

**BEAR WITH  
EACH OTHER**

**AND**

**FORGIVE ONE  
ANOTHER...**

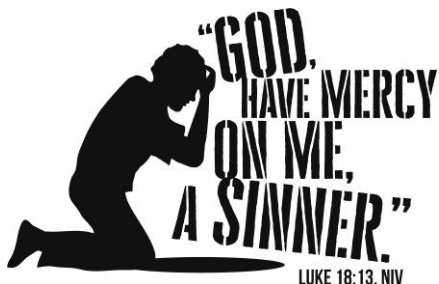
**Colossians 3:13, NIV**

**TRINITY SIXTEEN**

Luther Memorial Church . . . . . October 5, 2025

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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**Bible Study/Sunday School. . . 9am**

**Divine Worship. . . 10am**

**Fellowship Hour. . . 11am**

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## **TRINITY SIXTEEN**

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### **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:**

**PSALM: 119 XVI** (TLH Pg. 151);

**PRAYERS: 5** (Pg. 118); **6** (Pg. 118).

**HYMNS: 764 779 342 785**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN: 764 - "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT** (Setting 2, WS Pg. 12)

**Pastor:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** Amen.

**Pastor:** 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.

**Congregation:** 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.**

- C:**     ♪ Lord, have mercy on us.  
           Christ, have mercy on us.  
           Lord, have mercy on us.
- C:**     ♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
           Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
           We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
           Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
- ♪ Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
           You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
           O 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**

## **1 CHRONICLES 29:1-2,10-18**

And David the king said to all the assembly, "Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great, for the palace will not be for man but for the Lord God. <sup>2</sup> So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able, the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, besides great quantities of onyx and stones for setting, antimony, colored stones, all sorts of precious stones and marble.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. <sup>11</sup> Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup> Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup> And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

<sup>14</sup>“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. <sup>15</sup>For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. <sup>16</sup>O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. <sup>17</sup>I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. <sup>18</sup>O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. \*

**EPISTLE LESSON:                      2 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5, 11-12**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup>Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

<sup>5</sup>This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—

<sup>11</sup>To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, <sup>12</sup>so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. \*

## **GOSPEL LESSON:**

**LUKE 17:1-10**

And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup> It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup> Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup> and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

<sup>7</sup> "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? <sup>8</sup> Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.' " \*"

## **THE 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 APOSTLES CREED**

**HYMN: 779** - *"Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"*

## **THE SERMON:**

**LUKE 17:1-5**

Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones."

Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him. And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." \*\*

## **THERE IS A CURE FOR SIN...**

...but that doesn't mean we should play with it.

### **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.

### **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 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Pastor:** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God.

Who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in Person and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty coequal; Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

## **LAMB OF GOD**

♪ **O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life restored, Impart Your joy, our faith increase. Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.**

## **THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:**

In the early church, Communion was thought of so highly that no one except confirmed members of the church were allowed even to watch it. This practice was more strict than necessary, of course. But the early church did understand something that many today do not: that Communion was never intended for indiscriminate use by everyone, but was restricted to those who are properly prepared. If you have never communed with us before, and desire the benefits of the Lord's Supper, please set up an appointment with the pastor to discuss how you can prepare properly. **The Lord's Supper will be received standing or seated in the pews. You are asked to dispose of the empties in one of the disposals near the front of the sanctuary.**



## **O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT**

♪ O Lord, now let your servant Depart in heav'n-ly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

♪ All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## **THANKSGIVING**

♪ My heart has now become Your dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Your praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally.  
Lord, may Your body and Your blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

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

**CLOSING HYMN:** 785 - *"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us and hope that you will return again. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor or with an usher on the way out.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

October 5, 2025

## **THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP:**

✓ Fellowship Hour (Host: Ude)

## **THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** Ladies of Luther Memorial 6:30pm

**Wednesday:** Woodlands Nursing Home Services 10, 10:30am

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

## **GENERAL BUDGET**

*The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$98,784.25 toward that budget.*



## **COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE**

*We have pledged to send \$22,000 to support the work of the LORD in our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession in 2025-26. Thus far we have received \$ 5,560.00 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 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](mailto:jtheneman@live.com)) 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 of what you have, so we can review any potential options. Thank you, The Mission Committee.*

## **FAMILY 'GAME' AFTERNOON**

*The Mission Committee is planning a Game Afternoon NEXT Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Bring a breakfast item and stay for a Mission Presentation!*

## **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.*

## **ABERDEEN CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATION**

*Zion Lutheran Church (formerly of Ipswich, SD) welcomes you to a dedication of their new church building: 1223 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Aberdeen, SD. Join us 5 pm Sun. Oct. 26 for a Reformation-themed dedication service followed by a German-themed dinner. You are welcome to bring any side dish to share. Reach out to Pastor Daub at [pastor\\_daub@hotmail.com](mailto:pastor_daub@hotmail.com) or (406) 240-0980 with any questions.*

*As a merger with Prince of Peace (Hecla) and Redeemer (Bowdle) members residing in the Aberdeen area, Zion has called Pastor Daub to serve the congregation and is currently in the process of relocating their legal incorporation status from Ipswich to Aberdeen.*

## **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 30<sup>th</sup> and concluded at Noon (ET) on Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 WORLD MISSIONS PRAYER LIST – SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Nepal** (South Asia) – *The Lord has blessed the Himalayan Bible Institute (HBI) with faithful and dedicated students. In early October, fourteen men will complete their studies at the HBI. Missionary Ohlmann is looking forward to attending the graduation and conducting a Bible training seminar with the students, pastors, and church leaders who will be at the HBI to attend the graduation. With the approval of additional Kinship sponsorships, the HBI will welcome new cohort of twenty students in January. Following the political unrest in Nepal on September 8, a calm has returned to the nation with the appointment of a new interim government. Elections are scheduled to be in six months. Ask the Lord to provide safe travels for everyone traveling to the HBI to attend the training seminar and graduation. Pray for His blessings on the preaching, teaching, and learning of God's word at the seminary. Pray that the Lord will lead and provide for a new stable and good government that will be a blessing to citizens of Nepal and for the Gospel ministry of the HCLCN.*

**India** (South Asia) – *A joint pastoral conference of the CLCI and BELC is scheduled for late October. CLC Board of Missions Chairman and Missionary Ohlmann will be there to attend. Please pray that the Lord will protect, support, and strengthen the faith of His children in India, especially amid the increasing persecution against Christians. Ask the Lord to bless the preparations for the upcoming pastoral conference and to provide for safe and uneventful travel for everyone who is planning to attend.*

**Bangladesh** (South Asia) – *Construction work on the multipurpose building is going well. This building will serve God's Kingdom as a Bible Institute for training faithful church workers, a place for worship, and housing for teachers and students. Fourteen men are ready to begin pastoral training once the building is completed. Please continue to pray for the success of this building project and that the Lord would move the hearts of His people to give generously for this important work, so the project can stay on schedule.*

**The Philippines** (Southeast Asia) – With the monsoon season coming to an end, Pastor Palangyos has begun regular visits to the two congregations of the LAMP. He also plans to resume work on a new worship and Bible training facility that his sister donated to the LAMP. One of the two LAMP congregations has recently experienced significant growth with new members, increased attendance, and baptisms. Please pray for the LAMP outreach efforts so that more people may repent of their sins and rejoice in the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Thank the Lord for recent growth and ask for His blessings on these new members. Pray that the Lord provides everything necessary to complete the new worship and training facility.

**Myanmar** (South Asia) – Pastor Kham recently reported that military has been conducting nightly raids of homes known to have young boys and soccer fields during the day as the forcefully conscript young men in the army. Previously, the young men taken by the military could be ransomed with money. CLC Kinship funded the release of one of the orphans a few months ago. Now the military Junta is no longer accepting bribes because of the need for replacement soldiers. The orphan boys being cared for by Pastor Kham and his wife are in hiding and cannot go outside because military checkpoints are everywhere, even in front of the schools. Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers, asking for peace, justice, and relief for all affected by this conflict. Thank the Lord for providing a new generator through the offerings to Kinship.

**Tanzania** (East Africa) — Pray for the ongoing education of the six students Wittenburg seminary students, and for the ministry of Amos Otiendo, who will begin his pastoral work in Moi's Bridge, Kenya, following graduation in November. Ask for the Lord's blessings and provision as several TCLC congregations are struggling to build permanent church buildings.

**Kenya** (East Africa) - God willing, the KCLC will meet for their annual conference in January. Missionary Naumann is scheduled to attend. Pray for God's blessing as the KCLC is working to establish new congregations. Ask the Lord to bless their ongoing efforts to work together as a cooperative church body.

**Uganda** (East Africa) - CCCRU pastors plan to meet in January to coordinate their work. Ask our Lord to provide for the daily needs of pastors as they struggle to serve the Lord and their families with little financial support from the impoverished congregation members.

**Nigeria** (West Africa) – With an MDF grant and local offerings, the Nigeria-CLC is on schedule to complete their long-awaited building project. Upon completion, the building will feature new classrooms, a library/computer room, and an office for faculty. Missionary Ohlmann plans to visit the NCLC in November for the dedication. Ask the Lord to continue to bless this project and thank Him for providing the funding through the NCLC and MDF offerings. Thank the Lord for the privilege of working together in this effort to train faithful workers in His Nigerian harvest of souls!

**Togo** (West Africa) – Three students are finishing up their studies at Mount Horeb Lutheran Seminary, with graduation scheduled for December 6. Missionary Ohlmann is planning to be in attendance. Pastor Kossi Blewu has conducted a Gospel outreach radio program in a town located about 30 minutes away from the seminary and plans to restart his radio programs as a means to establish a preaching station there. If the Lord blesses this effort, one of the graduates from the seminary will be called to serve there. Please pray for these students as they complete their studies and ask the Lord to bless their efforts in establishing preaching stations and congregations so that the truth of His saving word may be proclaimed for the salvation of Togolese souls.

**Liberia** (West Africa) – A regular schedule of Bible training seminars has resumed with pastors in several different areas of Liberia. Pastor Kwiwalazu is also making preparations for a LCLC wide pastoral conference in November when Missionary Ohlmann is scheduled to visit.

**DR Congo-CCLC** (Central Africa) – Violence in the DRC Missionaries Evensen and Ohlmann has been temporarily postponed until security improves. Pastor Yumba, who serves the CCLC, reports that the seminary students of Holy Trinity Lutheran Seminary are completing their vicarages. A graduation and ordination, when it is safe for Missionaries Evensen and Ohlmann to visit, is being planned. Thank the Lord for the diligent study and faithful teaching of God's Word over the past several years at the Holy Trinity Seminary. Ask for the Lord's continued blessings on the students as they finish their vicarage assignments. Pray that the Lord will bring peace and an end to the greed and violence that have been such a terrible part of the DR Congo's history.

**DR Congo-ECLSAFA** (Central Africa) – Pastor Jacques Pondi Lumiangu in Kinshasa has scheduled a number of outreach seminars in the coming months. The congregation is also facing challenges with renting their church building and is unable to fully support Pastor Pondi Lumiangu, so he is facing financial challenges as well. Pray for outreach work of the ECLSAFA Congo and that God would abundantly provide for their needs.

**Please continue to pray** for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, who, by God's grace, are dedicated to proclaiming the truths of God's saving Word for the salvation of souls as they trust the promise of our Savior that His Word will not return to Him void but will accomplish that for which He sends it.

**Missionary Peter Evensen** (Togo, West Africa) – Missionary Evensen continues to work with the 3 students at the Mt. Horeb seminary as they are on schedule to graduate and be ordained the beginning of December. He will then begin to edit and improve the French translations of the curriculum for the next batch of student. Pray for the Lord's continued blessing on Missionary Evensen's work to prepare faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving word.

**Missionary Bruce Naumann** (Tanzania-East Africa) – Thank the Lord for good health and safe travel as they have recently returned from visits to Zanzibar and other TCLC districts. Pray for their patience, strength, and zeal for the Lord's work among our fellow believers in East Africa. You can follow Missionary Naumann's blog at <https://clc-tz.blogspot.com/>.

**Missionary Todd Ohlmann** – Missionary Ohlmann has been granted a 5-year visa to visit India again, after it was revoked five years ago. Over the next few months, he is scheduled to visit Nepal, India, Liberia, and Togo. Pray for God's blessing and provision on the necessary arrangements for these trips, and for his wife, Beth, as she continues to care for her elderly father, who is on hospice and is longing for his heavenly home. You can read reports and see pictures here: [missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com](http://missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com).



## **CLC CALL NEWS**

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

### **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.*

<b>Amount Pledged 2025</b>	<b>Received as of 9/28/25</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Approximate per Sunday (41)</b>
\$22,000	\$5,560.000	\$16,440.00	\$401.00

### **The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 9/28/25**

**Attendance: 9/28 - 60**

<b>General Fund (Budgetary)</b>	<b>General Missions (CBP)</b>	<b>MDF (Missions)</b>	<b>Kinship (Missions)</b>	<b>M &amp; I (Non- Budgetary)</b>
\$4,485.00	\$1,240.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$500.00

**Total Offerings: \$6,325.00**

### **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.*

<b>General Budget</b>	<b>Received as of 9/28/25</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Approximate Amount (13 Sundays)</b>
\$130,000.00	\$98,784.25	\$31,215.75	\$2,401.00

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## **HOME DEVOTIONS FOR OCTOBER 6-11, 2025**

**Monday – Luke 13:6-9** If tragedies that cut us down serve as a call to repentance for the believer, he bears fruit for the Lord. The Gardener does not desire the death of the tree, but that it should live and bear fruit.

**Tuesday – Acts 16:13-15** The Lord opens the heart of Lydia to the preaching of Paul. No sooner were she and her household baptized than the fruit of hospitality sprang forth and she invited them to stay at her house.

**Wednesday – Acts 16:16-34** A woman possessed by a spirit is freed in Jesus' name, and Paul and Silas end up beaten and in prison. The prisoners get to hear their prayers and hymns, and the jailer's family is baptized!

**Thursday – Acts 16:35-40** The magistrates want Paul and Silas to leave quietly after their public beating, but Paul wants their mission vindicated so they can go and encourage the believers before they leave Philippi.

**Friday - 2 Chronicles 7:12-22** After the consecration of Solomon's temple, the LORD appears to him, and promises to hear the prayers from this place. But if they turn away from God, the house will have no purpose.

**Saturday – Jeremiah 17:5-10** Those who trust in the LORD for strength are like trees by the water. They will bear fruit. Those who want to "follow their heart" would do well to have the LORD in their heart.



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# **HYMN SHEET**

## **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

## **PSALM 119:121-128**

<sup>121</sup> I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors. <sup>122</sup> Give your servant a pledge of good; let not the insolent oppress me. <sup>123</sup> My eyes long for your salvation and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise. <sup>124</sup> Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes. <sup>125</sup> I am your servant; give me understanding, that I may know your testimonies! <sup>126</sup> It is time for the Lord to act, for your law has been broken. <sup>127</sup> Therefore I love your commandments above gold, above fine gold. <sup>128</sup> Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right; I hate every false way. \*

## **PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP**

### **PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT**

Lord God, you do not desire the death of the sinner, but would have him turn from his evil way and live. I come to you confessing that I have sinned and deserve only Your anger and punishment. But I cling to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, my Lord, who gave himself for my redemption. Lord, grant that I may always believe this and never doubt. Grant that in this faith I may go to Your altar and receive the body and blood which Your Son has given for my salvation, and praise, laud and honor Your love and mercy all the days of my life. Hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Redeemer and Savior. Amen.

### **PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT**

I give you thanks and praise, Almighty, everlasting god, heavenly Father, for this your divine love that has again enabled me to receive the body and blood of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. I humbly ask that you would fill me with the power of the Holy Spirit that through this Sacrament which I have received with both mouth and by faith that I may always retain and possess the treasures of Your grace, even the forgiveness of sins and unity with Christ and eternal life. Let this enable me to walk in the footsteps of my Lord Jesus, doubting nothing and trusting that you will give to me and all who trust in Him the crown of everlasting life. Hear me, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior. Amen.

## HYMN

## GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

1. God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious  
flow'r. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage For the facing of this  
hour, For the facing of this hour.

2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways.  
From our fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith  
and praise. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage For the living of  
these days, For the living of these days.

3. Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your  
control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and  
poor in soul. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage Lest we miss Your  
kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore; Let the  
gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore, Serving You whom  
we adore.

## HYMN

## REDEEMED, RESTORED, FORGIVEN

1. Redeemed, restored, forgiven Through Jesus' precious blood,  
Heirs of His home in heaven Oh, praise our pard'ning God! Praise  
Him in tuneful measures Who gave His Son to die; Praise Him  
whose sev'n-fold treasures Enrich and sanctify.

2. Once on the dreary mountain We wandered far and wide, Far  
from the cleansing fountain, Far from the pierced side. But Jesus  
sought and found us; Our many sins He bore. With cords of love  
He bound us To Him forevermore.

3. Dear Master, Yours the glory Of each recovered soul. Ah, who  
can tell the story Of love that made us whole? Not ours, not ours  
the merit; To You alone the praise! Give us a thankful spirit To  
serve You all our days.

4. Now keep us , holy Savior, In Your true love and fear, And grant  
us by Your favor The grace to persevere Till, in Your new creation,  
Our earthly troubles o'er, Heirs of Your free salvation, We praise  
You evermore.

## 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

### CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE

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

### CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

1. Children of the heavenly Father Safely in His bosom gather; Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge ne'er was given.

2. God His own doth tend and nourish, In His holy courts they flourish; From all evil things He spares them, In His mighty arms He bears them.

3. Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever; Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

4. Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.