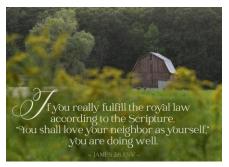


# TRINITY ELEVEN

Luther Memorial Church . . . . . . August 31, 2025

# **LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH**

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### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

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

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

HYMNS: 798 540 342 541

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN: 798 - "God, We Praise You"** 

## A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

(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.

- - □ 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.

Pastor: Let us pray...

"...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever." "Amen."

### **OT LESSON:**

#### PROVERBS 25:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>7</sup> for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen \*

# **EPISTLE LESSON:**

#### **JAMES 2:1-13**

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup> For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup> and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup> have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor man.

Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup> Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup> If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. <sup>11</sup> For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup> So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup> For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. \*

#### **GOSPEL LESSON:**

**LUKE 14:1, 7-14** 

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

<sup>7</sup> Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup> "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup> For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."\*

#### **THE ALLELUIA:**

Pastor: 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!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES CREED

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

THE SERMON: JAMES 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup> My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. <sup>2</sup> For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, <sup>3</sup> and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," 4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? 7 Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called? 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well; 9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. 11 For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup> So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. 13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

# DON'T PLAY FAVORITES...GOD DOESN'T!

God is fair to all...his people shouldn't play favorites. God's mercy led him to choose us...according to His Grace.

#### THE OFFERTORY

☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit
within me. Cast me not away from your presence. Take not Your
Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.

#### THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary. As our gifts are brought forward to His Altar, we sing His Praise.

#### THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 234:1,3,6)

- **□** 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: 342 - "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

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

CLOSING HYMN: 541 - "O Blessed Holy Trinity"

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 31, 2025

#### **THIS WEEK**

Sunday: Bible Study/Sunday School 9am; Worship 10am

## **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 concludes this morning. We resume our Bible Study/Sunday School at 9am and Worship at 10am next Sunday.

### **GENERAL BUDGET**

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

#### **FONDUE FEST BOOTH**

The Mission Committee has obtained a booth at this year's Fondue Fest next 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. A schedule is being prepared.

#### **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.

### **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

## **THANK YOU**

A special thank you to Mr. Rodney Kern for his help in organizing and to Dave Bernthal for conducting the worship service this morning. Pastor and Alice are visiting grandchildren and will be returning this week.

# **VACANCY CALL TO LIVING HOPE**

Pastor Schaller has accepted the call to serve Living Hope in Appleton as Vacancy Pastor beginning Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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. Pastor Andrew Schaller has <u>accepted</u> the call to serve as Vacancy Pastor at Living Hope in Appleton.

#### Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025-26

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	Received as of 8/24/25	Amount	Approximate per
Pledged 2025		Remaining	Sunday (46)
\$22,000	\$3,120.00	\$18,880.00	\$410.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 8/24/25				
Attendance: 8/24 –49				
General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	LM Building (Non-Budgetary)	General School (School)
\$2,243.00	\$365.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$100.00
Total Offerings: \$2,748.00				

#### **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 8/24/25	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount
			(18 Sundays)
\$130,000.00	\$86,267.25	<i>\$43,732.75</i>	<i>\$2,430.00</i>

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#### **HOME DEVOTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 1-6, 2025**

**Monday - John 5:30-36** Jesus does not operate on His own, nor does He testify about Himself. Besides the Father who sent Him, John the Baptizer testified about Jesus, and so do the works that Jesus carries out.

**Tuesday - Acts 8:9-13** Simon the magician had a following in Samaria until they believed the Good News about Jesus. Then even Simon himself believes, and is amazed by the signs and great miracles among the believers.

**Wednesday - Acts 8:14-17** The apostles hear about the Samaritans believing and send Peter and John. Peter and John pray and lay on hands, and the Samaritan believers receive the special gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Thursday – Acts 8:18-25** Simon offers money for the power to give the Holy Spirit to others. Peter rebukes him and calls upon him to repent and to pray for forgiveness. Simon asks Peter to pray for him also.

**Friday - 2 Samuel 7:1-16** David wants to build a house for the LORD, but the LORD says "no." You are the LORD's warrior. My house will be built by a man of peace. Looking ahead, we also see the Prince of Peace!

**Saturday** - **Ezekiel 8:9-16** The prophet declares disaster and destruction for the temple which is being desecrated by all sorts of abominations that do not bring the peace of God for which His house was intended.



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 119:81-88

<sup>81</sup> My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word. <sup>82</sup> My eyes long for your promise; I ask, "When will you comfort me?" <sup>83</sup> For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten your statutes. <sup>84</sup> How long must your servant endure? When will you judge those who persecute me? <sup>85</sup> The insolent have dug pitfalls for me; they do not live according to your law. <sup>86</sup> All your commandments are sure; they persecute me with falsehood; help me! <sup>87</sup> They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts. <sup>88</sup> In your steadfast love give me life, that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth. \*

#### 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

# **GOD, WE PRAISE YOU**

- 1. God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You sov'reign Lord! Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by Your Church adored: All creation shows Your glory; Heav'n and earth draw near your throne, Singing, "Holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"
- 2. True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their world ablaze, Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, Join one growing song of praise, While Your Church on earth confesses One majestic Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally.

- 3. Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Everlasting Son of God, Humble was Your virgin mother, Hard the lonely path You trod: By Your cross is sin defeated, Hell confronted face to face, Heaven opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace.
- 4. Christ, at God's right hand victorious, You will judge the world You made; Lord, in mercy help Your servants For whose freedom You have paid: Raise us up from dust to glory; Guard us from all sin today. King enthroned above all praises, Save Your people, God, we pray.

### 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

(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.

- 1. Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me; Died that I might live on high, Lived that I might never die, As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
- 2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heavens above, Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity. Love that found me--wondrous thought!-- Found me when I sought Him not.
- 3. Jesus only can impart Balm to heal the smitten heart; Peace that flows from sin forgiven, Joy that lifts the soul to heaven; Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.
- 4. Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is All in all to me; All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own. Safe with Him from earthly strife, He sustains the hidden life.
- 5. O my Savior, help afford By Thy Spirit and Thy Word! When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way; Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

#### **HYMN**

#### O BLESSED HOLY TRINITY

- 1. O blessed Holy Trinity, Divine, eternal Unity, God Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Be Thou this day my Guide and Host.
- 2. My soul and body keep from harm, O'er all I have extend Thine arm, That Satan may not cause distress Nor bring me shame and wretchedness.
- 3. The Father's love shield me this day, The Son's pure wisdom cheer my way, The Holy Spirit's light divine Illume my heart's benighted shrine.
- 4. My Maker, strengthen Thou my heart, O my Redeemer, help impart, Blest Comforter, keep at my side That faith and love in me abide.
- 5. Lord, bless and keep Thou me as Thine; Lord, make Thy face upon me shine; Lord, lift Thy countenance on me And give me peace, sweet peace, from Thee.