BLESS THY MAKER!

4. God's grace alone endureth, And children's children yet shall prove
How He with strength assureth The hearts of all that seek His love.
In heaven is fixed His dwelling, His rule is over all; Angels,
in might excelling, Bright hosts, before Him fall. Praise Him, who
ever reigneth, All ye who hear His Word, Nor our poor hymns
disdaineth- My soul, oh, bless the Lord!