

A close-up photograph of a red wooden door. The door is made of weathered wood and has a metal ring attached to it. A rope is tied around the ring. The text "Seek the LORD and Live" is overlaid on the image in a white, elegant script font. The word "Seek" is in a larger, more decorative script, while "the LORD and" is in a simpler, sans-serif font, and "Live" is in the same elegant script as "Seek".

Seek
the LORD and
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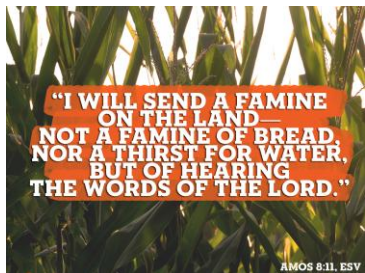
Amos 5:6

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Luther Memorial Church February 8, 2026

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Sunday School/Bible Study 9am

Worship 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 62 (TLH Pg. 136);

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

HYMNS: 5 294 500 49

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 5 - *“Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear”*

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:

AMOS 8:11-12

¹¹“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord God, “when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. ¹²They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-21

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 11:20-27

²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." *

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 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: 294 - *“O Word of God Incarnate”*

THE SERMON:

AMOS 8:11-14

¹¹ “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord GOD, “That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD. ¹² They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it.

¹³ “In that day the fair virgins And strong young men Shall faint from thirst. ¹⁴ Those who swear by the sin of Samaria, Who say, ‘As your god lives, O Dan!’ And, ‘As the way of Beersheba lives!’ They shall fall and never rise again.” *

THE WORST POSSIBLE FAMINE: OF THE WORD

Dismiss the Word of God...and this famine will come.

Spiritual Weakness...is the result.

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 397:1-2,4)

♪ As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright; So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.

♪ As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare, So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

♪ Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way; And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

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: 500 - *"May God Bestow on Us His Grace"*

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

CLOSING HYMN: 49 - *"Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast"*

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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

February 8, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Council, 6pm

Wednesday: Woodlands Nursing Home 10, 10:30am

Sunday: Bible Study 9am; Worship 10am

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: \$11,056.74 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 \$ 13,660.00 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.

“THIS SUNDAY IS CALLED ‘SEXA-WHAT?’”

This year our pericope has fewer Sundays after Epiphany and includes three pre-Lent Sundays: Septuagesima (meaning 70), Sexagesima (meaning 60) and Quinquagesima (you guessed it, meaning 50). These number names do not designate exact periods of time until Easter but are only general markers of time from Easter. Technically Speaking, from Sexagesima until the Saturday after Easter it is 60 days. Sexagesima pictures God as the Heavenly Sower who goes through the world and scatters the seed of His Word. God’s power can make good ground out of stony ground, ground which will bring forth much fruit.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HELPERS

The schedule for 2026 for Communion Distribution Helpers is on the LM Calendar, which can be accessed on the website at – www.fdllutheran.com If you are a voter and would like to be added to the schedule, speak with Pastor Schaller.

PASTORAL SHORTAGE IN THE CLC

Please pray that the Lord Jesus provide workers for our CLC Pulpits. Most recently Pastor John Hein has retired for health reasons (cancer), leaving Grace Lutheran in Fridley MN without a pastor. Pastor Richard Kanzenbach has recently announced his intention to retire in the summer of 2026, which will leave St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD without a pastor. Pastor Ted Barthels has also announced his retirement from the pastoral ministry April 30th, 2026.

As it stands now, we have or will have 8 churches, 9 openings in the pastoral and teaching ministry: 1) Grace in Fridley MN; 2) Trinity in Spokane WA; 3) Holy Cross in Phoenix AZ; 4) Our Redeemer's in Red Wing MN; 5) St. Luke's in Lemmon, SD; 6) Messiah in Eau Claire, WI; 7) Living Hope of Appleton, WI; 8) St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran in Austin, MN; 9) ILC is short a professor. We anticipate 1 graduate from Seminary in the next 3 years and we have 21 Pastors and Professors over 60 years old, 19 that are over 65 and 9 that are over 70 years of age. There are 14 men in the Pre-Theology Program at ILC, but it will take at least 7 years to graduate them...if they continue. We may have a shortage for at least the next decade. Be thankful that you have a pastor and pray that God moves other men to serve.

WORSHIP CREW

We are always in need of help in carrying out our worship service without an organist. If you've been thinking that you could help with the slides or the streaming service and would like to learn how to do it, please speak with Mr. Rodney Kern.

How is My Mission Offering Used?



We are privileged to share in the work of God's Kingdom with our sister congregations in the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC).

Luther Memorial's General Missions Budget includes \$22,000 for the CLC General Fund. In addition to this, individual offerings that are designated for "Missions" are also contributions to the *General Fund* of the CLC. These offerings support our mission of sharing the Gospel through Christian Education at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College and Seminary (Regents); supporting mission congregations and outreach in North America, Latin America, Asia, and Africa (Missions); supporting Christian Education and Publishing (Education and Publications); and funding the business expenses of our church body (Trustees).

Offerings to the CLC General Fund are budgeted for the various ministries that we have undertaken as a church body. The budgeted total offering revenue for this fiscal year (July 1, 2025 — June 30, 2026) is \$1,265,097.

Your Mission Dollar FY26



Board of Regents
56 cents

Board of Missions
36½ cents

Brd of
Trustees
5½
cents

Bd of Ed.
& Pub
2
cents

Board of Regents — The CLC subsidizes the Christian education at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary (ILC) in Eau Claire. In this fiscal year, the total ILC operating budget is \$1,724,100. The synodical subsidy is 42% of the operating budget. The balance of the operating expenses are funded via student revenue. www.ilc.edu

Board of Missions — These funds are used to aid the work of the gospel in our domestic (1 congregation) and foreign mission fields. The CLC currently has three full-time missionaries. www.lutheranmissions.org

Board of Education and Publications — The Board of Education and Publications oversees various publishing projects, provides resources and encouragement in Christian education (including assisting congregations to start Christian Day Schools—see EduK8 Fund below), and it oversees the CLC websites and CLC Book House.

Board of Trustees — These funds support the administration of the financial affairs of the church body and the “Old Retirement Plan” of the CLC.

Additional Funds have been created to support various efforts in the CLC as offerings allow. None of your Mission offerings go to these funds, however, an offering can be designated for these funds at any time.

Mission Development Fund (MDF) — This fund finances various extra-budgetary projects and aid efforts. Examples of MDF projects: Bibles for missions, translations, exploratory mission work, bicycles, motorcycles.

Kinship supports orphans in India and Nepal as well as seminary students and pastors’ widows. Kinship also provides aid after natural disasters and for other humanitarian needs among our foreign missions.

Student Aid Fund (SAF) — This fund supports the grants, loans, and work-study offered to students at ILC in an effort to make the Christian education at ILC as affordable as possible.

ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) — These funds are used for larger maintenance and capital improvement projects on the ILC campus and its buildings.

Church Extension Fund (CEF) — These resources are loaned to congregations at low mortgage rates for building projects. Mortgage payments replenish the fund.

EduK8 Fund — A fund for Christian Education for the purpose of assisting CLC congregations in the establishment and ongoing support of Christian Day Schools.

Immanuel Lutheran College Building Fund— This fund is used to pay for new building projects on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College, High School, and Seminary.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Jonah Albrecht has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Messiah has since called Pastor Tim Daub who serves Prince of Peace Lutheran in Hecla, SD. ● Pastor Johnathan Schnose has returned the call of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA. ● Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran School in Inver Grove Heights, MN has returned the call to serve Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY. ● Pastor Paul Agenten has returned the call of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI. ● Pastor Wayne Eichstadt has been appointed to finish the term of Pastor John Hein on the CLC Board of Regents. He has accepted that appointment. He will remain the CLC Secretary until a replacement is appointed by President Michael Wilke. ● Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD, has been called by Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Phoenix, AZ.

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.

Amount Pledged 2025	Received as of 2/1/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (24)
\$22,000	\$13,660.00	\$8,340.00	\$347

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 2/1/26

Attendance: 2/1 - 77

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	Debt Retirement (Non-Budgetary)
\$3,970.74	\$255.00	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$100.00*
M & I Fund (Non-Budgetary)				
\$60.00				

Total Offerings: \$4,735.74

*In Memory of Bob and Jeanette Roehl

Luther Memorial General Budget 2026

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the General Fund Budget at the Annual Meeting January 18, 2026. The fiscal year is from January 1 – December 31, 2026.

General Budget	Received as of 2/1/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (48 Sundays)
\$120,120.00	\$11,056.74	\$109,063.26	\$2,272.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 9-14, 2026

Monday – Matthew 13:3-23 Even where heaven’s King rules, the harvest is not always the same. The seed and Sower are the same, but still have opposition in many different forms, pictured by weeds, rocks, birds, etc.

Tuesday - Matthew 13:24-30 Why does not heaven’s King simply wipe out the weeds sown by His enemy? Because He cares so much for the wheat which He has planted. But the day of harvest is coming.

Wednesday – Colossians 3:12-17 May all the love of our glorious Savior be reflected in our compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and love toward one another, whether in word or deed.

Thursday – Jeremiah 17:5-10 Evil proceeds from misplaced trust, such as trusting in human strength. Following such a heart leads to disaster, but blessed is anyone who trusts in the LORD.

Friday – Psalm 86 “Blessed are the poor in spirit” (Matthew 5:3). In this Psalm we have the chance to pray with David, who was poor and needy. With him we look to the LORD who is good and forgiving, full of mercy.

Saturday – Psalm 20 As we worshiped the LORD in the day of peace and plenty, may we also look to Him in the day of distress. Some rely on earthly strength, but we will rely on the name of the LORD, our God (v7).



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 62

¹ For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

² He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

³ How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence? ⁴ They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. *Selah*

⁵ For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. ⁷ On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. *Selah*

⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. ¹⁰ Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

¹¹ Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, ¹² and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work. *

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

LORD, OPEN THOU MY HEART TO HEAR

1. Lord, open Thou my heart to hear And through Thy Word to me draw near; Let me Thy Word e'er pure retain, Let me Thy child and heir remain.

2. Thy Word doth deeply move the heart, Thy Word doth perfect health impart, Thy Word my soul with joy doth bless, Thy Word brings peace and happiness.

3. To God, the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Shall glory, praise and honor be Now and throughout eternity.

HYMN

O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE

1. O Word of God Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky, We praise Thee for the radiance That from the hallowed page, A lantern to our footsteps Shines on from age to age.

2. The Church from her dear Master Received the gift divine, And still that light she lifteth O'er all the earth to shine. It is the golden casket Where gems of truth are stored; It is the heaven-drawn picture Of Christ, the living Word.

3. It floateth like a banner Before God's host unfurled; It shineth like a beacon Above the darkling world; It is the chart and compass That o'er life's surging sea, Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

4. Oh, make Thy Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold To bear before the nations Thy true light as of old! Oh, teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see Thee face to face.

THE OFFERING HYMN

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HYMN

MAY GOD BESTOW ON US HIS GRACE

1. May God bestow on us His grace, With blessings rich provide us, And may the brightness of His face To life eternal guide us That we His saving health may know, His gracious will and pleasure, And also to the heathen show Christ's riches without measure And unto God convert them.

2. Thine over all shall be the praise And thanks of every nation, And all the world with joy shall raise The voice of exultation; For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suffer sin to flourish; Thy people's pasture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and nourish, In righteous paths to keep them.

3. Oh, let the people praise Thy worth, In all good works increasing; The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in blessing. May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit bless us! Let all the world praise Him alone, Let solemn awe possess us.

HYMN

ALMIGHTY GOD, THY WORD IS CAST

1. Almighty God, Thy Word is cast Like seed into the ground; Now let the dew of heaven descend And righteous fruits abound.

2. Let not the foe of Christ and man This holy seed remove. But give it root in every heart To bring forth fruits of love.

3. Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy, But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.

4. Oft as the precious seed is sown, Thy quickening grace bestow That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving power may know. Amen.