

**“Be opened.”
And immediately his
ears were opened,
his tongue was released ...**

Mark 7:34-35, NRSV



TRINITY TWENTY-ONE

Luther Memorial Church November 9, 2025

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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: 119:161-168 (TLH XXI Pg. 152);

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

HYMNS: 757 779 783 785

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 757 - *“Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning”*

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:

ISAIAH 65:17-25

¹⁷“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the Lord. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

REVELATION 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 20:27-38

²⁷There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife." ³⁴And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." *

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!

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: 779 - “Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven”

THE SERMON: MARK 7:34; 8:11-12

³⁴After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, “*Ephphatha!*” (which means “Be opened!”)

¹¹The Pharisees came and began to argue with him. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven. ¹²He sighed deeply in his spirit and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Amen I tell you: No such sign will be given to this generation." **

WHY DID JESUS SIGH OR GROAN?

Concern and Frustration

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

(LSB 655)

♪ Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

♪ Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

♪ O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

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

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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

November 9, 2025

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Council, 6:00pm

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

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2025 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$ 112,048.25.

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 \$ 7,385.00 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.

2026 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

The CLC Mission Helper Program is making preparations for another Mission Trip to Africa for the summer of 2026. The main focus of this trip will be presenting the Gospel, through a series of child evangelism lessons, to member and non-member children in village congregations. Possible areas of evangelism include the CLC-Tanzania, CLC-Kenya, CLC-Zambia, and CLC-Uganda. CLC members are welcome and encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply, visit www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Faith Lutheran will be hosting Advent by Candlelight for all women in the congregation, family, and friends, on Sunday, December 7th starting at 3pm at Faith Lutheran in Markesan. Please join us for this wonderful afternoon of Word, music, and fellowship. Please RSVP at the link below. Any questions, please reach out to Jessica Krueger at cottej88@gmail.com or 920-369-8113.

<https://markesanlutheran.com/events/candlelight/>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 2, 2025

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP:

Fellowship Hour (Host: Bernthal)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Ladies of Luther Memorial 6:30pm

Saturday: Mission Breakfast 9am

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

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MISSION BREAKFAST

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

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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.*

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT:

The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck concludes on June 30, 2026. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 22, 2025 (letters postmarked November 12, 2025) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com

AURACAST BLUETOOTH – HEARING AID

Luther Memorial has recently implemented an advanced assisted listening system that enables Auracast Bluetooth hearing aids to connect directly to the audio broadcast during the service. If your hearing aid supports Auracast, you can connect and listen to the service directly through your hearing aids, eliminating the need for a headset.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE LADIES

Thank You, Holly! The ladies extend our heartfelt thanks to Holly Youngerberg for sharing her time and talent in teaching the ladies' group the beautiful art of rosemaling. Your patience, creativity, and passion blessed us with both fellowship and the joy of learning a treasured tradition. We are grateful for your ministry among us and for helping us use our gifts to glorify God.

SPECIAL SERVICES UPCOMING

The Holiday Season is on the horizon whether we like it or not. Our Thanksgiving Eve Worship is scheduled to take place in just over 2 weeks on Wednesday November 26th at 6pm. Midweek Advent Services will follow, as will our annual Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services and New Year's Eve Worship.

- † **Wednesday November 26th** -- Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 3rd** -- Midweek Advent Worship #1, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 10th** -- Midweek Advent Worship #2, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 17th** -- Midweek Advent Worship #3, 6pm
- † **Wednesday December 24th** -Christmas Eve Children's Service, 6pm
- † **Thursday December 25th** -- Christmas Day Worship 10am
- † **Wednesday December 31st** -- New Year's Eve Worship, 6pm

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Our Annual Christmas Caroling is scheduled for Monday December 22nd and our Bowling Outing is scheduled for Friday January 9th at 6:30pm at Ledgeview Lanes here in Fond du Lac.



Ladies, join us for a
**merry
& bright**
Christmas Party

Luther Memorial Church
December 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Please bring a dish to pass.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Michael Gurath has accepted the call of Peace Through Christ in Middleton (Madison) WI. • Pastor Aaron Ude has returned the call of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA. Trinity has now called Pastor Tom Schuetze, who currently serves St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church in Lakewood, CO. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton has called Pastor Johnathan Schnose who currently serves Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN. • Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor Matt Ude, who currently serves Faith Lutheran Church in Markesan, WI. • Pastor Emeritus Norman Greve has returned a part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Red Wing, MN. • Mrs. Dawn Mayhew has asked for a peaceful release from her call as teacher at Redeemer Ev. Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY, effective the end of the 2025-26 school year.

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 11/2/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (36)
\$22,000	\$7,385.00	\$14,615.00	\$406.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 11/2/25

Attendance: 11/2 –78

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	M & I (Non-Budgetary)
\$4,159.00	\$375.00	\$185.00	\$60.00	\$560.00
General School Fund (School)				
\$7.00				
Total Offerings: \$5,366.00				

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 11/2/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (8 Sundays)
\$130,000.00	\$112,048.25	\$17,951.75	\$2,244.00

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS – NOVEMBER 10-15, 2025

Monday - Matthew 21:33-44 - Jesus pictures the Jewish leaders as tenant farmers of a well-developed vineyard who are unwilling to give the owner his fruit when it is due, even going so far as to kill the owner's son.

Tuesday - Revelation 2:8-11 - The Lord points out to the suffering church in Smyrna how rich they truly are! They may suffer for a period of time, but even death cannot take from them the crown of life!

Wednesday - Jonah 3:10-4:11 - Jonah reveals the reason he did not want to go to Nineveh. He did not want the Lord to show mercy to them and perhaps have some fruit from His vineyard there. The LORD reproves Jonah.

Thursday - Proverbs 23:19-21 - A father does not seek to harm his son, but pleads with him to walk straight and avoid the side streets of drunkenness and gluttony. These will not help, but impoverish those walking in them.

Friday - Proverbs 23:22-25 - Parents desire wisdom, discipline, and knowledge for their children because they want every blessing for them. That is why they find joy in the righteous child.

Saturday - Proverbs 23:26-35 - The son is warned of the dangers of immorality and then drunkenness, which can also lead to it, as both the senses and the mind are assaulted by the "sparkling wine" (v33).



These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis. Graphics in the bulletin are

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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP PSALM 119:161-168

¹⁶¹ Princes persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe of your words. ¹⁶² I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil. ¹⁶³ I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love your law. ¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous rules. ¹⁶⁵ Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble. ¹⁶⁶ I hope for your salvation, O Lord, and I do your commandments. ¹⁶⁷ My soul keeps your testimonies; I love them exceedingly. ¹⁶⁸ I keep your precepts and testimonies, for all my ways are before you. *

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 TRIUMPHANT, EVER REIGNING

- 1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Savior, Master, King! Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!**
- 2. Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth! Power and majesty concealing by Your humble birth: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!**
- 3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified! Death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!**
- 4. Priestly king, enthroned forever high in heaven above! Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!**

5. So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon You gazing, this shall be our song: Yours the
glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

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
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praise eternally.

♪ O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

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

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.