

TRINITY THREE

Luther Memorial Church July 6, 2025

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Divine Worship.... 9am Fellowship Hour... 10am Andrew A. Schaller, Pastor Church: (920) 922-7421 Cell: (605) 880-7886

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 119 III (TLH Pg. 149);

PRAYERS: 5 (Pg. 118); **6** (Pg. 118).

HYMNS: 538 540 60 37

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 538 - "Now the Shades of Night are Gone"

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Setting 2, WS Pg. 12)

<u>Pastor</u>: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen.

<u>Pastor</u>: 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.

<u>Congregation</u>: 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.
- - □ Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin. ○ 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.

<u>Pastor</u>: 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

EZEKIEL 2:9-3:11

⁹ And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰ And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

3 And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

⁴ And he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. ⁵ For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— ⁶ not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. ⁷ But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me: because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart.

⁸ Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. ⁹ Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." ¹⁰ Moreover, he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. ¹¹ And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God,' whether they hear or refuse to hear." *

EPISTLE LESSON:

1 PETER 5:1-4

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 10:1-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. 9 Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 11 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you.

Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶ "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸ And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." *

THE ALLELUIA:

<u>Pastor</u>: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Congregation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

<u>CONFESSION OF FAITH</u>: THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN: 540 - "With the Lord Begin Thy Task"

THE SERMON: ROMANS 13:8-14

⁸Do not owe anyone anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments—do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet (and if there is any other commandment)—are summed up in this statement: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor, so love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹And do this since you understand the present time. It is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is almost over, and the day is drawing near. So let us put away the deeds of darkness and put on the weapons of light. ¹³Let us walk decently as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual sin and wild living, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not give any thought to satisfying the desires of your sinful flesh. **

THE UNPAYABLE DEBT OF LOVE

Is a debt never fully paid toward neighbor. Was paid to God by Christ and reflected in our lives.

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.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 234:1,3,6)

- □ 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.
- See, to Thee I yield my heart, Shed Thy life through every part;
 A pure temple I would be, Wholly dedicate to Thee.

PRAYER(S) /THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 60 - "Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:

<u>Pastor</u>: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

<u>Pastor</u>: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. Who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in Person and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty coequal; Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

<u>Pastor</u>: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

LAMB OF GOD

□ O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life restored, Impart Your joy, our faith increase. Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



In the early church, Communion was thought of so highly that no one except confirmed members of the church were allowed even to watch it. This practice was more strict than necessary, of course. But the early church did understand something that many today do not: that Communion was never intended for indiscriminate use by everyone, but was

restricted to those who are properly prepared. If you have never communed with us before, and desire the benefits of the Lord's Supper, please set up an appointment with the pastor to discuss how you can prepare properly. The Lord's Supper will be received standing or seated in the pews. You are asked to dispose of the empties in one of the disposals near the front of the sanctuary.

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

- □ O Lord, now let your servant Depart in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
- All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

<u>Pastor</u>: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING

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

CLOSING HYMN: 37 - "Lord, 'Tis Not that I did Choose Thee" Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us and hope that you will return again. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor or with an usher on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 6, 2025

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP:

✓ Fellowship Hour (Host: Kern)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Ladies of Luther Memorial 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship 9am.

WORSHIP TIME

Our worship time remains at 9am for the summer months.

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$63,437.25 toward that budget.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

Please keep our Cooperative Budge 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. We have received \$19,325.00 toward that pledge.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The 2025 Summer Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for the week of August 11-15, 2025. The VBS Theme is "Incrediworld, Amazement Park, A Journey Through God's Creation.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH PICNIC

This year's Luther Memorial Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday August 17th following worship.

MISSION HELPER TRIP TO NEPAL

Eight CLC Mission Helpers are currently in Nepal proclaiming the simple Gospel message to children in Himalayan villages where Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession congregations and preaching stations are located. You can read the trip blog and see pictures at: www.2025clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com.

SERMON SERIES ON ROMANS

We have been working our way through Paul's Letter to the Romans during the non-festival half of the church year the last two summers. If God wills it, we should complete that study this summer. If there is another book of the Bible you would like to see us study in depth by sermons, speak with Pastor Schaller.

The Letter to the Romans					
Date	Sunday of the Church	Text			
	Year				
7/6	Trinity Three	Romans 13:8-14			
7/13	Trinity Four	Romans 14:1-12			
7/20	Trinity Five	Romans 14:13-23			
7/27	Trinity Six	Romans 15:1-7			

HELPING EVERYONE TO HEAR

The Mission Committee is investigating improvements for our hearing impaired. We would like to know what type, brand, and manufacturer hearing aid (assistive listening device) you might have, and if it supports any connection to a public assistive listening audio system. If you know the details of what you have (Manufacturer, Model) please let Pastor Schaller, Rodney Kern, or a member of the mission committee know the details of what you have, so we can review any potential options. The symbols found below may be found or indicated on your hearing device paperwork:





Thank you, The Mission Committee.

CALL RECEPTION

Dear Members of Luther Memorial Church,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am writing to acknowledge the divine call I have received to serve as your teacher and principal. It is truly humbling to be considered for such a meaningful role in the ministry of your congregation.

As I now enter a period of prayerful deliberation, I ask that you keep me in your prayers. With the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, I will carefully consider whether to continue using my gifts to serve the saints at Immanuel Lutheran Church or to accept the call to join you in the mission and ministry at Luther Memorial.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

—Romans 8:28

May the Lord bless and keep you in His grace and peace.

In Christ's service, Katie Naumann

GORDON KRAUSE BIRTHDAY

The following is from Pastor Paul Krause:

Gordon Krause is turning 90 this summer on August 7.

We will be celebrating his birthday on Sunday July 20 with a reception/meal after church at Trinity/Watertown, SD. He does not do e-mail or texting -- if anyone would like to greet him, it would be great if you would send him a card at our home address, as he is living with us. Gordon Krause, 1716 E Kemp Ave, Watertown, SD 57201

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Mark Tiefel has also <u>resigned</u> his call to Peace Through Christ Lutheran Church in Middleton (Madison) WI. ● Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire has <u>called</u> Pastor Thomas Naumann, who currently serves Mount Zion in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI. Messiah has also <u>called</u> Pastor Em. David Schierenbeck to serve as vacancy pastor. ● Leah Baumann has been <u>called</u> to teach one year part time at St. John's Lutheran School in Okabena, MN. Leah is a member of St. John's. ● Luther Memorial Church has <u>called</u> Miss Kathleen Naumann, to serve as Christian Day School Teacher at Luther Memorial School. ● Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, has returned the call of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.

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	Received as of 6/29/25	Amount	Approximate per
Pledged 2025		Remaining	Sunday
\$22,000	\$19,325.00	\$2,675.00	

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 6/29/25 Attendance: 6/29 -69							
General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	M & I (Non- Budgetary)			
\$550.00	\$1,690.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$500.00			
LM Student Aid (Non-Budgetary)	Spokesman (Non- Budgetary)	Daily Rest (Non- Budgetary)					
\$20.00	\$40.00	\$15.00					
Total Offerings: \$2,835.00							

Luther Memorial General Budget 2025

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the general budget at the Annual Meeting on January 19, 2024. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

General Budget	Received as of 6/29/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount
			(26 Sundays)
\$130,000.00	\$63,437.25	\$66,562.75	\$2,560.00

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BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS – JULY 7-12, 2025

Monday – Matthew 5:17-19 Jesus supports the entire Old Testament, whether Law, which He will keep, or Prophets, which He will fulfill completely as our substitute, our promised Savior.

Tuesday – Acts 3:9-26 The people were amazed to see the lame man healed, and Peter is swift to credit Jesus for the healing, as well as forgiveness (v19). In Him is the fulfillment of all the prophets' promises (v24)!

Wednesday – Numbers 23:7-12 Balak hired Balaam, the sorcerer, to try to get the LORD to stop blessing the Israelites. But Balaam cannot manipulate the God of Israel, who is intent on blessing many through Israel.

Thursday - **Ezekiel 18:20-24** To go against the LORD of life means death. The prophet is clear on that. But the LORD does not desire people's death, but that they would turn back to Him and live!

Friday – Matthew 5:20-26 The righteousness that Jesus gives us is greater than that of the Scribes and Pharisees. e.g. Not only will we refrain from murder, but also from hurting or harming by word or deed.

Saturday – Romans 6:3-11 Our new life comes from being baptized into Jesus' death, so that we might also live with Him. As He died to sin on the cross, so also we consider ourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ.



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 119:17-24

¹⁷ Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word. ¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. ¹⁹ I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me! ²⁰ My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times. ²¹ You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments. ²² Take away from me scorn and contempt, for I have kept your testimonies. ²³ Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes. ²⁴ Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors.*

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Lord God, you do not desire the death of the sinner, but would have him turn from his evil way and live. I come to you confessing that I have sinned and deserve only Your anger and punishment. But I cling to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, my Lord, who gave himself for my redemption. Lord, grant that I may always believe this and never doubt. Grant that in this faith I may go to Your altar and receive the body and blood which Your Son has given for my salvation, and praise, laud and honor Your love and mercy all the days of my life. Hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Redeemer and Savior. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

I give you thanks and praise, Almighty, everlasting god, heavenly Father, for this your divine love that has again enabled me to receive the body and blood of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. I humbly ask that you would fill me with the power of the Holy Spirit that through this Sacrament which I have received with both mouth and by faith that I may always retain and possess the treasures of Your grace, even the forgiveness of sins and unity with Christ and eternal life. Let this enable me to walk in the footsteps of my Lord Jesus, doubting nothing and trusting that you will give to me and all who trust in Him the crown of everlasting life. Hear me, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior. Amen.

<u>HYMN</u> <u>NOW THE SHADES OF NIGHT ARE GONE</u>

- 1. Now the shades of night are gone, Now the morning light is come. Lord, may we be Thine today; Drive the shades of sin away.
- 2. Fill our souls with heavenly light, Banish doubt and cleanse our sight. In Thy service, Lord, today Help us labor, help us pray.
- 3. Keep our haughty passions bound, Save us from our foes around; Going out and coming in, Keep us safe from every sin.
- 4. When our work of life is past; Oh, receive us then at last! Night of sin will be no more When we reach the heavenly shore.

HYMN WITH THE LORD BEGIN THY TASK

- 1. With the Lord begin thy task, Jesus will direct it; For His aid and counsel ask, Jesus will perfect it. Every morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended, In His name then close thine eyes; Be to Him commended.
- 2. Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration; On the Lord cast every care, He is thy salvation. Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near thee, Save thee from the Tempter's might With His presence cheer thee.
- 3. With thy Savior at thy side, foes need not alarm thee; In His promises confide, And no ill can harm thee. All thy trust do thou repose In the mighty Master, Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.
- 4. If thy task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing, Safely then thy course will run, Naught thy soul distressing. Good will follow everywhere While thou here must wander; Thou at last the joy wilt share In the mansions yonder.
- 5. Thus, Lord Jesus, every task Be to Thee commended; May Thy will be done, I ask, Until life is ended. Jesus, in Thy name begun Be the day's endeavor; Grant that it may well be done to Thy praise forever.

THE OFFERING HYMN

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- **☐** Holy Ghost, with power divine Cleanse this guilty heart of mine; In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.

☐ See, to Thee I yield my heart, Shed Thy life through every part;
A pure temple I would be, Wholly dedicate to Thee.

HYMN HARK, A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

- 1. Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is nigh!" we hear it say; "Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day!"
- 2. Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3. Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven. Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all, to be forgiven,
- 4. That, when next He comes with glory And the world is wrapped in fear, He may shield us with His mercy And with words of love draw near.
- 5. Honor, glory, might, dominion, To the Father and the Son, With the everlasting Spirit, While eternal ages run!

<u>HYMN</u> <u>LORD, 'TIS NOT THAT I DID CHOOSE THEE</u>

- 1. Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could never be; For this heart would still refuse Thee Had Thy grace not chosen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me Washed and cleansed and set me free And unto this end ordained me, That I ever live to Thee.
- 2. 'Twas Thy grace in Christ that called me, Taught my darkened heart and mind; Else the world had yet enthralled me, To Thy heavenly glories blind. Now my heart owns none above Thee; For Thy grace alone I thirst, Knowing well that, if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.
- 3. Praise the God of all creation; Praise the Father's boundless love. Praise the Lamb, our Expiation, Priest and King enthroned above. Praise the Spirit of salvation, Him by whom our spirits live. Undivided adoration To the great Jehovah give. Amen.