

TRINITY SEVENTEEN

Luther Memorial Church October 12, 2025

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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

Sunday School/Bible Study. 9am

Worship. 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 119:129-136 (TLH XVII Pg. 151);

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

HYMNS: 743 398 399 50

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 743 - "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Setting One, WS. Pg. 1-11)

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

Congregation: Amen.

<u>Pastor</u>: 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.

<u>Congregation</u>: 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: I Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

- - □ 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: GENESIS 8:15-22

¹⁵ Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶ "Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷ Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." ¹⁸ So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. ¹⁹ Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark.

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹ And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. ²² While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." *

EPISTLE LESSON:

2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-15

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! *

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." *

ALLELUIA

<u>Pastor</u>: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

<u>Congregation</u>: 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: MARK 3:1-5

Jesus entered the synagogue again, and a man was there with a withered hand. ²They were watching Jesus closely to see if he would heal the man on the Sabbath day, so that they could accuse him. ³He said to the man with the withered hand, "Step forward!" ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath day to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵Then he looked around at them with anger, deeply grieved at the hardness of their hearts. He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." The man stretched it out, and his hand was restored. **

THE EMOTIONS OF JESUS - ANGER

Why was Jesus angry with the Religious Leaders? Why might Jesus be disappointed with us?

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: 399 - "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"

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

CLOSING HYMN: 50 - "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

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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

October 12, 2025

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Council, 6:00pm

Sunday: Sunday School/Bible Study 9am; Worship 10am; Game Day 2pm

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$101,709.25.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

Please keep our Cooperative Budge 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 \$5,715.00 toward that pledge.

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 available. Childcare will Identity. be Τo reaister ao 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) 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 this 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!

THE EMOTIONS OF JESUS

Jesus was fully human and also fully God. He did things that only God could do to prove that He was God. He also exhibited his human nature from time to time. The Gospel writers (especially Mark) occasionally give us a glimpse into the emotions of the God-Man. This fall we will look at some of those glimpses.

<u>Emotion</u>	<u>Bible Passages</u>
Anger	Mark 3:1-5
Sorrow/Grief	John 11:33,35,38; Hebrews 5:7-9
Compassion	Mark 4:41, 6:34, 8:2, 10:16
Distress/Groan	Mark 7:34; 8:12, 14:33-34

THE MAN WITH THE WITHERED HAND

(PARALLEL ACCOUNTS)

Matthew 12:9–14 (ESV)

He went on from there and entered their synagogue. ¹⁰ And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—so that they might accuse him. ¹¹ He said to them, "Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? ¹² Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." ¹³ Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

Luke 6:6-10 (ESV)

⁶ On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. ⁷ And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. ⁸ But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come and stand here." And he rose and stood there. ⁹ And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰ And after looking around at them all he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored.

Mark 3:1-6 (ESV)

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ² And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." ⁴ And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

GREAT LAKES PASTORAL CONFERENCE

This past week Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, Michigan hosted the 2025 Great Lakes Pastoral Conference. The conference began at 10am (ET) on Tuesday September 30th and concluded at Noon (ET) on Thursday October 2nd. The following papers were presented and received at the conference: New Testament Exegesis of Romans 8:12ff by Pastor Luke Bernthal; American Lutheranism by Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld; A Review of a portion of Rick Curia's Paper on Objective Justification by Pastor Neal Radichel; Old Testament Exegesis of Psalm 84 by Professor Paul Naumann; A Study of Titus 3:10 by Pastor Chad Seybt; The Athanasian Creed by Pastor Andrew Schaller. Pastor Terrell Kesterson served as Chaplain and Pastor Michael Wilke was the conference speaker. Pastor Paul Agenten served as liturgist. The 2026 GLPC was set for September 29-October 1st in Fairchild, Wisconsin. Speak with Pastor Schaller if you would like to read one of the papers. The Conference offering was given to the CLC General Fund.

LUTHER MEMORIAL QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

The Voters of Luther Memorial will meet following worship to conduct business and call a teacher for LMS (2026-27) in two weeks on Sunday October 19th.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer has <u>returned</u> the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. ● Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has <u>called</u> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity in West Columbia, SC to serve as their pastor. ● Peace Through Christ in Middleton (Madison) WI, has <u>called</u> Pastor Stephan Sonnenfeld, who currently serves Redeemer Lutheran in Dowagiac (Sister Lakes), MI.

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 10/5/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (40)
\$22,000	\$5,715.00	\$16,285.00	\$407.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 10/5/25							
Attendance: 10/5 –							
General Fund	General	MDF	Kinship	M & I			
(Budgetary)	Missions	(Missions)	(Missions)	(Non-Budgetary)			
	(CBP)						
\$2,925.00	\$155.00	\$360.00	\$50.00	\$560.00			
Total Offerinas: \$4.070.00							

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.

	(12 Sundays)
\$28,290.75	\$2,358.00
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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS – OCTOBER 13-18, 2025

Monday – Matthew 13:44-46 Jesus encourages disciples who have given up much to follow Him. They have a treasure that is far greater than anything they have given up. The kingdom of heaven is theirs in Him!

Tuesday – Acts 17:15-18 Paul leaves persecution behind when he is brought to Athens, home of some famous philosophers. But neither persecution nor the worldly wise can stop him from preaching about Jesus!

Wednesday – Acts 17:19-31 When brought before the leading philosophers, Paul tells of the God who made the world, gives all people life, and who will judge the world by the One who was raised from the dead!

Thursday – Acts 17:32-34 The resurrection from the dead proved to be a dividing point among the Athenians gathered, but some became followers of Paul and believed the message of the kingdom of Christ.

Friday - 2 Chronicles 13:3-18 The army of the rebels under Jeroboam is twice as large as the army led by Abijah. But God plus one of His own is a majority and the rebels' superior numbers and strategy are defeated!

Saturday – Leviticus 19:9-18 The gift of God's kingdom brings forgiveness from the selfish acts that humans do to one another. The fruit of the Spirit is love, which reveals itself in helping rather than exploiting our neighbor.



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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP PSALM 119:129-136

¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. ¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. ¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments. ¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. ¹³³ Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. ¹³⁴ Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts. ¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. ¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law. *

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 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise!
- 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Not wanting nor wasting, You rule in Your might, Your justice like mountains high soaring above, Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3. All life You engender in great and in small, Of all the life Befriender, the true Life of all. We blossom and flourish in richness and range; We wither and perish, but You never change.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight. Our praises we render; oh, lead us to see The light of Your splendor, Your love's majesty!

<u>HYMN</u> <u>RENEW ME, O ETERNAL LIGHT</u>

- 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.

<u>HYMN</u> <u>THEE WILL I LOVE, MY STRENGTH, MY TOWER</u>

- 1. Thee will I love, my Strength, my Tower; Thee will I love, my Hope, my Joy; Thee will I love with all my power, With ardor time shall ne'er destroy. Thee will I love, O Light Divine, So long as life is mine.
- 2. Thee will I love, my Life, my Savior, Who art my best and truest Friend; Thee will I love and praise forever, For never shall Thy kindness end; Thee will I love with all my heart, Thou my Redeemer art.
- 3. I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven, Whose radiance hath bro't light to me; I thank Thee, who hast richly given All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee that my soul is healed By what Thy lips revealed.

- 4. Oh, keep me watchful, then, and humble And suffer me no more to stray; Uphold me when my feet would stumble, Nor let me loiter by the way. Fill all my nature with Thy light, O Radiance strong and bright!
- 5. Oh, teach me, Lord, to love Thee truly With soul and body, head and heart, And grant me grace that I may duly Practice fore'er love's sacred art. Grant that my every thought may be Directed e'er to Thee.
- 6. Thee will I love, my Crown of gladness; Thee will I love, my God and Lord, Amid the darkest depths of sadness, Not for the hope of high reward-- For Thine own sake, O Light Divine, So long as life is mine.

HYMN LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING

- 1. Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace. Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us, Oh, refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness!
- 2. Thanks we give and adoration For Thy Gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound; Ever faithful, Ever faithful, To the Truth may we be found!
- 3. So, when'er the signal's given Us from earth to call away, Borne on angels' wings to heaven, Glad the summons to obey, May we ever, May we ever, Reign with Christ in endless day! Amen.