



TRINITY THIRTEEN

Luther Memorial Church September 14, 2025

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A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Sunday School/Bible Study. . . . 9am

Worship. . . . 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 119:97-104 (TLH XIII Pg. 151);

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

HYMNS: 465 398 783 477

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 465 - “Christ is our Cornerstone”

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:

HOSEA 3:1-5

And the Lord said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins.” ² So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. ³ And I said to her, “You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you.” ⁴ For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. ⁵ Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

2 CORINTHIANS 2:5-11

⁵ Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. ⁶ For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, ⁷ so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸ So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him.

⁹For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. ¹⁰Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, ¹¹so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.*

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-58

⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “*Death is swallowed up in victory.*” ⁵⁵ “*O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?*”

⁵⁶ The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. **

VICTORY WITHHELD, PROMISED, REALIZED

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: 783 - *"Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"*

THE BENEDICTION:

CONGREGATION: (Spoken) "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 477 - "Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head"

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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

September 14, 2025

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Council, 6:00pm

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

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$90,939.25.

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 \$3,540.00 toward that pledge.

FALL MISSION FESTIVAL

A Fall Mission Festival is planned for Next Sunday September 21st with Pastor Paul Agenten doing the preaching. There will also be a Mission Bible Study and a Meal to follow. The meat will be provided; everyone is invited to bring a dish to pass.

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.



USED SMARTPHONES FOR AFRICA

Missionary Bruce Naumann is requesting donations of a certain kind of Android smartphone, for use by pastors and pastoral students in East Africa. If you have a used phone that was once on a Verizon plan and would like to donate it, please bring it to the church office. Verizon is preferred because it will work with African cell carriers, but most others will not. These phones are much appreciated by students and pastors in our sister African churches - thank you!

Note: *The phones don't need a sim card, since the user there has to purchase one. It's best if the phone is also factory-reset (wiped of user information). Please don't buy a new phone to donate, the folks overseas might be tempted to simply re-sell it.*

FAMILY 'GAME' AFTERNOON

The Mission Committee is planning a Game Afternoon on Sunday October 12th beginning at 2pm with food. We hope to project the football game onto the wall in the fellowship hall and possibly also play some games. Bring a snack and join us!

MISSION BREAKFAST

The Mission Committee has also planned another Mission Breakfast for Saturday November 8th at 9am. Bring a breakfast item and stay for a Mission Presentation!

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 - August 2025

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 2 Months	Balance 8/31/2025
General Fund	0	180,135	202,511	210,850	(22,376)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	361,663	248,439	295,840	113,224
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	6,126	30,499		74,770
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	100,154	340		2,166,527
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	27,785	41,174		135,013
Kinship	169,472	29,300	25,073		173,699
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	104,315	79,181		2,528,930
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	50,592	50,212		102,069
EduK8 Fund	70,311	20,689	10,000		81,000
Reserve Fund	103,629	671	0		104,300
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$339,632	\$236,479		\$5,366,308

General Fund – Both the year-to-date revenue and disbursements are about the same as they were at this time last year, resulting in a deficit of just over \$22,000.

ILC Operations – The same is true here. Revenues and disbursements are very similar to last year, resulting in a current balance of about \$113,000.

ILC Improvement Fund – Most of the disbursements from this fund were for maintenance work on the geothermal system in the Academic Center and kitchen remodeling on one of the professorages.

ILC Building Projects – The revenue consists of about \$55,000 in contributions and \$45,000 from increases in the market value of the investments in this fund.

Mission Development Fund – The bulk of these disbursements went to our sister synod in Bangladesh for assistance with the costs of construction of a multi-purpose building.

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue consists of payments received of about \$45,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, and almost \$60,000 from increases in the market value of the investments. Disbursements included an initial \$60,000 loaned to a congregation for some remodeling/asbestos work, with more coming in the next few months.

Other Auxiliary Funds – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Drew Naumann has accepted the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Messiah has also called Pastor Em. James Albrecht to serve as Vacancy Pastor • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has called Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY to serve as their next pastor. Pastor David Ude will be installed as Pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA, this Sunday September 14th. • Mount Zion Lutheran Church (Detroit, MI) will dedicate their new church property on Sunday September 14th at 4pm. • Pastor Paul Tiefel Jr has announced his retirement as of September 6-7, 2025.

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 9/7/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (44)
\$22,000	\$3,540.00	\$18,460.00	\$420.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 9/7/25

Attendance: 9/7 –70

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	M & I (Non-Budgetary)
\$3,623.00	\$240.00	\$260.00	\$50.00	\$1,560.00
LM Student Aid (Non-Budgetary)				
\$20.00				

Total Offerings: \$5,753.00

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 9/7/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (16 Sundays)
\$130,000.00	\$90,939.25	\$39,060.75	\$2,441.00

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS – SEPTEMBER 15-20, 2025

Monday – John 6:44-47 Coming to Jesus is not something for which we can take any credit. The Father who sent Him into the world is the one who teaches us, draws us to Him, and persuades us to believe in Him.

Tuesday – John 6:48-51 As great a miracle as the manna in the wilderness was, it did not give life forever. So much greater is the living bread, Jesus, who gave Himself for the eternal life of the world!

Wednesday - Acts 9:1-9 Saul thinks he is chasing after disciples of a dead Lord, but near Damascus suddenly the living Lord speaks to him, “Why are you persecuting **me**?” While digesting this, Saul fasts for three days.

Thursday – Acts 9:10-22 The Lord sends Ananias to Saul to restore Saul’s sight. After taking some food, he stays in Damascus several days and proclaims that Jesus is the Son of God! Jesus is the Christ! (v20, v22)

Friday - 2 Samuel 12:1-10 After King David has committed adultery and murder, the LORD sends the prophet Nathan to show him his sin and draw him to repentance.

Saturday – Job 38:1-11 The LORD responds to Job’s erroneous explanations by reminding him of the far greater wisdom and power of the creator of the universe. Who is worthier of our trust than the LORD?



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 119:97-104

⁹⁷ Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. ⁹⁸ Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. ¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. ¹⁰² I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me. ¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. *

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

CHRIST IS OUR CORNERSTONE

1. Christ is our Corner-stone, On Him alone we build; With His true saints alone The courts of heaven are filled. On His great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above.

2. Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring; Our voices we will raise The three in One to sing And thus proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long. That glorious name.

3. Here, gracious God, do Thou Forevermore draw nigh; Accept each faithful vow And mark each suppliant sigh. In copious shower On all who pray Each holy day, Thy blessing pour.

4. Here may we gain from heaven The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once given, Be with us evermore Until that
day When all the blest To endless rest Are called away!

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

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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

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.

HYMN

LORD JESUS, THOU THE CHURCH'S HEAD

1. Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head, Thou art her one Foundation; In Thee she trusts, before Thee bows, And waits for Thy salvation. Built on this Rock secure, Thy Church shall endure E'en though the world decay And all things pass away. Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!

2. O Lord, let this Thy little flock, Thy name alone confessing, Continue in Thy loving care, True unity possessing. Thy Sacraments, O Lord, And Thy saving Word To us e'er pure retain. Grant that they may remain Our only strength and comfort.

3. Help us to serve Thee evermore With hearts both pure and lowly; And my Thy Word, that light divine, Shine on in splendor holy That we repentance show, In faith ever grow; The power of sin destroy And all that doth annoy. Oh, make us faithful Christians!

4. And for Thy Gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure; Teach us to bear Thy blessed cross, To find in Thee all pleasure. Oh, grant us steadfastness In joy and distress, That we Thee ne'er forsake. Let us by grace partake O endless joy and glory. Amen.