



## **EASTER SIX**

Luther Memorial Church . . . . . May 17, 2026

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Sunday School. . . . . 9am

Worship. . . . . 10am

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### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 42 (TLH Pg. 133);

PRAYERS: 59 (Pg. 108); 55 (Pg. 107).

HYMNS: 798 284 37 396

### OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 798 - *"God, We Praise You"*

### A SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement Pg. 22)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Congregation: **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We stand forgiven. With boldness and confidence, we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**OT LESSON:**

**GENESIS 18:1-15**

And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup>The Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.” \*

**EPISTLE:****EPHESIANS 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. \*

**GOSPEL:****JOHN 7:33-39**

<sup>33</sup>Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. <sup>34</sup>You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come." <sup>35</sup>The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? <sup>36</sup>What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?"

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' " <sup>39</sup>Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.\*

## **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: 284 - *“Father of Mercies, in Thy Word”***

## **THE SERMON:**

## **LUKE 17:11-19**

<sup>11</sup> Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. <sup>13</sup> And they lifted up *their* voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> So when He saw *them*, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, <sup>16</sup> and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine? <sup>18</sup> Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.” \*\*

## **THE MAJORITY**

We should appreciate God’s gifts. It is right to thank God that He moves men to step up and serve the congregation when the Pastor is away. Be assured that your pastor is grateful that there are those who are willing to say, “Here I am, send me.” Thank you to Elder Rodney Kern for speaking the Word of God this morning. We pray further that the Holy Spirit would use it to strengthen all those who hear it to also say, “Here I am, send me.”

## **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**

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: 37** - *"Lord, 'Tis Not that I did Choose Thee"*

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

**CLOSING HYMN: 396** - *"Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. 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**

May 17, 2026

### **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** Living Hope Confirmation Practice 3:30pm

**Thursday:** LM Mission Committee 6pm

**Sunday:** LM Worship 9am; LH Worship 11am

## **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: \$ 52,301.07 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 \$ 23,065.00 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.*

## **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.*

## **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.*

## **VOLLEYBALL ANYONE?**

*The Mission Committee invites you to Wednesday Night Volleyball beginning on Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am. Bring yourself and a breakfast item and join us!*

## **TIME CHANGE – NEXT WEEK**

*Bible Study and Sunday School will be in recess during the Summer months, beginning on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day Weekend). On Next Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> we will return to our 9am Worship Time for the Spring/Summer. We will resume our Fall/Winter Schedule on Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>.*

## **PASTORAL SHORTAGE IN THE CLC**

*Please continue to pray that the Lord Jesus provide workers for our CLC Pulpits. In the last 6 months, Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, Pastor Ted Barthels and Pastor Del Maas have announced their intention to retire from the Public Ministry in 2026. We have 65 congregations being served by 45 men. We also have 21 Pastors and Professors over 60 years old, 19 that are over 65 and 9 that are over 70 years of age.*

*We have 10 churches without or about to be without a full-time pastor to serve them, including: 1) Trinity in Spokane WA; 2) Holy Cross in Phoenix AZ; 3) Our Redeemer's in Red Wing MN; 4) St. Luke's in Lemmon, SD; 5) Messiah in Eau Claire, WI; 6) Living Hope of Appleton, WI; 7) St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran in Austin, MN; 8) Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI; 9) Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND; 10) St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN.*

*This is further complicated by the fact that we anticipate 1 graduate from Seminary in the next 3 years. There are 14 men in the Pre-Theology Program at ILC, but it will take at least 7 years to graduate them...if they all continue.*

*We may have a shortage for at least the next decade. This isn't only an issue facing only the CLC. In the CLC, 11% of our congregations have vacancies. In the WELS they are also at 11%. The LCMS is at 20% and the ELCA seems to be much higher. What is the point of all this? Be thankful that you have a pastor and pray that God moves other men to serve.*

## **FINGERPRINT/KEY FOB ACCESS**

*The access control system(fingerprint reader) will be reset on June 8th. If you would like to keep your finger in the system, please meet with Kevin Kern in the narthex after church on May 24<sup>th</sup> or June 7<sup>th</sup> . The process of being kept in the fingerprint reader requires you to place your finger on the fingerprint reader so that Kevin can record your id to keep it. If you want, during the process you can also receive a key fob. If you have any questions, please speak with Kevin Kern.*

## CLC CALL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor David Pfeiffer who currently serves Holy Trinity in West Columbia, SC. • Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld has returned the call of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix AZ. • Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) has called Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Lutheran 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 James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown, ND has been called and has accepted the call to serve as Vacancy Pastor of Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has called Pastor Chad Seybt. • St. Luke's in Lemmon, SD, has called Pastor Chad Seybt.

### 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 5/10/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (9)
\$22,000	\$23,065.00	\$0	\$0

### The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 5/10/26

Attendance: 5/10 -

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	M & I Fund (Non-Budgetary)
\$1,830.00	\$255.00	\$175.00	\$50.00	\$100.00*
<b>Local Missions (Missions)</b>				
\$10.00				
<b>Total Offerings: \$2,420.00</b>				
* In memory of Larry Stubbs.				

### 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 5/10/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (34 Sundays)
\$120,120.00	\$52,301.07	\$67,818.93	\$1,995.00

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## READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS MAY 18-23, 2026

**Monday – Mark 16:14-20** Awaiting the promised Spirit, we remember how the risen Jesus sent the eleven out to preach the Word, how vital it is to believe that Word, and how He confirmed His Word by various signs.

**Tuesday – John 15:26–16:4** When the Counselor comes, He will testify about Jesus, and so will Jesus’ apostles. Not all will believe the testimony, to be sure, but fierce opposition does not mean that the Spirit was wrong.

**Wednesday - 1 Peter 4:7-11** The approaching end times call for a sound mind and prayerful watching, but most of all for love which uses the gifts that God has given in service to one another on our heavenly walk.

**Thursday – Ezekiel 36:25-27** The LORD will cleanse from impurity and idolatry. The LORD will give a new heart and put His Spirit within, that we, His people, may be led to walk in His ways.

**Friday – Psalm 97** The LORD reigns. The earth, created by Him, rejoices in this. Fire, lightning, mountains, and heavens bow before Him. All other “gods” are nothing compared to Him. Let us also rejoice and give thanks!

**Saturday – Psalm 93** The LORD rules forever. Majesty and strength are His clothing. He is mightier than the thundering waters, and His word stands firm. His holiness is what makes His house eternally beautiful.



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# HYMN SHEET

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## PSALM 42

<sup>1</sup> As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? <sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

<sup>4</sup> These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation <sup>6</sup> and my God.

My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. <sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me. <sup>8</sup> By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

<sup>9</sup> I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" <sup>10</sup> As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

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## PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

### **FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE AND HELP**

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL**

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that on the Last Day, when He will come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

## HYMN:

## GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

1. God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You sov'reign Lord! Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by Your Church adored: All creation shows Your glory; Heav'n and earth draw near your throne, Singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone !"

2. True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their world ablaze, Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, Join one growing song of praise, While Your Church on earth confesses One majestic Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally.

3. Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Everlasting Son of God, Humble was Your virgin mother, Hard the lonely path You trod: By Your cross is sin defeated, Hell confronted face to face, Heaven opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace.

4. Christ, at God's right hand victorious, You will judge the world You made; Lord, in mercy help Your servants For whose freedom You have paid: Raise us up from dust to glory; Guard us from all sin today. King enthroned above all praises, Save Your people, God, we pray.

## HYMN

## FATHER OF MERCIES, IN THY WORD

1. Father of mercies, in Thy Word What endless glory shines! Forever be Thy name adored For these celestial lines.

2. Here may the blind and hungry come And light and food receive; Here shall the lowliest guest have room And taste and see and live.

3. Here springs of consolation rise To cheer the fainting mind, And thirsting souls receive supplies And sweet refreshment find.

4. Here the Redeemer's welcome voice Spreads heavenly peace around, And life and everlasting joys Attend the blissful sound.

5. Oh, may these heavenly pages be My ever dear delight; And still new beauties may I see And still increasing light!

6. Divine Instructor, gracious Lord, Be Thou forever near; Teach me to love Thy sacred Word And view my Savior here.

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**HYMN                      LORD, TIS NOT THAT I DID CHOOSE THEE**

1. Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could never be; For this heart would still refuse Thee Had Thy grace not chosen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me Washed and cleansed and set me free And unto this end ordained me, That I ever live to Thee.

2. 'Twas Thy grace in Christ that called me, Taught my darkened heart and mind; Else the world had yet enthralled me, To Thy heavenly glories blind. Now my heart owns none above Thee; For Thy grace alone I thirst, Knowing well that, if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.

3. Praise the God of all creation; Praise the Father's boundless love. Praise the Lamb, our Expiation, Priest and King enthroned above. Praise the Spirit of salvation, Him by whom our spirits live. Undivided adoration To the great Jehovah give.

**HYMN:                      OH, FOR A FAITH THAT WILL NOT SHRINK**

1. Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Tho' pressed by many a foe; That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe;

2. That will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chast'ning rod, But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean upon its God;

3. A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage without; That, when in danger, knows no fear, In darkness feels no doubt;

4. That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scornful smile; That sin's wild ocean cannot drown Nor Satan's arts beguile;

5. A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life's last spark is fled And with a pure and heavenly ray Lights up the dying bed.

6. Lord give us such a faith as this; And then, whate'er may come, We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.