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To the only wise God
be glory forever
through Jesus Christ!
Amen.

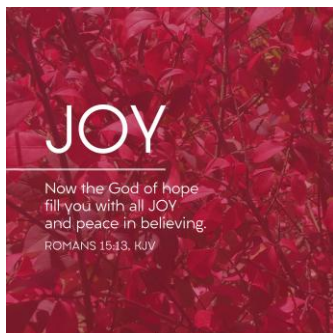


TRINITY NINE

Luther Memorial Church August 17, 2025

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession
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Worship. 9am
Church Picnic. . . . 10:45am
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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 119:IX (TLH Pg. 150);

PRAYERS: 74 (Pg. 109); **73** (Pg. 109).

HYMNS: 17 783 785 48

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 17 -*"Oh, Worship the King"*

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement Pg. 22)

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Congregation: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We stand forgiven. With boldness and confidence, we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OT LESSON:

JEREMIAH 23:23-39

²³ “Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away?

²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.

²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully.

What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? ³⁰ Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, declares the Lord, who steal my words from one another. ³¹ Behold, I am against the prophets, declares the Lord, who use their tongues and declare, ‘declares the Lord.’ ³² Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, declares the Lord, and who tell them and lead my people astray by their lies and their recklessness, when I did not send them or charge them. So they do not profit this people at all, declares the Lord.

³³ “When one of this people, or a prophet or a priest asks you, ‘What is the burden of the Lord?’ you shall say to them, ‘You are the burden, and I will cast you off, declares the Lord.’ ³⁴ And as for the prophet, priest, or one of the people who says, ‘The burden of the Lord,’ I will punish that man and his household. ³⁵ Thus shall you say, every one to his neighbor and every one to his brother, ‘What has the Lord answered?’ or ‘What has the Lord spoken?’

³⁶ But ‘the burden of the Lord’ you shall mention no more, for the burden is every man’s own word, and you pervert the words of the living God, the Lord of hosts, our God.

³⁷ Thus you shall say to the prophet, ‘What has the Lord answered you?’ or ‘What has the Lord spoken?’ ³⁸ But if you say, ‘The burden of the Lord,’ thus says the Lord, ‘Because you have said these words, “The burden of the Lord,” when I sent to you, saying, “You shall not say, ‘The burden of the Lord,’ ” ³⁹ therefore, behold, I will surely lift you up and cast you away from my presence, you and the city that I gave to you and your fathers. *

CHILDREN: PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

(WS 748 – CHILDREN 1,3; CHILDREN AND CONGREGATION 5.)

EPISTLE: HEBREWS 12:1-13

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, ² 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.

³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.*

GOSPEL:

LUKE 12:49-53

⁴⁹“I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” *

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED

HYMN: 783 - *“Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep”*

THE SERMON:

ROMANS 16:17-27

¹⁷But I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the teaching that you learned, and keep away from them. ¹⁸For such people are not serving Christ our Lord but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery, they seduce the hearts of the unsuspecting.

¹⁹Your obedience has become known to everyone, so I am very joyful about you. But I want you to continue to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil. ²⁰The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

²¹Timothy, my coworker, greets you, along with Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my relatives.

²²I, Tertius, who wrote down this letter, greet you in the Lord.

²³Gaius, my host and the host of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, greets you, and Quartus, the brother.

²⁵Now to him who is able to strengthen you— according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was veiled in silence for long ages past, ²⁶but now has been revealed through the prophetic Scriptures and made known to all the Gentiles, in keeping with the command of the eternal God, resulting in the obedience of faith— ²⁷to God, who alone is wise, be glory forever through Jesus Christ. Amen. **

A FINAL CONFIDENT ENCOURAGEMENT

**WATCH OUT...AND AVOID.
GOD WILL ENABLE AND STRENGTHEN YOU.**

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 234:1,3,6)**

♪ 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: 785 - *"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

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

CLOSING HYMN:

48 - *"How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word"*

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

August 17, 2025

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP

Luther Memorial Church Picnic

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Mission Committee 6pm

Sunday: Worship 9am

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$77,927.25 toward that budget.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

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 \$2,675.00 toward that pledge.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This past week Luther Memorial Hosted our Summer Vacation Bible School. We averaged 21 children each day. Thank you to those who helped, including our teachers (Susan Moodie, Jackie and Schwersinske, Naomi Oster, Maggie and Joanna Seibel) crafters (Carla and Kayla Kern), music (Leah Ude with Helpers), snackers (Kathy Haas, Amy Phillips and Holly Youngerberg) and recess/water day monitors (April Kern, Britni Bunker).

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH PICNIC

This year's Luther Memorial Church Picnic is scheduled for this morning following worship.



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.

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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.

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 so we can review our options.

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*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

Pastor Matthew Hanel has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Mr. Peter Reim has returned the call to serve as vacancy pastor at Messiah. • Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has accepted the call of Peace through Christ in Middleton (Madison) to serve as Vacancy Pastor • Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck has accepted the call of Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN to serve as vacancy pastor. • Pastor David Ude of Living Word Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has accepted the call of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.

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 8/10/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (48)
\$22,000	\$2,675.00	\$20,320.00	\$423.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – 8/10/2025

Attendance: 8/10 -56

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	M & I Fund (Non-Budgetary)	LM Building (Non- Budgetary)
\$1,100.00	\$65.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Total Offerings: \$1,225.00					

Luther Memorial General Budget 2025

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

General Budget	Received as of 8/10/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (20 Sundays)
\$130,000.00	\$77,927.25	\$52,072.75	\$2,604.00

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BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS AUGUST 18-23, 2025

Monday – Matthew 7:24-29 To hear Jesus' words and put them into practice is like building a house on bedrock. It weathers the storms. Those who do not build on the firm foundation are heading to destruction.

Tuesday – Acts 7:51-59 Faithful Stephen confronts those who rejected Jesus' words, and they display the destructive nature of their way of life. Stephen commits his spirit to Jesus, the firm foundation of his life.

Wednesday - 1 Samuel 15:16-23 The once humble Saul permits the people to go against God's judgment pronounced upon the Amalekites. They saved some of the livestock "for religious reasons." To obey is better.

Thursday – Psalm 53 Worth repeating (cp. Psalm 14) is the foolishness of building on a "no-God" foundation. It produces evil and leads to destruction. God, however, provides salvation from Zion and brings joy (v6).

Friday – Ezekiel 33:10-16 The prophet is given a message for God's people: "Repent, turn around. I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked." And don't think your righteousness will save you, sinner, but I will (v16).

Saturday – Romans 8:1-9 In Christ we have been freed from condemnation! So we do not think about things according to the sinful flesh, but according to the Spirit of Christ, that is, God's Spirit who dwells within us!



These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis. Graphics in the bulletin are taken from Church Art Online via a regular legal subscription.

HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 119:65-72

⁶⁵You have dealt well with your servant, O Lord, according to your word. ⁶⁶Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments. ⁶⁷Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. ⁶⁸You are good and do good; teach me your statutes. ⁶⁹The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts; ⁷⁰their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law. ⁷¹It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes. ⁷² The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces. *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR PEACE

O God, you are the author of peace. Defend us, your humble servants, against every assault of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in Your defense, may not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE BLESSEDNESS OF HEAVEN

Almighty, Everlasting God, who gave Your only Son to be a High Priest of good things to come, hereafter grant to us, Your unworthy servants, to have our share in the company of the blessed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN:

OH, WORSHIP THE KING

- 1. Oh, worship the King All glorious above: Oh, gratefully sing His power and His love, Our Shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor And girded with praise!**
- 2. Oh, tell of His might, Oh, sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space! His chariots of wrath The deep thunder-clouds form, And dark is His path On the wings of the storm.**
- 3. This earth, with its store Of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy power Hath founded of old, Hath stablished it fast By a changeless decree, And round it hath cast, Like a mantle, the sea.**
- 4. Thy bountiful care What tongues can recite? It breathes in the air, It shines in the light, It streams from the hills, It descends to the plain, And sweetly distils In the dew and the rain.**

5. Frail children of dust And feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust Nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, How firm to the end, Our maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might, Ineffable Love, While angels delight To hymn Thee above, Thy humbler creation, Though feeble their lays, With true adoration Shall sing to Thy praise.

HYMN

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation! Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

3. Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you, Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you. What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.

5. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him! All that has life and breath, Come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

HYMN

JESUS, SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP

1. Jesus, shepherd of the sheep, Who Your Father's flock does keep, Safe we wake and safe we sleep, Guarded still by You.

2. In Your promise firm we stand; None can take us from Your hand. Speak! We hear! At Your command, We will follow You.

3. By Your blood our souls were bought; By Your life salvation wrought; By Your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow You.

4. Father, draw us to Your Son; We with joy will follow on Til the work of grace is done, There to live with You.

5. We, in robes of glory dressed, Join the' assembly of the blest, Gathered to eternal rest In the fold with You.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 234:1,3,6)

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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

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

1. Children of the heavenly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge ne'er was given.
2. God His own doth tend and nourish, In His holy courts they
flourish; From all evil things He spares them, In His mighty arms
He bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children
sever; Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He
knoweth.
4. Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er
forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure
and holy.

HYMN HOW BLEST ARE THEY WHO HEAR GOD'S WORD

1. How blest are they who hear God's Word And keep and heed
what they have heard! They wisdom daily gather; Their light
shines brighter day by day, And while they tread life's weary way,
They have the oil of gladness To soothe their pain and sadness.
2. God's Word a treasure is to me, Through sorrow's night my sun
shall be, The shield of faith in battle. The Father's hand hath
written there My title as His child and heir, "The kingdom's thine
forever." That promise faileth never.
3. Today I was my Savior's guest, My soul was here so richly blest,
The Bread of Life receiving. Oh, may thereby my faith prevail, So
that its fruits shall never fail Till my account is given Before the
throne in heaven! Amen.