



*[Jesus] died for us so that,
whether we are awake or asleep,
we may live together with him.*

*Therefore encourage one another
and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing.*

1 Thessalonians 5:10-11, NIV

TRINITY EIGHT

Luther Memorial Church August 10, 2025

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 48 (TLH Pg. 134);

PRAYERS: 77 (Pg. 109); **70** (Pg. 109).

HYMNS: 20 398 408 424

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 20 - *"God of Mercy, God of Grace"*

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.**

OT LESSON:

GENESIS 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

HEBREWS 11:1-3,8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.*

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 12:22-34

²² And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!

²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. *

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: 398 - *“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”*

THE SERMON:

ROMANS 16:1-16

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church in Cenchreae. ² So you should welcome her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints and assist her in whatever matter she may require your help. For indeed she has been a benefactor of many—and of me also.

³ Give my greetings to Prisca and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus, ⁴ who risked their own necks for my life. Not only do I thank them, but so do all the Gentile churches. ⁵ Greet also the church that meets in their home. Greet my dear friend Epaphroditus, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia. ⁶ Greet Mary, who has worked very hard for you. ⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews and fellow prisoners. They are noteworthy in the eyes of the apostles, and they were also in Christ before me. ⁸ Greet Ampliatus, my dear friend in the Lord. ⁹ Greet Urbanus, our coworker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys. ¹⁰ Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ.

Greet those who belong to the household of Aristobulus. ¹¹ Greet Herodion, my fellow Jew.

Greet those who belong to the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord. ¹² Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who have worked hard in the Lord. Greet my dear friend Persis, who has worked very hard in the Lord. ¹³ Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother—and mine.

¹⁴ Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers and sisters who are with them.

¹⁵ Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.

¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send you greetings. **

READING OTHER PEOPLE’S MAIL

Commended, Appreciated, Encouraged.

Greeted as those for whom Christ died.

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 me 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 234:1,3,6)

♪ 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

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: 408 - *"Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory"*

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

CLOSING HYMN: 424 - *"My God, My Father, Make Me Strong"*

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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. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with an usher on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 10, 2025

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Council, 6:00pm

Sunday: Worship 9am

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$76,827.25.

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 2025-26. Thus far we have received \$1,615.00 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 "Incredibworld, Amazement Park, A Journey Through God's Creation.



LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH PICNIC

*This year's Luther Memorial Church Picnic is scheduled for **NEXT** Sunday August 17th following worship. As always, the church provides burgers, brats and drinks. Feel free to bring something to pass.*



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.

<i>The Letter to the Romans</i>		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Sunday of Church Year</i>	<i>Text</i>
<i>8/10</i>	<i>Trinity Eight</i>	<i>Romans 16:1-16</i>
<i>8/17</i>	<i>Trinity Nine</i>	<i>Romans 16:17-27</i>

WOMEN'S RETREAT WEST

The Women's Retreat West will be September 19-21 in Sioux Falls, SD. Theme is Pieces of Jesus' Peace. Registration fee is \$125 and does not include lodging. Please go to the website to register: womensretreat.clclutheran.net.

PACIFIC COAST WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Pacific Coast Women's Retreat will be September 26-28 in Spokane, WA. Cost will be \$165.00 for the entire weekend, including 2 nights lodging, 5 meals. Theme is Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

SOUTHEAST WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Southeast Women's Retreat will be February 13-15, 2026 at Camp Dogwood on Lake Norman in Sherrills Ford in North Carolina. Theme is Ephesians 4:3 - Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

MIDWEST WOMEN'S RETREAT

Immanuel Mankato invites women of area congregations to a one-day retreat on Saturday, October 25th from 9am-4pm. The theme for the retreat is "Finding our True Identity as a Reflection of Christ's Image."



Presentations will include our Identity in Christ, our Identity Reflected to the world, and Confidence in our Identity. Childcare will be available. To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/3jp5ax8y>. The cost is \$20 if you register before September 24 and is free for young girls under 19. Contact Jen Theneman (507-340-1640 / jtheneman@live.com) with any questions.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE



As much as I hate to say it, the summer is drawing to a close. Our Summer worship schedule with worship at 9am continues for the month of August, but beginning Sunday September 7th we resume our Bible Study/Sunday School at 9am and Worship at 10am.

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.*

FALL MISSION FESTIVAL

A Fall Mission Festival is planned for Sunday September 21st with Pastor Paul Agenten doing the preaching. Ther will also be a Mission Bible Study and a Mission Potluck Meal to follow. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for updates.

CLC CALL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor Matthew Hanel who serves St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran in Dallas, TX. Messiah has also called Mr. Peter Reim to serve as vacancy pastor at Messiah. Mr. Reim has returned the call to serve as vacancy pastor. ● Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has accepted the call of Peace through Christ in Middleton (Madison) to serve as Vacancy Pastor ● Erin Franson has accepted the call to serve as female mentor at ILHS and ILC. ● Pastor David Ude of Living Word Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has accepted the call of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. ● Lori Ruthenbeck and Mary Albrecht have both accepted their part-time, one-year calls to St. John's in Okabena MN.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2026

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, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Amount Pledged 2025	Received as of 8/3/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (48)
\$22,000	\$1,615.00	\$20,385.00	\$425.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 8/3/25

Attendance: 8/3 –65

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	M & I (Non-Budgetary)
\$3,495.00	\$355.00	\$325.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
Total Offerings: \$4,325.00				

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 8/3/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (21 Sundays)
\$130,000.00	\$76,827.25	\$53,172.75	\$2,532.00

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS – AUGUST 11-16 2025

Monday – Matthew 6:19-21 The earthly honor and riches that people set their hearts on are temporary and soon fade away. The treasures in heaven, which Christ has won for us, are unfading and worth our hearts.

Tuesday – Matthew 6:22-23 Just as the eye affects even where we put our feet, so if our heart treasures the wrong things, it will affect not only our destination, but also our walk through life.

Wednesday – Acts 6:1-7 When a difficulty arises in the young Jerusalem church, the apostles choose the path of love, and the congregation chooses deacons full of the Spirit to distribute food to all the widows.

Thursday - 1 Samuel 10:17-27 Samuel calls the people together, but it is the LORD who chooses the one to rule over His people as king. When humble Saul is brought forward, most rejoice, although some still oppose him.

Friday – Psalm 119:105-108 It is the Word of the LORD that teaches our feet where to walk, especially in days of suffering. Though we may suffer much, it cannot take away the eternal blessings for which we praise God.

Saturday – Psalm 119:109-112 Not just accidents and illness cause suffering, but snares may also be placed in my path by other people. Nevertheless your Word, O Lord, still brings joy to my heart, direction to my path!



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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 119:57-64

⁵⁷ The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words. ⁵⁸ I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. ⁵⁹ When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies; ⁶⁰ I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments. ⁶¹ Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law. ⁶² At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous rules. ⁶³ I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts. ⁶⁴ The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes! *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

Almighty God, you have promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in Your Son's name, so we ask you to listen to those who have now made prayers and supplications to You; and grant that those things asked in faith according to Your will may be given that we may find relief in our necessity and in return glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. 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

GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF GRACE

- 1. God of mercy, God of grace, Show the brightness of Thy face; Shine upon us, Savior, shine, Fill Thy church with light divine, And Thy saving health extend Unto earth's remotest end.**
- 2. Let the people praise Thee, Lord! Be by all that live adored; Let the nations shout and sing Glory to their Savior King, At Thy feet their tribute pay, And Thy holy will obey.**
- 3. Let the people praise Thee, Lord! Earth shall then her fruits afford, God to man His blessing give, Man to God devoted live; All below and all above One in joy and light and love.**

HYMN

RENEW ME, O ETERNAL LIGHT

1. Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright, Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Thy holy face.
2. Destroy in me the lust of sin, From all impureness make me clean. Oh, grant me power and strength, my God, To strive against my flesh and blood!
3. Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Thy Word And naught but what Thou wilt, desire; With such new life my soul inspire.
4. Grant that I only Thee may love And seek those things which are above Till I behold Thee face to face, O Light eternal, through Thy grace.

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.

HYMN

JESUS CHRIST, MY PRIDE AND GLORY

1. Jesus Christ, my Pride and Glory, He, the true and living light, Strengthens me with glorious might. Christ, revealed in sacred story, Whom I now as Lord confess, Teaches me true holiness.
2. Let Me live to praise Thee ever Jesus, Thou my heart's Delight, Thou who leadest me aright. Let me cling to Thee forever, All the fleshly lusts deny, And the devil's hosts defy.
3. Grant me, Lord, Thy Holy Spirit That in all I follow Him Lest the light of faith grow dim. Let me ever trust Thy merit, Let Thy blessing me attend, From all evil me defend.
4. From all pain and imperfection, Gracious Lord, deliver me, Heaven's glory let me see. Keep me under Thy direction That the grace Thou gavest me I may praise eternally.

HYMN

MY GOD, MY FATHER, MAKE ME STRONG

1. My God, my Father, make me strong, When tasks of life seem hard and long. To greet them with this triumph song; Thy will be done.

2. Draw from my timid eyes the veil To show where earthly forces fail, Thy power and love must still prevail. Thy will be done.

3. With confident and humble mind Freedom in service I would find, Praying through every toil assigned: Thy will be done.

4. Things deemed impossible I dare, Thine is the call and Thine the care; Thy wisdom shall the way prepare – Thy will be done.

5. All power is here and round me now; Faithful I stand in rule and vow, While 'tis not I, but ever Thou: Thy will be done.

6. Heaven's music chimes the glad days in; Hope soars beyond death, pain, and sin; Faith shouts in triumph, Love must win - Thy will be done. Amen.