

## THE SON OF MAN

MUST BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF SINFUL  
MEN, BE CRUCIFIED AND ON THE THIRD DAY  
BE RAISED AGAIN.

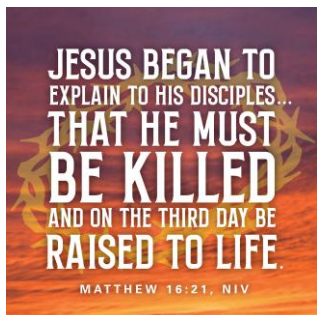
LUKE 24:7

## LENT ONE

Luther Memorial Church . . . . . February 22, 2026

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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

**Divine Worship. . . . . 10am**

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## LENT ONE

February 22, 2026

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

**PSALM: 91** (TLH Pg. 143);

**PRAYERS: 45** (Pg. 106); **51** (Pg. 107).

**HYMNS: 144 359 142:1-4 142:6**

### OPENING PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN: 144** - *“Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing”*

### A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

(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:**

### **GENESIS 22:1-14**

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup> When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup> He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." \*

### **EPISTLE LESSON:**

### **HEBREWS 4:15-16**

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. \*

### **GOSPEL LESSON:**

### **MATTHEW 16:21-26**

<sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

## **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:**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He will come to judge the living and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

**HYMN: 359** - *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*

## **THE SERMON:**

## **MATTHEW 20:17-19**

<sup>17</sup>And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, <sup>18</sup>“See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death <sup>19</sup>and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.”\*\*

## **WHO HAD A HAND IN THE CRUCIFIXION?**

Part One: Jesus.

## **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. As our gifts are brought forward to His Altar, we sing His Praise.

### **THE OFFERING HYMN** (WS 789:1-2,5)

♪ Consider how the birds above Feed day by day with care-free ease – Does God not keep them in His love? Are we not worth much more than these?

♪ See how the lilies do not toil, They grow with fair fragility; If God clothes these which quickly spoil, Will He not clothe both you and me?

♪ Seek first God's Kingdom and His grace His holy Name in all you do: Christ first and last in ev'ry place; All else will then be given you.

### **PRAYER(S) THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN: 142:1-4** - *"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"*

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

**CLOSING HYMN: 142:6** - *"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"*

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**

February 22, 2026

### **THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** LM Elders 6pm

**Wednesday:** Midweek Lenten Service 6pm

**Thursday:** Living Hope Confirmation 4:30pm; LH Lenten Service 6:30pm

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

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Sunday School Teachers may pick up March's Sunday School Materials in the Conference Room following Worship.*

## **GENERAL BUDGET**

*The 2026 General Budget has been set by the Voters in our Annual Meeting at: \$120,120.00. We have thus far received: \$13,981.74 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. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. Thus far we have received \$14,245.00 toward that pledge.*

## **FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HOUR 2026**

*There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to host a Family Fellowship Hour during 2026. Please take a look and sign up when you can host!*

## **"BUSINESS CARDS"**

*On your way out you may notice some 'business cards' on the stand with the Guestbook. Feel free to take a few and share them with any unchurched friends. They read: "If we meet and you forget me You have lost nothing. But if you meet Jesus Christ and forget Him You have lost everything!" There is information about Jesus and Luther Memorial on the back of each card.*

## **FUNERAL OBITUARY**

*After having written more than 50 Funeral Obituaries, I have had a number of people ask me to write theirs in advance. If you would like the pastor to work on that for you, feel free to ask him.*

## **EASTER LILIES**

*New orders can now be placed for Easter Lilies (Single \$14.99; Deluxe \$20.99, Add \$1 for a Bow) as well as Tulip, Miniature Daffodil and Hyacinth Plants (please see sheet for costs). Please see the bulletin board in the entryway, list your name, item, bow/no bow, cost and put your payments in the offering plate clearly marked. **All orders are due by Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>.***

# **RETURN TO THE LORD**

## **February 25, 2026 – Return from False Witness**

Pastor Andrew Schaller

**Matthew 26:57-68**; Psalm 27:11-14; Acts 22:12-16

**151 723 145**

## **March 4, 2026 – Return from Denial**

Pastor Luke Bernthal

**Luke 22:54-62**; Isaiah 59:1-3,12-13; 1 Peter 5:6-10

**565 179 153**

## **March 11, 2026 -- Return from Betrayal**

Pastor Mike Gurath

**John 18:1-11**; Acts 3:14-19; 2 Samuel 15:12, 17:1-4

**159 760 158**

## **March 18, 2026 – Return to Prayer**

Pastor Terrel Kesterson

**Matthew 26:36-46**; Genesis 32:22-30; Romans 8:22-28

**142:1-3; 456 159**

## **March 25, 2026 – Return to the Kingdom of God**

Pastor Andrew Schaller

**John 18:12-14, 28-38**; Isaiah 53:1-3; 1 Timothy 2:1-7

**721 400 153**

## **Maundy Thursday – Return to the Table**

Pastor Andrew Schaller

**Mark 14:12-26**; Exodus 24:3-11; Psalm 116:12-19

**310 311 313**

## **CLC CALL NEWS**

*Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD, has returned the call of Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Phoenix, AZ. ● Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has accepted the call to serve as Vacancy Pastor of Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church in Red Wing, MN. ● Seminarian Sam Radermacher, in conjunction with his vicarship under Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has received the summer vacancy call to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA. ● The CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions has called Dr. Dan Sullivan to serve as professor at Immanuel, replacing Professor David Schaller. ● Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI has been called by Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley MN. ● Living Hope Lutheran of Appleton, WI, has called Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redemer Lutheran Church, 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 2/8/26</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Approximate per Sunday (21)</b>
\$22,000	\$14,245.00	\$7,755.00	\$337.00

### **The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 2/8/26**

*Attendance: 2/15 -*

<b>General Fund (Budgetary)</b>	<b>General Missions (CBP)</b>	<b>LM Building (Non-Budgetary)</b>	<b>M &amp; I Fund (NonBudgetary)</b>	
\$2,835.00	\$585.00	\$20.00	\$500.00	
<b>Total Offerings: \$3,940.00</b>				

### **Luther Memorial General Budget 2026**

*The Voters of Luther Memorial established the General Fund Budget at the Annual Meeting on January 18, 2026. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.*

<b>General Budget</b>	<b>Received as of 2/8/26</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Remaining Amount (46 Sundays)</b>
\$120,120.00	\$13,891.74	\$106,228.26	\$2,260.00

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## **BIBLE READING DEVOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 23-28, 2026**

**Monday – Matthew 4:1-11** Jesus, our Substitute, was tempted in all ways like we are, yet without sin, that through both His living and His dying, we might be reconciled to God. He took no short-cuts to save us all.

**Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 6:1-10** Paul urges us to rely on God's abundant grace in all troubles, hardships, and difficulties. As the apostles were sustained through suffering, so shall all God's children also be upheld.

**Wednesday – Genesis 3** The whole reason for Jesus' suffering and death on the cross is laid out for us in this chapter. Adam and Eve's fall into sin is answered by the LORD's promise of victory over the Tempter (v15).

**Thursday – Psalm 16** During the Lenten season, this Psalm is worth repeating, as both Peter and Paul (Acts 2 and 13) quoted from it as referring to Jesus. In His suffering, He trusted in God's promise of resurrection(v10).

**Friday – Psalm 32:1-7** With the promise of forgiveness, the LORD invites us to acknowledge our sin, confessing our transgressions. The interludes (Selah) may give us pause to ponder the wonder of His deliverance.

**Saturday – Psalm 32:8-11** May our gracious God teach us always to walk in His ways, trusting in His mercy, that others may observe our rejoicing in the LORD and also be drawn to trust His forgiving grace in Christ.

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



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# HYMN SHEET

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## PSALM 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup>I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. <sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. <sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, <sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. <sup>8</sup>You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge— <sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. <sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

<sup>14</sup>“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. <sup>15</sup>When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

<sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.” \*

## PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

### THANKSGIVING

Glory be to You, O God most holy. Glory be to You, O God most high. Glory be to You, O King of heaven and earth, who, as a father pities his children, pities us. Fill us with joy and gladness in the Holy Ghost that, when You render to every man according to his works, we may be found acceptable before You; through Him who has redeemed us from the shame and curse of sin, even Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

## **SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**

Almighty God, who has given us Your only begotten Son to take our nature upon Himself, grant that we, being born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by the Holy Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

### **HYMN**

### **JESUS, GRANT THAT BALM AND HEALING**

1. Jesus, grant that balm and healing In Thy holy wounds I find,  
Every hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind. Should  
some evil thought within Tempt my treacherous heart to sin,  
Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me ere its first beginning.

2. Should some lust or sharp temptation Prove too strong for flesh  
and blood, Let me think upon Thy Passion, And the breach is soon  
made good. Or should Satan press me hard, Let me then be on my  
guard, Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," That the Tempter  
flee confounded.

3. If the world my heart entices On the broad and easy road With  
it mirth and luring voices, Let me think upon the load Thou didst  
carry and endure That I flee all thoughts impure, Banishing each  
wild emotion, Calm and blest in my devotion.

4. Every wound that pains or grieves me, By Thy stripes, Lord is  
made whole; When I'm faint, Thy Cross revives me, Granting new  
life to my soul. Yea, Thy comfort renders sweet Every bitter cup I  
meet; For Thy all-atoning Passion Has procured my soul's  
salvation.

5. O my God, my Rock and Tower, Grant that in Thy death I trust,  
Knowing Death has lost his power Since Thou trod'st him in the  
dust. Savior, let Thine agony Ever help and comfort me; When I  
die, be my Protection, Light and Life and Resurrection.

### **HYMN:**

### **CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES**

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Thou, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night.  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day's return Till Thy mercy's beams I see, Till they  
inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit, then, this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, Radiancy Divine, Scatter all my unbelief. More and more  
Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

## THE OFFERING HYMN

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♪ Seek first God's Kingdom and His grace His holy Name in all you do: Christ first and last in ev'ry place; All else will then be given you.

### HYMN: A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH

1. A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of all men bearing; And laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing! Goes patient on, grow weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint, That spotless life to offer; Bears shame and stripes, and wounds and death, Anguish and mockery, and saith, "Willing all this I suffer."

2. This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great Friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior; Him God the Father chose to send To gain for us His favor. "Go forth, My Son," the Father saith, "And free men from the fear of death, From guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear, But by Thy Passion men shall share The fruit of Thy salvation."

3. "Yea, Father, yea, most willingly I'll bear what Thou commandest; My will conforms to Thy decree, I do what Thou demandest." O wondrous Love, what hast Thou done! The Father offers up His Son! The Son, content, descendeth! O Love, how strong Thou art to save! Thou beddest Him within the grave Whose word the mountains rendeth.

4. From morn till eve my theme shall be Thy mercy's wondrous measure; To sacrifice myself for Thee Shall be my aim and pleasure. My stream of life shall ever be A current flowing ceaselessly, Thy constant praise outpouring. I'll treasure in my memory, O Lord, all Thou hast done for me, Thy gracious love adoring.

**HYMN:                    A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH**

**6. And when Thy glory I shall see And taste Thy kingdom's pleasure, Thy blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure. When I appear before Thy throne, Thy righteousness shall be my crown,- With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought As Thine own bride, I shall be brought To stand in joy beside Thee.**