

<sup>6</sup> For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NKJV)

# **TRINITY TEN**

Luther Memorial Church . . . . . . August 24, 2025

# **LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH**

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# **TRINITY TEN**

August 24, 2025

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

**PSALM: 119 X** (TLH Pg. 150);

PRAYERS: 71 (Pg. 109); 32 (Pg. 105).

HYMNS: 3 8 512 505

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN: 3 - "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"** 

# **INVOCATION**

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

Congregation: Amen.

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

<u>Pastor</u>: Dear Friends in Christ. Let us come to God with an honest heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him to forgive our sins because of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

<u>Pastor</u>: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

<u>Pastor</u>: I said, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD, Congregation: and you forgive the guilt of my sin."

P: Almighty God, you are our maker and our redeemer. We fallen sinners confess that we are sinful by birth and have sinned against you in thought, word and action. We come to you for deliverance and in view of your mercy, we seek and humbly ask your undeserved love because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Merciful God, you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for Jesus' sake grant us the forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit, help us to grow in faith and love and in true obedience to Your Word, so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

<u>Pastor</u>: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us. It is for Jesus' sake that the Father forgives us all our sins. He also promises that those who believe on Jesus' name are the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. It is written: He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." Lord, grant this faith to all of us.

C: "Amen."

#### OT LESSON: ISAIAH 66:18-24

<sup>18</sup> "For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup> and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup> And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.

- "For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain.
- From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord.

<sup>24</sup> "And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh." \*

#### **EPISTLE LESSON:**

#### **HEBREWS 12:18-24**

<sup>18</sup> For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.\*

#### **GOSPEL LESSON:**

**LUKE 13:22-30** 

<sup>22</sup>He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup> And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, 24 "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup> When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' <sup>26</sup> Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' 27 But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil! 28 In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup> And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. 30 And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

☐ Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day, And let Your kingdom flourish; Enlarge Your Church, we pray. O keep our faith from failing; keep hope's bright star aglow. Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.

□ Preserve Your Word and preaching, The truth that makes us whole, The mirror of Your glory, The pow'r that saves the soul. Oh, may this living water, This dew of heav'nly grace, Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES CREED

**HYMN: 8 -** "Father, Who the Light This Day"

## THE SERMON: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup> But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. <sup>5</sup> For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. \*\*

# **HAVE YOU SEEN THE LIGHT?**

...some have been blinded to the light.
...those who see the Light, don't put themselves in the spotlight.

...those who see the Light, show others the light.

☐ Feed Thy children, God most holy, Comfort sinners poor and lowly; O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food Thou here hast given! As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish Till with saints in heav'nly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.

#### 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: 512 - "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

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

**CLOSING HYMN: 505** - "O'er the Gloomy Hills of Darkness"

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 24, 2025

## **THIS WEEK**

Sunday: Worship 9am

#### **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 7<sup>th</sup> we resume our Bible Study/Sunday School at 9am and Worship at 10am.

#### **GENERAL BUDGET**

The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$83,894.25 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 \$2,755.00 toward that pledge.

### **LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH PICNIC**

Thanks to everyone who brought food for last Sunday's Annual Church Picnic. Thanks to all those who set up chairs and tables and cleaned up afterwards.

#### WEBSITE CALENDAR

While the contest part may be over, we would love to share more artwork on our calendar page so we can fill the rest of the year and going into the next. We don't have to display a name if that bothers you. Nobody has to be "fabulous" either. Please come back each month to check out the newly displayed piece and to look over 'what's happening'.

#### **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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3jp5ax8y">https://tinyurl.com/3jp5ax8y</a>. The cost is \$20 if you register before September 24 and is free for young girls under 19. Contact Jen Theneman (507-340-1640 / <a href="mailto:itheneman@live.com">itheneman@live.com</a>) with any questions.

#### **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.



## **FALL MISSION FESTIVAL**

A Fall Mission Festival is planned for Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **FONDUE FEST BOOTH**

The Mission Committee has obtained a booth at this year's Fondue Fest on Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup>. We would like to establish a schedule so that the booth is manned by different people throughout the day. If you would be willing to greet people and hand out our pamphlets during this year's Fondue Fest, please speak with Pastor Schaller TODAY.

# **VACANCY CALL TO LIVING HOPE**

As you noticed in the newsletter and now in the bulletin, when I went to Living Hope as Visitor to conduct their first call meeting last Sunday, they called Pastor Ben Libby to be their pastor and then called me to serve them as vacancy pastor until they have a new pastor. It makes sense logistically that I serve them during the vacancy. Nevertheless, I assure you that I serve first under your call here at Luther Memorial. Should I accept the vacancy call, I do so knowing that it will be a temporary call (but how long only God knows). This will involve an additional 6-8 hours of work and preparation during the week (a monthly shut-in, confirmation classes, adult instruction classes and Sunday afternoon worship and bible study). If you have any opinion on this matter, speak with me TODAY.

#### **GOLF SCRAMBLE IN DURAND**

On October 4 at 1:00, there will be a 9 hole golf scramble held at Rolling Greens in Durand, WI. The cost will be determined based on the number of groups that we have, but it will be less than \$30 including cart. If there are over 30 players, there will be a shotgun start. It will be foursomes. If you do not have four people for a team, you may still submit an entry, and we will combine those individuals with others to make a team. For more information or to enter, contact Mike Schierenbeck at mike.schierenbeck@gmail.com or 920-344-9580. Deadline for entry is September 26.

## **CLC Financial Report - July 2025**

	Balance	YTD	YTD	Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2025	Revenue	Disbursed	1 Month	7/31/2025
General Fund	0	109,503	116,228	105,425	(6,725)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	80,590	124,304	147,920	(43,714)
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	3,281	0		102,424
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	31,796	340		2,098,169
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	14,727	21,318		141,811
Kinship	169,472	9,476	17,730		161,218
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	35,327	14,093		2,525,030
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	45,833	1,168		146,354
EduK8 Fund	70,311	16,878	10,000		77,189
Reserve Fund	103,629	302	0		103,931
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$157,620	\$64,649		\$5,356,126

July is the start of our new fiscal year and a good time to look forward to the financial goals set before us. The Coordinating Council passed a **General Fund** budget for our contributions of \$1,265,097 for the new year or about \$105,425 per month. Although this is a decrease from the prior year budget, it is still an increase of 11.6% over what was received in contributions last year.

You can look at the detail above to see how each of the **Operating** and **Auxiliary** Funds fared in July. With the substantial increase in the need for contributions over last year to do the work set before us, your prayers, consideration, and contributions are needed for the new year.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

#### **CLC CALL NEWS**

Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has <u>called</u> Pastor Drew Naumann who currently serves Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Spokane, Washington. • Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has <u>accepted</u> the call of Peace through Christ in Middleton (Madison) to serve as Vacancy Pastor • Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck has <u>accepted</u> the call of Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN to serve as vacancy pastor. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has <u>called</u> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY to serve as their next pastor. Living Hope has also called Pastor Andrew Schaller to serve as Vacancy Pastor.

#### 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 8/17/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (47)
\$22,000	\$2,755.00	\$19,245.00	\$409.46

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 8/17/25						
Attendance: 8/17 –80						
General	General	MDF	Kinship	LM Ladies		
Fund	Missions	(Missions)	(Missions)	Orphan		
(Budgetary)	(CBP)			(Missions)		
\$1,629.00	\$165.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$75.00*		
Local	M & I Fund					
Missions	(Non-					
Outreach	Budgetary)					
(Non-Budgetary)						
\$100.00	\$123.86					

Total Offerings: \$7,590.86

\*Includes \$25 given in memory of B. Crandall.

#### **Luther Memorial General Budget 2025**

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, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

General Budget	Received as of 8/17/25	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (19 Sundays)
\$130,000.00	\$83,894.25	<i>\$46,105.75</i>	\$2,427.00

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#### **HOME DEVOTIONS FOR AUGUST 25-30, 2025**

**Monday – John 5:19-21** Jesus answers those who claim He breaks God's sabbath law. **"Amen, Amen,"** this is truth: the Son does not act on His own, but does exactly what the Father does.

**Tuesday – John 5:22-24** The Father judges only through the Son, so the Son has equal honor with the Father. "Amen, Amen," this is truth: those who hear my word and believe Him who sent Me have eternal life already.

Wednesday - John 5:25-29 "Amen, Amen," this is true: now is the time to listen to the Son of God and live! Don't just be amazed, but believe! A time is coming when all in the graves will come forth to live or be condemned.

**Thursday – Acts 8:1-8** After Stephen's death, a persecution breaks out, led in part by Saul of Tarsus. He hunts down believers to imprison them. God uses this turmoil to spread His saving Word!

**Friday** - **1 Samuel 24:2-23** King Saul is hunting down David and his men, trying to prevent David from becoming the next king. David does not return evil for evil, and Saul relents for a time.

**Saturday – Jeremiah 8:4-9** The Lord does not desire the death of the wicked, but pleads with His people to listen, repent, and live! Even migrating animals know the seasons, but the people cannot see where they are going!



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 119:73-80** 

<sup>73</sup> Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments. <sup>74</sup> Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word. <sup>75</sup> I know, O Lord, that your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. <sup>76</sup> Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant. <sup>77</sup> Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight. <sup>78</sup> Let the insolent be put to shame, because they have wronged me with falsehood; as for me, I will meditate on your precepts. <sup>79</sup> Let those who fear you turn to me, that they may know your testimonies. <sup>80</sup> May my heart be blameless in your statutes, that I may not be put to shame!\*

#### PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

#### **FOR PATIENCE**

O God, who by the humble endurance of Your only begotten Son beat down the old enemy, help us, we pray, to truly treasure in our hearts what our Lord of His goodness born for us, that after His example we may bear with patience whatever things are averse to us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

#### FOR PEACE AND QUIETNESS

O Lord, we pray that you would mercifully hear the prayers of Your People that we, being delivered from all adversities and serving You with a quiet mind may enjoy Your peace all the days of our life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

## HYMN LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT NOW

- 1. Lord Jesus Christ, be present now, Our hearts in true devotion bow, Thy Spirit send with grace divine, And let Thy truth within us shine.
- 2. Unseal our lips to sing Thy praise, Our souls to Thee in worship raise, Make strong our faith, increase our light That we may know Thy name aright;
- 3. Until we join the hosts that cry, "Holy art Thou, O Lord, most high!" And in the light of that blest place Fore'er behold Thee face to face.

4. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity!

## LITURGICAL HYMN: PRESERVE YOUR WORD, O SAVIOR

- ☐ Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day, And let Your kingdom flourish; Enlarge Your Church, we pray. O keep our faith from failing; keep hope's bright star aglow. Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.
- □ Preserve Your Word and preaching, The truth that makes us whole, The mirror of Your glory, The pow'r that saves the soul. Oh, may this living water, This dew of heav'nly grace, Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.

## HYMN: FATHER, WHO THE LIGHT THIS DAY

- 1. Father, who the light this day Out of darkness didst create, Shine upon us now, we pray, While within Thy courts we wait. Wean us from the works of night, Make us children of the light.
- 2. Savior, who this day didst break The dark prison of the tomb, Bid our slumbering souls awake, Shine through all their sin and gloom; Let us, from our bonds set free, Rise from sin and live to Thee.
- 3. Blessed Spirit, Comforter, Sent this day from Christ on high, Lord, on us Thy gifts confer, Cleanse, illumine, sanctify. All Thy fulness shed abroad; Lead us to the truth of God.

## HYMN FEED THY CHILDREN, GOD MOST HOLY

#### 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.

## <u>HYMN</u> <u>O CHRIST, OUR TRUE AND ONLY LIGHT</u>

- 1. O Christ, our true and only Light, Enlighten those who sit in night; Let those afar now hear Thy voice And in Thy fold with us rejoice.
- 2. Fill with the radiance of Thy grace The souls now lost in error's maze And all whom in their secret minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- 3. Oh, gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way! Let every conscience sore opprest In Thee find peace and heavenly rest.
- 4. Oh, make the deaf to hear Thy Word And teach the dumb to speak, dear Lord, Who dare not yet the faith avow, Though secretly they hold it now.
- 5. Shine on the darkened and the cold, Recall the wanderers to Thy fold, Unite all those who walk apart, Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 6. So they with us may evermore Such grace with wondering thanks adore And endless praise to Thee be given By all Thy Church in earth and heaven.

## <u>HYMN</u> <u>O'ER THE GLOOMY HILLS OF DARKNESS</u>

- 1. O'er the gloomy hills of darkness, Cheered by no celestial ray, Sun of Righteousness, arising, Bring the bright, the glorious day. Let the morning Of Thy blessed Gospel dawn.
- 2. Kingdoms wide that sit in darkness, Grant them, Lord, the glorious light; And from eastern coast to western May the morning chase the night And redemption, Freely purchased, win the day!
- 3. Fly abroad, eternal Gospel; Win and conquer, never cease. May Thy lasting, wide dominions Multiply and still increase! May Thy scepter Sway th'enlightened world around! Amen.