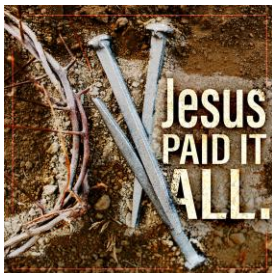


## **LENT THREE**

Luther Memorial Church . . . . . March 8, 2026

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## LENT THREE

March 8, 2026

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 25 (TLH Pg. 128);

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

HYMNS: 721 145 154 151:6-7

### OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 721 - *“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”*

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:**

### **JEREMIAH 26:1-15**

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the Lord: <sup>2</sup>“Thus says the Lord: Stand in the court of the Lord’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the Lord all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. <sup>3</sup>It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. <sup>4</sup>You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, <sup>5</sup>and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, <sup>6</sup>then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’ ”

<sup>7</sup>The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord. <sup>8</sup>And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?”

And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

<sup>10</sup> When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

<sup>12</sup> Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup> Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup> But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup> Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears." \*

### **EPISTLE LESSON:**

### **1 PETER 1:13-16**

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup> but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." \*

### **GOSPEL LESSON:**

### **LUKE 9:51-56**

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup> But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> And they went on to another village. \*



## **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**

**(WS 788)**

♪ Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.

♪ We are yours – Your mercy sought us, Found us in death’s dreadful way, To the fold in safety brought us, Nevermore from You to stray. Your own life was freely given As an off-ring on the cross For each sinner, now forgiven From eternal shame and loss.

♪ Blessed by You with gifts and graces, May we heed Your Spirit’s call, Gladly in all times and places Give to You who gives us all. You have bought us; now no longer Can we claim to be our own; Ever free and ever stronger We shall serve You, Lord, a-lone.

## **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: 154** - *“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”*

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

**CLOSING HYMN: 151:6-7** - *“Christ the Life of all the Living”*

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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**

March 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: \$ 31,381.64 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 \$21,915.00 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, please 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 TODAY Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>.***

## **RETURN TO THE LORD**

### **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

Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Phoenix, AZ, has called Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion (Detroit) Madison Heights. ● 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. ● Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI has been called by Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley MN. ● Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld has returned the call of Living Hope Lutheran of Appleton, WI. ● Teacher Noah Olhmann of Grace Ev. Lutheran School, Valentine NE, has been called to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, EC. WI. ● Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran in Morris, MN, has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.

### 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 3/4/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (19)
\$22,000	\$21,915.00	\$85.00	\$4.47

### The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 3/4/26

Attendance: 3/1 –78 ; 3/4 -47.

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	LM Ladies Orphan (Missions)
\$13,504.90	\$6,210.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$100.00
M & I Fund (Non-Budgetary)	Easter Lilies (Non-Budgetary)			
\$1,750.00*	\$52.00			

**Total Offerings: \$22,116.90**

\*Includes \$1000.00 Rent.

### 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 3/4/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (44 Sundays)
\$120,120.00	\$31,381.64	\$88,738.36	\$2,017.00

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## **HOME DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH 9-14, 2026**

**Monday – Luke 11:14-28** When Jesus drives out a demon, some are amazed. Others credit Beelzebul, or demand more signs. Jesus answers His detractors, and warns of the danger of worse things than one demon.

**Tuesday – Ephesians 5:1-9** God made us His children so that like dear children we might imitate Him, not walking in the immorality, impurity, and greed of this world. May we ever walk as children of light (v8).

**Wednesday - 2 Samuel 22:1-7** David praises the LORD, his rock and refuge in the face of all his enemies. In great distress (v5-6) he called to the LORD, who heard and answered his cry for help.

**Thursday – Psalm 86:1-10** The servant of the LORD calls to his good and forgiving God, confident that there is no one like the true God, who is great and does marvelous deeds.

**Friday – Psalm 86:11-17** The LORD's servant seeks the LORD's truth in order to walk in it, even when ruthless men seek his life. The LORD's help and comfort remain with him, for the LORD remains a gracious God.

**Saturday – Psalm 43** Oppressed by his enemy, the psalmist looks to God to show him the way to His dwelling. Surely His light and truth will guide to His holy mountain, to joy and gladness, to God's salvation!



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# HYMN SHEET

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## PSALM 25

<sup>1</sup>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. <sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. <sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. <sup>10</sup>All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

<sup>11</sup>For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. <sup>12</sup>Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. <sup>13</sup>His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. <sup>14</sup>The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. <sup>15</sup>My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

<sup>16</sup>Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. <sup>17</sup>The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.

<sup>18</sup>Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

<sup>19</sup>Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. <sup>20</sup>Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. <sup>21</sup>May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

<sup>22</sup>Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles. \*

## **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**

### **CROSS OF JESUS, CROSS OF SORROW**

- 1. Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed, Perfect man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!**
- 2. Here the King of all the ages, Throned in light ere worlds could be, Robed in mortal flesh is dying, Crucified by sin for me.**
- 3. O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime! Very God Himself is bearing All the sufferings of time!**
- 4. Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed, Perfect man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!**

### **HYMN**

### **JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY**

- 1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love, Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above, Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended, Gaze upon the sinner's fall! Yet, upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.**
- 2. Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow, Though we see Thee wounded, bleeding, See Thy thorn-encircled brow? Yet Thy sinless death hath brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest; Only what Thy grace hath taught us Calms the sinner's stormy breast.**

3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for Thee!  
May our eyes be ever turning To Thy cross of agony Till in glory,  
parted never From the blessed Savior's side, Graven in our hearts  
forever Dwell the cross, the Crucified!

**THE OFFERING HYMN**

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♪ Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand  
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then,  
the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all  
our living We may consecrate to You.

♪ We are yours – Your mercy sought us, Found us in death's  
dreadful way, To the fold in safety brought us, Nevermore from You  
to stray. Your own life was freely given As an off-ring on the cross  
For each sinner, now forgiven From eternal shame and loss.

♪ Blessed by You with gifts and graces, May we heed Your Spirit's  
call, Gladly in all times and places Give to You who gives us all. You  
have bought us; now no longer Can we claim to be our own; Ever  
free and ever stronger We shall serve You, Lord, a-lone.

**HYMN**

**ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED**

1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?

2. Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!

3. Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty Maker, died For man the creature's sin.

4. Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross  
appears, Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes  
to tears.

5. But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe; Here,  
Lord, I give myself away, 'Tis all that I can do.

**HYMN**

**CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING**

6. Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me; Thou didst  
choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

**7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore, For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore, Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying, For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high. Amen.**