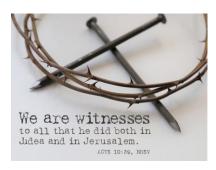


MISSION FESTIVAL

Luther Memorial Church September 21, 2025

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession 134 21st Street ● Fond du Lac, Wisconsin ● <u>fdllutheran.com</u>



Bible Study/Sunday School. 9am

Worship. 10am

Meal. . . . 11am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 89:1-18 (TLH Pg. 141);

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

HYMNS: 495 403 487 283

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 495 -"From Greenland's Icy Mountains"

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement Pg. 22)

<u>Pastor</u>: 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.

<u>Congregation</u>: 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: GENESIS 7:1-6

The Lord said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and your entire household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. ²From every clean animal take with you seven pairs, a male and his female. From the animals that are not clean, take two, a male and his female. ³Also from the clean birds of the sky take seven and seven, male and female, and of all the unclean birds, one pair, a male and a female to keep their offspring alive on the face of the whole earth. ⁴In seven days I will cause it to rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights. Every living thing that I have made, I will wipe off the face of the earth." ⁵Noah did everything that the Lord commanded him.

⁶Noah was six hundred years old when the flood came, and water covered the earth. *

EPISTLE: ACTS 4:23-31

²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

" 'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed'—

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²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. *

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:20-30

²⁰ Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, ²¹ nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

²² And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. ²³ And they will say to you, 'Look, there!' or 'Look, here!' Do not go out or follow them. ²⁴ For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. ²⁵ But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶ Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷ They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, ²⁹ but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— ³⁰ so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. *

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED

HYMN: 403 - "Savior, Thy Dying Love"

THE SERMON: ACTS 4:23-31

²³ And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, ²⁵ who by the mouth of Your servant David have said:

'Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things?

The kings of the earth took their stand,
And the rulers were gathered together

Against the Lord and against His Christ.'

²⁷ "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. ²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. **

PRAYER ASKED, IS PRAYER ANSWERED

- 1. THE NATIONS AND THE PEOPLE WILL RAGE.
- 2. SPEAK THE WORD OF GOD WITH BOLDNESS

Our speaker this morning is Pastor Paul Agenten, who serves our sister congregations in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan - Calvary Lutheran in Marquette and St. Peter Lutheran in Stambaugh, Michigan.

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: 487 - "How Beauteous Are Their Feet"

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

CLOSING HYMN: 283 -"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

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

September 21, 2025

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP

† Mission Festival Potluck Meal

THIS WEEK

<u>Monday-Tuesday:</u> Board of Doctrine Meetings, EC, WI. <u>Sunday:</u> Sunday School/Bible Study 9am; Worship 10am

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. As of September 7^{th} , we have received: \$90,939.25 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. As of September 7th, we have received \$3,540.00 toward that pledge.

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 / itheneman@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 <u>Verizon</u> 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!

<u>Note</u>: 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. Individual players may also register, and we will try to form a foursome. We have one group currently that needs two more players. If at all possible, please register by September 22 to help determine if we can have a shotgun start. September 28 will be the deadline to guarantee a spot. For more information or to enter, contact Mike Schierenbeck at mike.schierenbeck@gmail.com or 920-344-9580.

MINUTES OF LADIES OF LUTHER MEMORIAL MEETING

September 9, 2025 ● 6:30 pm

Pastor Schaller opened with a presentation on home and family life in Bible times. Jodimae Seibel called the meeting to order with 9 ladies present.

Barb read Treasurer's Report. The balance as of September 9 is \$1,329.35. Orphan fund is at \$514.11. She will try again to send the first half of our payments. Filing cabinets brought in \$28 which went to the General Fund.

Old Business

Rosemaling - Will be planned tentatively for October and November. October will be used teaching strokes, November will be used for a project.

Christmas Party/Meeting- December meeting will be a Christmas party.

Cradle Roll-We did a mailing in May; we should send something in November or December. Cradle roll ideas will be tabled until October. Barb will bring an updated list.

Mission Festival Potluck - Jodimae will price out meat for pot roast. Ladies will buy meat and ask the congregation to bring sides/desserts.

New Business

Raise Days - September 12-15, these days we can get big bonuses and good deals on gift cards for Raise Right. Barb will put an order in on the 15th.

Banner- Jodimae shared and idea from the congregation in Loveland, Colorado. Someone has put together an apparatus for organizing their banners with arms that swing out. Pastor will contact Pastor Sam Naumann and he will send along details.

Our next business meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2025.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Leah Ude

CLC Financial Report - August 2025

	Balance	YTD	YTD	Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2025	Revenue	Disbursed	2 Months	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 <u>accepted</u> the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Messiah has also <u>called</u> Pastor Em. James Albrecht to serve as Vacancy Pastor ● Pastor Ben Libby has returned the call of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI. They will have a call meeting on Sunday September 21st after Bible Class.

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	Received as of 9/14/25	Amount	Approximate per
Pledged 2025		Remaining	Sunday (43)
\$22,000	\$	\$	\$

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – 9/14/2025						
_	Attendance: 9/14 -					
General	General	MDF	Kinship	M & I Fund	LM	
Fund	Missions	(Missions)	(Missions)	(Non-Budgetary)	Building	
(Budgetary)	(CBP)				(Non-	
Budgetary)						
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Total Offerings: \$						

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 9/14/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (15 Sundays)
\$130.000.00	\$	\$	\$

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS SEPTEMBER 22-27, 2025

Monday – Mark 4:26-28 God's ruling hand does not depend on our effort or understanding. He causes the farmer's seed to grow and bear fruit. He also brings the greater spiritual blessings of His rule to His people.

Tuesday – Acts 11:1-18 Peter carefully explains how God brought him to see that "repentance that results in life" (v18) is intended for both Jews and Gentiles. When they heard him out, the others praised God with him.

Wednesday - 2 Samuel 23:1-4 The last words of David, speaking by the Spirit of God, hold before his people the shining righteousness of the Rock of Israel (v3). Like sunshine after rain, the LORD brings life to His own.

Thursday - 2 Samuel 23:5-7 Although David confesses his own unworthiness, he rejoices in the everlasting covenant with God that brings salvation and life to those who deserve to be thrown away.

Friday – Proverbs 3:1-8 What better gift can a father give to his son than long days, peace, prosperity, mercy, and truth? All these are gifts from God to the children who learn to fear and trust in Him above everything.

Saturday – Proverbs 3:9-16 Wealth is not the goal in life; it is a gift of God. But the gifts of wisdom and understanding are even greater than silver and gold, and teach us to honor the LORD with our wealth (v9).



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 89:1-18

¹I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. ²For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens." 3"I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: 4'Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations.' " 5And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints. ⁶For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the Lord? ⁷God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him. 80 Lord God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. 9You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them. ¹⁰You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm. ¹¹The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them. ¹²The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name. ¹³You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand. 14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face. ¹⁵Blessed *are* the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance. ¹⁶In Your name they rejoice all day long, And in Your righteousness they are exalted. ¹⁷For You are the glory of their strength, And in Your favor our horn is exalted. ¹⁸For our shield belongs to the Lord, And our king to the Holy One of Israel. **

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: FROM GREENLAND'S ICY MOUNTAINS

- 1. From Greenland's icy mountains, From India's coral strand, Where Afric's sunny fountains Roll down their golden sand; From many an ancient river, From many a palmy plain, They call us to deliver Their land from error's chain.
- 2. What though the spicy breezes Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle; Though ev'ry prospect pleases And only man is vile; In vain with lavish kindness The gifts of God are strown; The heathen in his blindness Bows down to wood and stone.
- 3. Can we whose souls are lighted With wisdom from on high, Can we to men benighted The lamp of life deny? Salvation! Oh, Salvation! The joyful sound proclaim Till each remotest nation Has learned Messiah's name.
- 4. Waft, waft, ye winds, His story, And you, ye waters, roll, Till like a sea of glory It spreads from pole to pole; Till o'er our ransomed nature The lamb for sinners slain, Redeemer, King, Creator, In bliss returns to reign.

HYMN

SAVIOR, THY DYING LOVE

- 1. Savior, Thy dying love Thou gavest me; Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord, from Thee. In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfil its vow, Some offering bring Thee now, Something for Thee.
- 2. O'er the blest mercy-seat, Pleading for me, My feeble faith looks up, Jesus, to Thee. Help me my cross to bear, Thy wondrous love declare, Some song to raise or prayer, Something for Thee.
- 3. Give me a faithful heart, Likeness to Thee, That each departing day Henceforth may see Some work of love begun, Some deed of kindness done, Some wanderer sought and won, Something for Thee.
- 4. All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free, In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for Thee! And when Thy face I see, My ransomed soul shall be Through all eternity Something for Thee.

HYMN HOW E

HOW BEAUTEOUS ARE THEIR FEET

- 1. How beauteous are at their feet Who stand on Zion's hill; Who bring salvation on their tongues And words of peace reveal!
- 2. How charming is their voice! How sweet their tidings are! "Zion, behold thy Savior-King; He reigns and triumphs here."

- 3. How happy are the ears That hear this joyful sound Which kings and prophets waited for And sought, but never found!
- 4. How blessed are the eyes That see this heavenly light! Prophets and kings desired it long, But died without the sight.
- 5. The watchmen join their voice And tuneful notes employ; Jerusalem breaks forth in songs, And deserts learn the joy.
- 6. The Lord makes bare His arm Through all the earth abroad. Let every nation now behold Their Savior and their God.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 234:1,3,6)

- **□** Holy Ghost, with light divine Shine upon this heart of mine; Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.
- **↓** Holy Ghost, with power divine Cleanse this guilty heart of mine; In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.
- See, to Thee I yield my heart, Shed Thy life through every part;
 A pure temple I would be, Wholly dedicate to Thee.

HYMN GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE

1. God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure. Throughout all generations. Amen.