



Overcome
evil *with*
GOOD.

ROMANS 12:21

TRINITY TWENTY-TWO

Luther Memorial Church October 27, 2024

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession
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Sunday School/Bible Study. 9am

Worship. 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 31 (TLH Pg. 130);

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

HYMNS: 351 412 403 401

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 351 *“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”*

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 31:7-9

⁷ For thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' ⁸ Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹ With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.*

EPISTLE LESSON:

HEBREWS 5:1-10

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³ Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;

⁶ as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

MARK 10:46-52

⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” ⁵² And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way. *

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: 412 *“May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”*

THE SERMON:

ROMANS 12:9-21

⁹Do not just pretend to love others. Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another with brotherly love. Think of others as deserving more honor than yourselves. ¹¹Do not be lagging behind in zeal, but be fervent in spirit, as you continue to serve the Lord. ¹²Be joyful in hope. Endure trials patiently. Persist in prayer. ¹³Share with the saints who are in need. Be quick to welcome strangers as guests.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who are rejoicing; weep with those who are weeping.

¹⁶Have the same respect for one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves.

¹⁷Do not pay anyone back evil for evil. Focus on those things that everyone considers noble. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, maintain peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath. For it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰But:

If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him a drink.

For by doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. **

JESUS ENABLES US TO DISPLAY GENUINE LOVE

...in the church toward fellow believers.

...in the world conquering evil with good.

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: 403 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

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

CLOSING HYMN: 401 "Praise to Thee and Adoration"

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

October 27, 2024

THIS WEEK

Monday: LM Elders Meeting 6pm

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 \$ 5,840.00 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. On Sunday October 20th, at the suggestion of the Council the amount was adjusted: \$152,600.00. Thus far we have received \$ 114,035.25 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.

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.

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.

NEW WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER

A Newsletter was sent out this past 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. 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.

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.

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/>

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?

LOOKING AHEAD...

Next Sunday is November 3rd so the following events are on the horizon and it would be good to keep them in mind:

- † **Sunday November 24th** – Fall Mission Festival
- † **Wednesday November 27th** – Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6:30pm
- † **Sunday December 8th** – Christmas Practice 9am
- † **Sunday December 8th** – Advent by Candlelight 3pm
- † **Sunday December 15th** – Christmas Practice 9am
- † **Sunday December 22nd** – Christmas Practice 9am
- † **Sunday December 22nd** – Christmas Caroling
- † **Tuesday December 24th** – Christmas Eve Service 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 25th** – Christmas Day Service 10am
- † **Tuesday December 31st** – New Year's Eve Communion Service 6pm

KITCHEN CLEANING AND DE-CLUTTERING

*Some of the Ladies of Luther Memorial have started the cleaning process in the kitchen this week. The process is ongoing. Any help is appreciated. We will convene next Wednesday October 30th at 9am. Join us! **There is a table in the hallway with dishes that have been left behind. Please take what is yours, those unclaimed items will be tossed.***

CHRIST EXPLORER'S CAMP

Young Adult Retreat: Well, our camp is growing up just like the majority of our youth in our church at Holy Trinity. So.... this year, we have decided to host a more "grown up" camp for our older youth. This will actually become a Young Adult Retreat! We are inviting young adults entering grades 9 and up and our young college youth to join us in Bryson City, NC, for a young adult retreat! Please save the date for Christ's Explorers Retreat - Thursday, June 19 - Sunday, June 22. Questions, please contact Sara Kloke (runsforfun@aol.com), Karen Howell (kdhowell32@gmail.com), or Julie Levandoski (levandoskidressage@gmail.com).

TIME CHANGE

Please note that the Time Change is next Sunday, so we turn our clocks back at 2am on Sunday November 3rd and gain an hour of sleep. Please don't use that hour on Sunday during worship.

CLC CALL NEWS

Faith Lutheran Church of Manchester (St. Louis) MO. has called Pastor Frank Gantt. Pastor Gantt currently serves Zion in Loganville, GA. ● Pastor Matthew Hanel has returned the call of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA. ● Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh will be installed at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Okabena, MN on November 10th. Pastor Joe Naumann will do the liturgy and Pastor John Hein will be preaching.

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 10/20/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (28)
\$22,000	\$5,840.00	\$16,160.00	\$577.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 10/13, 10/20/24

Attendance: 10/13 –54; 10/20 –74

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	LM Building Fund (Non-Budgetary)
\$3,028.00	\$355.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$20.00
Memorial Undesignated Bruce Immel (Non-Budgetary)	General School Fund (School)			
\$100.00	\$100.00			
Total Offerings: \$3,703.00				

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 10/20/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (11)
\$152,600.00	\$114,035.25	\$38,564.75	\$3,506.00

** The General Budget Amount was adjusted by the Voters of Luther Memorial on Sunday October 20, 2024 from \$158,600 to \$152,600.

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DEVOTIONS FOR OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Monday – Luke 10:17-20 When the Lord sent out seventy-two to prepare for His coming, they returned rejoicing in the victory over Satan which He shared with them. He points them to a cause for joy far greater!

Tuesday – Luke 10:21-22 Jesus rejoices that knowing God as Father does not depend on human wisdom or intellect, but is given by God through His Son even to little children.

Wednesday - James 5:7-11 As we wait for the Lord's return, James urges us all to exercise patience, not only toward the Lord who comes, but also toward one another and in the face of suffering.

Thursday – John 8:30-36 During these days we remember Martin Luther's joy to discover that God has called us His children, and freed us from our sins.

Friday – Hebrews 13:7-9 We remember Martin Luther, although he is gone, because he brought us to Jesus, who remains the same yesterday and today and forever (v8).

Saturday – Zephaniah 3:14-20 The LORD's glorious grace promises rescue for His people. "The LORD your God is with you as a hero who will save you" (v17). What joy then to learn that God is our Father!



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 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

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVE EXCELLING

1. Love Divine, all love excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh, breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast; Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive. Suddenly return and never, Nevermore, Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessings, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above, Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be. Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee, Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

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.

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

SAVIOR, THY DYING LOVE

1. Savior, Thy dying love Thou gavest me; Nor should I aught withhold,
Dear Lord, from Thee. In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfil its vow,
Some offering bring Thee now, Something for Thee.

2. O'er the blest mercy-seat, Pleading for me, My feeble faith looks up,
Jesus, to Thee. Help me my cross to bear, Thy wondrous love declare,
Some song to raise or prayer, Something for Thee.

3. Give me a faithful heart, Likeness to Thee, That each departing day
Henceforth may see Some work of love begun, Some deed of kindness done,
Some wanderer sought and won, Something for Thee.

4. All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free, In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for Thee! And when Thy face I see, My ransomed soul shall be Through all eternity Something for Thee.

HYMN

PRAISE TO THEE AND ADORATION

1. Praise to Thee and adoration, Blessed Jesus, Son of God, Who, to serve Thine own creation, Didst partake of flesh and blood. Teach me that I never may From Thy fold or pastures stray, But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Thy steps are leading.

2. Let me never, Lord, forsake Thee, E'en though bitter pain and strife On my way shall overtake me; But may I through all my life Walk in fervent love to Thee, In all woes for comfort flee To Thy birth, Thy death, and Passion, Till I see Thy full salvation.