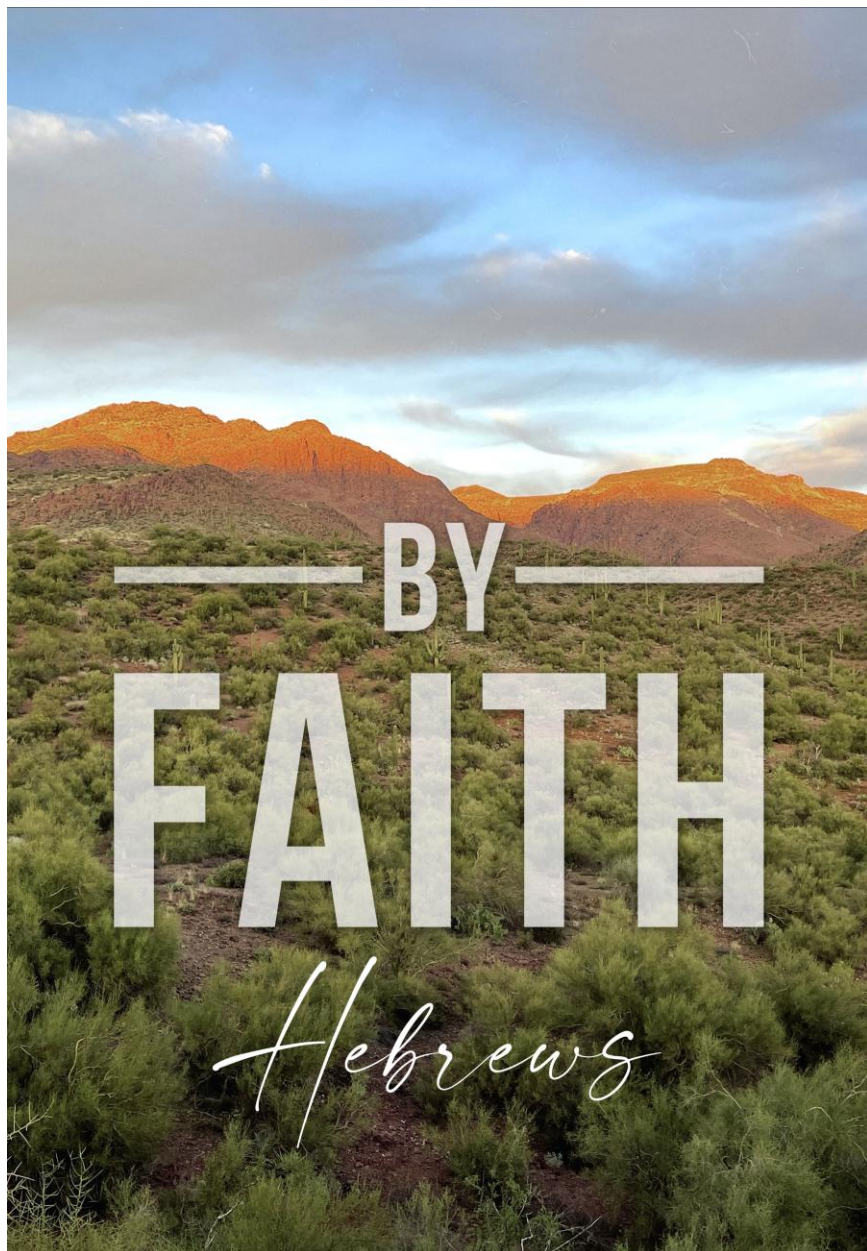




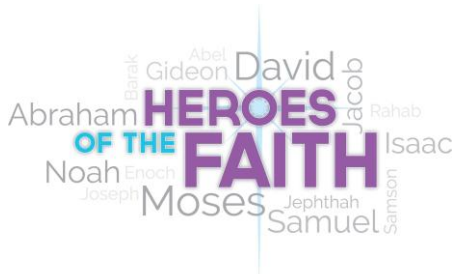
TRINITY EIGHT

Luther Memorial Church July 26, 2026

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 119:49-64 (Pg. 150)

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

HYMNS: 777 342 54

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN:

777 - "Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound"

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.

²² But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

²³ “Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away?

²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.

²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? *

EPISTLE LESSON:

ACTS 16:16-32

¹⁶ As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” ¹⁸ And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. ²⁰ And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. ²¹ They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³ And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely.

²⁴ Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 12:46-50

⁴⁶ While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. ⁴⁸ But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹ And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."*

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: 342 - *“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”*

THE SERMON:

HEBREWS 11:4

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. **

BY FAITH: ABEL

...was accepted by God and His gift.

...’s faith was evidenced by its fruits.

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 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: 54 - *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

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

July 26, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Elders 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: \$73,847.16 toward that budget.

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.

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.

VOLLEYBALL NIGHT!

Since it was so well received, the Mission Committee has scheduled Volleyball Night for the Summer every other Wednesday – July 1, 15, 29 and August 12 and 26th at 6pm. Bring chairs and refreshments and play volleyball or cornhole!

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.



CHURCH PICNIC

The Luther Memorial Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday August 9th after worship at the Buttermilk Park Picnic Shelter. We plan to begin eating at 11am. There will be opportunities for Volleyball, Cornhole and other games for children. Bring a dish to pass and join us.

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

FONDUE FEST

This year's Fondue Fest is scheduled to take place on Saturday September 12th. Our booth theme this year is "Jesus is a Lifesaver." If you would like to help by taking a shift in our Luther Memorial Booth and greeting the public, please speak with Pastor Schaller ASAP.

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.

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.

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 this morning, Sunday July 26th following worship.

FALL MISSION FESTIVAL

Next Sunday Pastor Sam Rodebaugh will be speaking at our Fall Mission Festival. Our Family Fellowship Hour immediately following worship will serve as our Mission Festival Meal. Pastor Rodebaugh will remain for the meal because Living Hope has agreed to have their service at 2pm...with their own meal to follow.

CLC CALL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Vernon, British Columbia to serve as their 3rd Pastor. • St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD has also Called Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran in Vernon, BC. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI has called Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel Jr. to serve as their next pastor. • 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 returned the call of 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 2025	Received as of 7/19/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (49)
\$25,000	\$950.00	\$21,050.00	\$430.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 7/19/26

Attendance: 7/19 – 60 (24 Online) 84

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	School Fund (School)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)
\$2,050.00**	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
ILC Building (Non-Budgetary)	LM Building Fund (Non-Budgetary)			
\$25.00*	\$20.00			

Total Offerings: \$2,525.00

* IMO Norm Mackensen; **\$100 IMO Linda Pierce

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 7/19/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (24 Sundays)
\$120,120.00	\$73,847.16	\$46,272.84	\$1,928.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR JULY 27-AUGUST 1, 2026

Monday – Matthew 7:15-23 False prophets bring a different word than God's prophets bring. Thus, trusting in a false prophets' word produces fruits very different from trusting in God's Word through His prophets.

Tuesday – Matthew 7:24-29 Jesus wants people both to hear and to put His sayings into practice, because in the day of testing, this will be most beneficial for them. His words have an authority which is from above.

Wednesday – Romans 8:13-17 Led by the Spirit, we live as God's own adopted children. We call out to Him as our dear Father, look forward to a glorious inheritance, and put to death the actions of the sinful flesh.

Thursday – Jeremiah 15:19-21 The prophet has questioned God's loving care (v18). He is now called to a change of heart and strengthened with renewed promises. "I am with you to save you...declares the LORD."

Friday – Psalm 126 Remembering how God has restored His people in the past to laughter and shouts of joy leads His people to call to Him now in days of weeping. He will restore His people again!

Saturday – Psalm 119:57-64 Not only are the words and testimonies and precepts of the LORD our great treasure, but the LORD Himself. **He** is ours, and **His** mercy fills the earth! "Teach me **your** statutes" (v64).



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 119:49-64

⁴⁹ Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. ⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life. ⁵¹ The insolent utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from your law. ⁵² When I think of your rules from of old, I take comfort, O Lord. ⁵³ Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked, who forsake your law. ⁵⁴ Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my sojourning. ⁵⁵ I remember your name in the night, O Lord, and keep your law. ⁵⁶ This blessing has fallen to me, that I have kept your precepts.

⁵⁷ The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words. ⁵⁸ I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. ⁵⁹ When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies; ⁶⁰ I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments. ⁶¹ Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law. ⁶² At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous rules. ⁶³ I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts. ⁶⁴ The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes! *

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 AMAZING GRACE – HOW SWEET THE SOUND

1. Amazing grace – how sweet the sound – That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

2. The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

4. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

HYMN: CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE

1. Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me; Died that I might live on high, Lived that I might never die, As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heavens above, Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity. Love that found me--wondrous thought!--Found me when I sought Him not.

3. Jesus only can impart Balm to heal the smitten heart; Peace that flows from sin forgiven, Joy that lifts the soul to heaven; Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

4. Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is All in all to me; All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own. Safe with Him from earthly strife, He sustains the hidden life.

5. O my Savior, help afford By Thy Spirit and Thy Word! When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way; Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

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!

HYMN: **GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH**

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death and hell's Destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee. Amen.