

I will surely return to you about
this time next year, and Sarah
your wife shall have a son.

Genesis 18:10, ESV

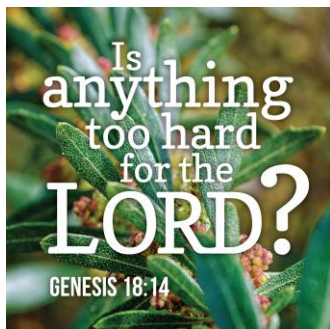


TRINITY THIRTEEN

Luther Memorial Church. . . . August 30, 2026

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 30 (TLH Pg. 129);

PRAYERS: 18 (Pg. 103); **19** (Pg. 103).

HYMNS: 339 360 38

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 339 - *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

INVOCATION

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

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dear Friends in Christ. Let us come to God with an honest heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him to forgive our sins because of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD,

Congregation: and you forgive the guilt of my sin."

P: Almighty God, you are our maker and our redeemer. We fallen sinners confess that we are sinful by birth and have sinned against you in thought, word and action. We come to you for deliverance and in view of your mercy, we seek and humbly ask your undeserved love because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Merciful God, you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for Jesus' sake grant us the forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit, help us to grow in faith and love and in true obedience to Your Word, so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us. It is for Jesus' sake that the Father forgives us all our sins. He also promises that those who believe on Jesus' name are the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. It is written: He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." Lord, grant this faith to all of us.

C: "Amen."

OT LESSON:

ZECHARIAH 7:4-10

⁴Then the word of the Lord of hosts came to me: ⁵"Say to all the people of the land and the priests, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth month and in the seventh, for these seventy years, was it for me that you fasted? ⁶And when you eat and when you drink, do you not eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves? ⁷Were not these the words that the Lord proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous, with her cities around her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited?' "

⁸And the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying, ⁹"Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, ¹⁰do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart." *

EPISTLE LESSON:

1 PETER 2:1-10

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸ and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

MARK 12:41-44

⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” *

♪ Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day, And let Your kingdom flourish; Enlarge Your Church, we pray. O keep our faith from failing; keep hope’s bright star aglow. Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.

♪ Preserve Your Word and preaching, The truth that makes us whole, The mirror of Your glory, The pow’r that saves the soul. Oh, may this living water, This dew of heav’nly grace, Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

THE 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: 360 - *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

SERMON:

HEBREWS 11:11-12

¹¹ By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

THE QUALITIES OF A HERO(INE)

(S)he believes God’s promise because God is faithful
(S)he believes in God’s Savior because God’s Word is True.

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 OFFERTORY

♪ Feed Thy children, God most holy, Comfort sinners poor and lowly; O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food Thou here hast given! As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish Till with saints in heav’nly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.

PRAYER(S) THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

CLOSING HYMN: 38 - *"The Lord, My God, be Praised"*

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

August 30, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Ladies of Luther Memorial 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: \$89,832.53 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 \$ 3,760.00 toward that pledge.

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.

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.

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.

GREAT LAKES PASTORAL CONFERENCE

This year's Great Lakes Pastoral Conference is scheduled to take place September 29-October 1st (Monday-Wednesday) in Fairchild, Wisconsin.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Our Family Fellowship Hour next Sunday is hosted by the Youngerberg and Phillips Families.

BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday Morning Bible Study resumes in two weeks on Sunday September 13th at 9am. We will pick up our Study of a Harmony of the Gospels the first two weeks of each month. We also plan to have a series of practical Bible Studies the 3rd Sunday and a Mission Bible Study on the 4th Sunday of each month. Join us as we grow in our faith in the Savior.

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.



CLC WOMEN'S RETREAT WEST

We currently have nearly 80 women from 22 different CLC congregations registered to attend the Women's Retreat in Oacoma, SD, the weekend of September 18th. If you would like to join us, please register by Friday, September 4th. Information can be found at <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/> or on the flier in the entryway. (if applicable)

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Join us in celebrating 50 years of God's grace in our Christian day school on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley, MN. We'll gather for a special anniversary worship service with Grace alumni Pastor Neal Radichel as our guest preacher, followed by a potluck picnic, a memory-filled slideshow, and joyful fellowship. All students, alumni, families, staff, church members, and friends are warmly invited as we give thanks for God's faithfulness across generations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S MEETING

The 2026-27 Sunday School Teachers will meet briefly after worship this morning, Sunday August 30th in the Conference Room.

PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS IN NEPAL

There was a massive flash flood in the Rasuwa District of Nepal near the Tibet border today...the HCLCN has congregations in the area with several members affected. Raju has been in contact with a few of the pastors there. He and his brother are heading there soon to see what they can do to help. Please keep them in your prayers!

CLC WORLD MISSIONS PRAYER LIST – AUGUST 2026

Myanmar (South Asia) – Pastor Kham reports that Khawlvung, the orphan girl he and his wife care for, is tolerating the chemotherapy for ovarian cancer well and she has recovered from the surgery. She has six more months of treatment. ... Please pray for the Lord's blessings on the treatments Khawlvung is receiving and for those who are caring for her.

India (South Asia) – On August 1st, our brother in Christ, Pastor Raju, the oldest brother of Pastor Jyothi suffered a heart-attack. Pastor Raju serves as a district chairman for the CLCI. By the grace of God, a Kinship medical aid grant was quickly approved and sent so that necessary medical care could be administered. The surgery was successful and he will be discharged from the hospital soon. ... Thank the Lord for providing all that was and is necessary to restore Pastor Raju back to good health. Ask for His continued blessings on the recovery and rehabilitation regimen so that Pastor Raju can return to his work among the sheep of our Savior's CLCI flock.

Liberia (West Africa) – Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu underwent an emergency appendectomy on August 5th. The Lord blessed the surgery, and he hopes to be discharged from the hospital on August 11th. He was preparing to depart for a Pastor Training Seminar in Bopolu when he was in too much pain to travel. ... Thank the Lord for the quick diagnosis and successful surgery. Ask the Lord to bless his recovery so Pastor Kwiwalazu can return to his Kingdom work and reschedule the Bible training seminars.

Democratic Republic of the Congo (Central Africa) – The CLC Board of Missions recently approved a recommendation to relocate Missionary Peter Evensen from Togo to the DR Congo. Having served for the past seven years in Togo, honing his French skills and translating the Online Theological Studies (OTS) curriculum, it has long been the plan for Missionary Evensen to use his French skills to assist Pastor Lumbala and the CCLC in DRC to further develop their pastor training program and incorporate the OTS courses into their curriculum. ... Pray that the Lord will bless all that is necessary for this move to take place in early 2027.

Nepal (South Asia) – The HCLCN recently held their annual General Pastor Conference and Himalayan Bible Institute (HBI) Alumni gathering. Thirty-four pastors, evangelists, and church leaders attended the three-day conference. <> Fifteen HBI students are scheduled to attend classes following the conference.

<> Outreach efforts are on hold during the monsoon season, but plans are in place to conduct evangelism to unreached areas of Nepal once the rains have subsided. <> The congregation in Kathmandu has received a one-year extension on their lease so they will have more time to find a new place to worship ... Thank the Lord for safe travels and His blessings on the study of His word at the recent conference. ... Pray for the Lord's wisdom, guidance, and provision as they seek a new place to worship. ... Ask the Lord to bless the outreach efforts to bring the Gospel to the unreached areas of Nepal.

Bangladesh (South Asia) – The Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) has completed a new multipurpose building with support from a CLC-Mission Development Fund grant. The dedication of the worship space, classroom, dormitory rooms, library, office, and residence is planned for mid-October during Missionary Ohlmann's annual visit. A four-day Bible training seminar, congregational visits, and planning discussions for opening a Bible Institute are also scheduled. <> Pastor Monotosh reports that the government is debating new laws to regulate religious organizations. Although Bangladesh identifies Islam as the official state religion, it has long described itself as "secular" in official documents. Proposed changes would replace "secularism" with terms such as equality, human dignity, social justice, religious freedom, and harmony. While supporters say this will protect minority religions, Christians are concerned the government may begin regulating Christian activities as it already does Islamic madrassahs and clergy. ... Thank the Lord for the completion of the BLCM building and ask His blessings on the upcoming dedication and Bible seminar. ... Pray for His guidance in establishing the new Bible Institute and for wisdom for lawmakers as they implement new regulations affecting His flock in Bangladesh.

Togo (West Africa) – Pastor Kossi Blewu's weekly Bible Study radio program in a rural area north of Lomé has led to several new contacts. Missionary Evensen and Pastor Blewu are working on an introductory training program for several independent pastors who heard the radio program and have asked for more information about joining the EELC. They are also starting monthly meetings to strengthen the current EELC pastors. ... Pray for the Lord's blessings on these efforts to proclaim the truth of God's word and to strengthen and further establish the Gospel ministry of the EELC in Togo before Missionary Evensen moves to the DR Congo in early 2027.

...to be continued.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor David Reim has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. • Pastor David Reim has also returned the call of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI has called Pastor Thomas Schuetze who serves St. Paul Lutheran in Lakewood (Denver) CO. • Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI. has called Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ has called Pastor Chad Seybt of the Western Wisconsin Quad Parish • Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND, has returned the call of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Austin, MN.

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 8/23/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (44)
\$25,000	\$3,760.00	\$21,240.00	\$483.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 8/23/26

Attendance: 8/23 – 58 (13 Online) 71

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	LM Student Aid Fund (Non-Budgetary)	General School Fund (School)	
\$1,925.00	\$560.00	\$20.00	\$100.00	
Total Offerings: \$2,605.00				

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 8/23/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (19 Sundays)
\$120,120.00	\$89,832.53	\$30,287.47	\$1,594.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS – AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

Monday – Luke 10:23-37 Jesus shows a law expert that his own doings will not gain eternal life. His attempt to justify himself asks “Who is my neighbor?” when the question should be “To whom can I be a neighbor?”

Tuesday – Galatians 3:15-22 The promise of salvation in the Christ was given long before the Mosaic law was added to reveal transgressions until the promised Savior had come. Faith in Jesus Christ brings salvation.

Wednesday - Leviticus 18:1-5 Loving God with all one’s heart and soul and strength means not following the religions of the Egyptians behind them or the Canaanites ahead of them on the Israelites’ journey home.

Thursday - Psalm 84:1-7 We long for the house of the LORD, not because of its construction materials, but because the LORD is there, the God who takes care of even the small sparrow and brings us to Himself!

Friday – Psalm 84:8-12 O LORD, hear us, look upon us, and bring us into Your presence. God blesses us with light and warmth like the sun, and shields us from harm. How blessed is everyone who trusts in Him!

Saturday – Psalm 119:97-104 The LORD’s Word makes us wiser than our enemies, wiser than our teachers, more understanding than the elders. Keeping to His words gives sweet blessing and guidance for our daily walk.



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 30

¹ I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. ² O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. ³ O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

⁴ Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. ⁵ For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." ⁷ By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸ To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: ⁹ "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?" ¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

¹¹ You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, ¹² that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever! *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR THE CHURCH IN ITS CONFLICTS Almighty and everlasting God, who would have all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior that you would impart the grace and help of Your Holy Spirit to all ministers of Your Word so that they may teach it to the salvation of all people. Bring to nothing by Your power and wisdom all the plans of those who hate Your Word and who, by corrupt teaching or with violent hands, would destroy it and enlighten them with the knowledge of Your glory, that we, leading a quiet and peaceable life, may by a pure faith learn the riches of Your heavenly grace and in holiness and righteousness serve You the only true God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose property it is always to have mercy, we most earnestly pray that You would visit with Your fatherly correction all such as have erred and gone astray from the truth of Your holy Word and to bring them to a due sense of their error that they may again with hearty faith receive, and hold fast, Thine unchangeable truth; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.

2. Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call; Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.

3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the Fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

4. Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call, The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall, Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

6. Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

7. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

LITURGICAL HYMN: PRESERVE YOUR WORD, O SAVIOR

♪ Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day, And let Your kingdom flourish; Enlarge Your Church, we pray. O keep our faith from failing; keep hope's bright star aglow. Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.

♪ Preserve Your Word and preaching, The truth that makes us whole, The mirror of Your glory, The pow'r that saves the soul. Oh, may this living water, This dew of heav'nly grace, Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.

HYMN: OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.

3. Jesus!--the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.
5. Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race, Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.
6. See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain; His soul was once an offering made For every soul of man.
7. Glory to God and praise and love Be ever, ever given By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heaven.

HYMN

THE LORD, MY GOD, BE PRAISED

1. The Lord, my God, be praised, My Light, my Life from heaven; My Maker, who to me Hath soul and body given; My father, who doth shield And keep me day by day, Doth make each moment yield New Blessings on my way.
2. The Lord, my God, be praised, My Trust, my Life from heaven, The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given; Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood, Who giveth me by faith The highest heavenly good.
3. The Lord, my God, be praised, My Hope, my Life from heaven, The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me hath given, 'Tis He revives my heart, 'Tis He that gives me power, Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.
4. The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, who ever liveth, To whom the heavenly host All praise and honor giveth. The Lord, my God be praised, In whose great name I boast, God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.
5. To Him with joyful song Our praises we are bringing And with the angel throng Thrice "Holy" we are singing. With one united voice The Church doth Him adore, The Lord, my God, be praised Now and forevermore. Amen.