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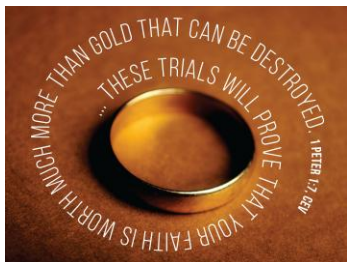
John 2:19

EASTER THREE

Luther Memorial Church April 26, 2026

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession
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Bible Study/Sunday School 9am

Divine Worship. 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 32 (TLH Pg. 130);

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

HYMNS: 192:1-4 194 210 192:6

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 192:1-4 - *“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”*

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:

ISAIAH 40:26-31

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. *

EPISTLE LESSON:**1 JOHN 4:9-14**

⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. *

GOSPEL LESSON:**JOHN 12:20-26**

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.*

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: 194 - *“Abide with Us, the Day is Waning”*

THE SERMON:

JOHN 2:13-22

¹³ Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. ¹⁵ When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. ¹⁶ And He said to those who sold doves, “Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!” ¹⁷ Then His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.” ¹⁸ So the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰ Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But He was speaking of the temple of His body. ²² Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said. **

WHO HAD A HAND IN THE RESURRECTION?

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 (TLH 207:2,4)

♪ Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life! Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife. Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened Paradise! None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.

♪ Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

PRAYER(S) THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 210 - *"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"*

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

CLOSING HYMN: 192:6 - *"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"*

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

April 26, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Elders 6pm

Wednesday: LH Confirmation 4pm

Sunday: Bible Study/Sunday School 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: \$44,791.07 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 \$ 22,365.00 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. 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.

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.

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.

STUDENT AID FOR ILHS/ILC

Student Aid has been collected by Luther Memorial to help those who are sending their children to Immanuel. If those funds are useful, they need only be requested.

TIME CHANGE ON THE HORIZON

We have just four weeks remaining at our Fall/Winter Worship Time slot (10am). Bible Study and Sunday School will be in recess during the Summer months, beginning on Sunday May 24th (Memorial Day Weekend). On Sunday May 24th we will then return to our 9am Worship Time for the Spring/Summer. We will resume our Fall/Winter Schedule on Sunday September 13th.

FROM THE FAMILY OF LARRY STUBBS

*To our wonderful church family,
Thank you so very much for all the prayers, Christian love, cards and concern you gave to Larry and me and continue to give to me. Especially thank the Ladies for the fantastic job in serving Larry's lunch. It made it just a little easier. May our wonderful Lord bless you.*

The Family of Larry Stubbs.

VOLLEYBALL ANYONE?

The Mission Committee invites you to Wednesday Night Volleyball beginning on Wednesday May 27th at 6pm. Bring chairs and refreshments and play volleyball or cornhole!

MISSION BREAKFAST

The Mission Committee has scheduled the next Mission Breakfast for Saturday June 13th beginning at 9am. Bring yourself and a breakfast item and join us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Mission Committee has scheduled this Summer's Vacation Bible School for the week of August 3-7, 2026. Keep your eye on the bulletin and newsletter for more information.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Michael Wilke has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. • Pastor Jonah Albrecht has returned the call of Living Hope Lutheran of Appleton, WI. • Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School in Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran School, EC. WI. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix AZ has called Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld who currently serves Redeemer Lutheran Church of Sister Lakes, MI. • Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) has called Pastor Ben Libby who currently serves Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, WY. • The Call Committee for Graduates has extended the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY, to ILC Graduate Mr. Orrin Hanel. • Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church in Morris, MN has received and accepted the vacancy call of St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN.

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 4/19/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (12)
\$22,000	\$22,365.00	\$0	\$0

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 4/19/26

Attendance: 4/19 – 79 (23 Online)

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	LM Ladies Orphan (Missions)	
\$1,710.25*	\$250.00**	\$20.00	\$20.00	

Total Offerings: \$2,000.25

***\$20 in memory of Larry Stubbs; ** \$25 in memory of Larry Stubbs.**

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.

General Budget	Received as of 4/19/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (37 Sundays)
\$120,120.00	\$44,791.07	\$75,328.93	\$2,036.00

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS APRIL 27-MAY 2, 2026

Monday – John 16:16-23 After Easter Jesus' disciples must have remembered these words, spoken by Him on the night of His betrayal. Now that He had returned to them, their sorrow was certainly turned to joy (v20).

Tuesday - 1 Peter 2:11-12 The resurrection of Jesus makes such a difference in our lives! Now we have a future ahead of us that makes our stay here, with all its temptations to sin, merely temporary, until He comes.

Wednesday - 1 Peter 2:13-20 As people freed by the resurrection, may we not use our freedom to indulge ourselves, but rather to glorify God by doing good. If we suffer for doing good, and endure it, God is glorified.

Thursday - Lamentations 3:18-26 In spite of affliction and suffering, the prophet remembers the mercies of the Lord, and he has hope. Wait for the Lord. It is good to hope quietly for the salvation of the Lord (v26).

Friday - Psalm 146 Hallelujah! (Praise the Lord!) Assured of life through Jesus' resurrection, I will praise the Lord forever (v2)! Human helpers are so limited, but the Maker of heaven and earth reigns forever (v10).

Saturday - Psalm 75 Thanks be to God that He rules and upholds the earth. The wicked, who wag their horns at Him, will surely be brought down, even as the righteous will be lifted up (v10). Oh, give thanks!



These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis. Graphics in the bulletin are taken from Church Art Online via a regular legal subscription.

HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 32

¹Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Selah*

⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. ⁹Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. ¹¹Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! *

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

AWAKE, MY HEART, WITH GLADNESS

1. Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done, Now after gloom and sadness Comes forth the glorious Sun! My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.

2. The Foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb, But, lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom. For Christ again is free; In glorious victory He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.

3. This is a sight that gladdens; What peace it doth impart! Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart; No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take, The hope which God's own Son In love for me hath won.

4. Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their power are shorn; Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn. Grim death with all his might Cannot my soul affright; He is a powerless form, Howe'er he rave and storm.

HYMN:

ABIDE WITH US, THE DAY IS WANING

1. "Abide with us, the day is waning," Thus prayed the two while on the way; We read that Thou, O Lord, remaining, Didst all their doubts and fears allay. Incline Thine ear, Thou King of Grace, When, praying thus, we see Thy face.

2. At eventide, Thy Spirit sending, Help us, O Lord, our watch to keep, In prayer devout before Thee bending Ere our eyelids close in sleep, Confessing sin in deed and word With hope of mercy from the Lord.

3. Abide with us; with heavenly gladness Illumine, Lord, our darkest day; And when we weep in pain and sadness, Be Thou our Solace, Strength, and Stay. Tell of Thy woe, Thy victory won, When Thou didst pray: "Thy will be done."

4. Abide with us, O Savior tender, That bitter day when life shall end, When to the grave we must surrender, And fear and pain our hearts shall rend. The shield of faith do Thou bestow When trembling we must meet the foe.

5. When earthly help no more availeth, To sup with us Thou wilt be nigh; Thou givest strength that never faileth. In Thee we grave and death defy. While earth is fading from our sight, Our eyes behold the realms of light.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 207:2,4)

♪ Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life! Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife. Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened Paradise! None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.

♪ Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

HYMN: THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE DONE

1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the Victor's triumph won; Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

2. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, And Jesus hath His foes dispersed; Let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Alleluia!

3. On the third morn He rose again Glorious in majesty to reign; Oh, let us swell the joyful strain! Alleluia!

4. He closed the yawning gates of hell; The bars from heaven's high portals fell. Let songs of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!

5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee. From death's dread sting Thy servants free That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!

HYMN: AWAKE, MY HEART, WITH GLADNESS

6. Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true; My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through. He rends Death's iron chain, He breaks through sin and pain, He shatters hell's dark thrall,- I follow through it all. Amen.