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Divine Worship. 9am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 138 (TLH Pg. 154);

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

HYMNS: 757 296 370

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 757 -*“Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning”*

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:

ISAIAH 62:6-12

⁶On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the Lord in remembrance, take no rest, ⁷and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.

⁸The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored; ⁹but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary."

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples.

¹¹Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." ¹²And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken. *

EPISTLE:

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-12

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. *

GOSPEL:

MARK 4:26-29

²⁶And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." *

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: 296 - *"Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth"*

THE SERMON:

HEBREWS 11:1-3

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ²For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.

³By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. **

FAITH'S 20/20 VISION

It 'sees' and is sure of the future.

Doesn't need to see to be sure of the past.

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 244:1-3)

♪ Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

♪ Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain; Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

♪ Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King, Glory to the King of nations; Heaven and earth, your praises bring! Glory, glory, To the King of Glory sing!

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.

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

CLOSING HYMN: 370 -*"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

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

July 19, 2026

THIS WEEK

Monday-Friday: VBS at Living Hope

Tuesday: Mission Committee Meeting 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: \$71,797.16 toward that budget.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

We have pledged to send \$25,000 to support the work of the LORD in our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession in 2026-27. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027. Thus far we have received \$650.00 toward that pledge.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/CHURCH PICNIC

This Summer's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of August 3-7, 2026. The Church Picnic will follow on Sunday August 9th at the Buttermilk Park Shelter.

NEED TO STEP OUT?

If you need to step out to tend to one of your children you can continue watching the service on your phone. Hang in there. You are doing a great job! Simply scan this QR Code to watch the service on your smartphone.



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.

2026 CLC MISSION HELPERS TO AFRICA

Nine CLC Mission Helpers (Lauren Gurgel, Abigail Gerbitz, Elijah Sumey, Jeff Radichel, Sarah Radichel, Josh Ohlmann, Lydia Ohlmann, Andrew Lau, Alexis Aichele) along with team leaders (Pastor Tom Naumann and Missionary Todd Ohlmann) are traveling this week to the East African nations of Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia. The Tanzania team will be welcomed and joined in their work by Missionary Bruce and Paula Naumann. The Mission Helpers will spend the next few weeks proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to an estimated 6,000 children. They will focus their efforts in some of the towns and villages where the Kenya-CLC, Tanzania-CLC, and Zambia-CLC have or are working to establish congregations and preaching stations. You can follow along with the Mission Helpers through the trip blog at www.2026clcmisionhelpertripeastafrica.blogspot.com. Your prayers are requested and much appreciated.

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REGISTER FOR VBS

Please help us prepare for Vacation Bible School by registering your children/grandchildren at the following:

<https://vbsmate.com/events/LutherMemorialFondduLacWI/32513>

VBS VOLUNTEERS

We are still in need of some help for VBS, including music and teaching. If you are willing to help please speak with Pastor Schaller today!

VBS YARD SIGNS

The VBS Yard Signs have been updated with the proper dates and placed in the entryway. Please take one and put it in your yard to publicize this event!

LUTHER MEMORIAL QUARTERLY MEETING

The Voters of Luther Memorial will meet on Sunday July 26th following worship.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL 2026

JULY 15

JULY 29

AUGUST 12

AUGUST 26

STARTS AT 6:00 PM

**SPECTATORS WELCOME. BRING
YOUR OWN SNACKS AND
BEVERAGES.**



CLC Financial Report - June 2026

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 12 Months	Balance 6/30/2026
General Fund	0	1,153,563	1,211,549	1,265,100	(57,986)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,805,356	1,711,206	1,775,040	94,150
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	37,415	91,982		44,576
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	539,428	340		2,605,801
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	327,504	261,543		214,363
Kinship	169,472	220,571	222,817		167,226
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	1,041,483	1,052,210		2,493,069
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	239,552	228,107		113,134
EduK8 Fund	70,311	71,001	30,000		111,312
Reserve Fund	103,629	39,962	0		143,591
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$2,516,916	\$1,886,999		\$5,893,072

Now that we have closed our fiscal year ended June 30, we are able to look back and see how we ended up financially. In the table above, under Operating Funds, you will see the revenue and disbursements for the **General Fund** and for **ILC Operations**. Comparing them to the budget for the year, **General Fund** revenue was \$111,537 less than the amount budgeted, and disbursements were \$53,551 less than budget, resulting in a shortfall of \$57,986. **ILC Operations** ended the year with \$30,316 more in revenue than was planned, and spent \$63,834 less than budget, resulting in a positive balance for the year of \$94,150. Because the **General Fund** subsidizes **ILC Operations**, the balance that is left in **ILC Operations** is closed out to the **General Fund**. Netting the two leaves the **General Fund** with a positive balance of \$36,164 for the year. That amount is transferred from the **General Fund** to the **Reserve Fund** to bring the **General Fund** balance to zero going into the new fiscal year beginning July 1. Adding that amount to the **Reserve Fund** increases its balance to \$143,591 to be available for future years.

For the new fiscal year beginning in July 2026, the **General Fund** budget was increased almost \$100,000 to \$1,361,920. The increase was due in large part to a significant anticipated decrease in ILC student enrollment and revenue, resulting in an increase in the amount of subsidy needed. The new budget also provided for modest salary increases for called workers and staff and was also increased to fund 100% of the costs of the third missionary. The new budget is an increase of 18% over the revenue received for the year just ended.

For the **Auxiliary Funds** you can look at the numbers above to see how each of them fared. The revenue in the **Auxiliary Funds** included over \$480,000 that came by way of market gains for the year on the investments in **ILC Building Projects** and the **Church Extension Fund**.

We are thankful to have ended the year being able to add to the **Reserve Fund** instead of having to draw from it as we have for the past several years. With an 18% increase in budgeted contributions for the new year, your prayers, consideration, and contributions will be needed once again.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Michael Roehl has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. • Pastor Tim Daub has returned the call of St. Paul's Lutheran in Austin, MN. • Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church in Morris, MN, has been called by St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD and by Gift of God Lutheran in Mapleton (Fargo) ND/St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN. • Mr. Steve Sydow has returned the call of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI. • Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer has returned the call of Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI. • Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN has been called by Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2026-27

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, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

Amount Pledged 2026	Received as of 7/12/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (50)
\$25,000	\$650.00	\$21,350.00	\$427

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 7/12/26

Attendance: 7/12 – 53 (Online 41) 94

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	LM Building (Non- Budgetary)	LM Student Aid Fund (Non-Budgetary)
\$1,895.00	\$135.00	\$250.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
ILC Building (Missions)	Spokesman (Non- Budgetary)			
\$45.00*	\$20.00			

Total Offerings: \$2,385.00*

***\$25.00 In Memory of Ray Zechel**

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 7/12/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (25 Sundays)
\$120,120.00	\$71,797.16	\$48,322.84	\$1,933.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR JULY 13-18, 2026

Monday – Mark 3:1-6 Jesus knows that He is being watched in order to accuse Him, but He restores the use of a man's hand anyway, and immediately the Pharisees begin to plot how they might get rid of Him.

Tuesday – Mark 3:7-12 Jesus' healing ways attract such large crowds that they could even pose a hazard (v9), but perhaps a greater threat comes from unclean spirits, whose "help" He steadfastly refuses.

Wednesday – Romans 6:19-23 Paul reminds us of the shameful deeds and fatal result of our former slavery to sin, that we might now rejoice to be slaves to God, with sanctified fruits and eternal life resulting.

Thursday – Jeremiah 31:23-25 The LORD promises that He will unite His people once more and bring them back from the captivity they have deserved. They will bless His gathering place, and He will satisfy their needs.

Friday - Psalm 125 Everyone trusts someone, but those who trust in the LORD are truly secure. The LORD even protects them from oppression that might tempt them to turn to evil ways in their own defense (v3).

Saturday - Psalm 119:49-56 The Word of God brings us hope, and hope brings comfort in times of suffering. Therefore His words will occupy our songs (v54) and remind us of His Name in the darkest of nights (v55).



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 138

¹ I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. ³ On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth, ⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. ⁶ For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸ The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. *

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: CHRIST TRIUMPHANT, EVER REIGNING

1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Savior, Master, King! Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

2. Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth! Power and majesty concealing by Your humble birth: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified! Death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

4. Priestly king, enthroned forever high in heaven above! Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

5. So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long, Ceaselessly upon You gazing, this shall be our song: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!

HYMN SPEAK O LORD, THY SERVANT HEARETH

1. Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth, To Thy Word I now give heed; Life and spirit Thy Word beareth, All Thy Word is true indeed. Death's dread power in me is rife; Jesus, may Thy Word of Life Fill my soul with love's strong fervor That I cling to Thee forever.

2. Oh, what blessing to be near Thee And to hearken to Thy voice! May I ever love and fear Thee That Thy Word may be my choice! Oft were hardened sinners, Lord, Struck with terror by Thy Word; But to him who for sin grieveth Comfort sweet and hope it giveth.

3. Lord, Thy words are waters living Where I quench my thirsty need; Lord, Thy words are bread life-giving, On Thy words my Soul doth feed. Lord, Thy words shall be my light Through death's vale and dreary night; Yea, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing.

4. Precious Jesus, I beseech Thee, May Thy words take root in me; May this gift from heaven enrich me So that I bear fruit for Thee! Take them never from my heart Till I see Thee as Thou art, When in heavenly bliss and glory I shall greet Thee and adore Thee.

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HYMN

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

1. My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, and blood Support me in the whelming flood; When every earthly prop gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne! On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand. Amen.