



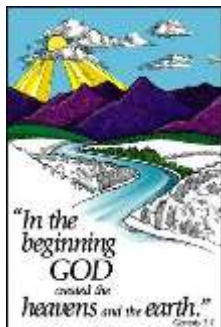
TRINITY SEVENTEEN

Luther Memorial Church. . . . September 27, 2026

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Bible Study/Sunday School 9am

Divine Worship. 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 30 (TLH Pg. 129);

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

HYMNS: 28 15 30

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 28 - *"Now Let All Loudly Sing Praise"*

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:

ECCLESIASTIES 5:1-7

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. ² Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few. ³ For a dream comes with much business, and a fool's voice with many words. ⁴ When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. ⁵ It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. ⁶ Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands? ⁷ For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

HEBREWS 4:9-13

⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 12:1-8

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ² But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.” ³ He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: ⁴ how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? ⁵ Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? ⁶ I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. ⁷ And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸ For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.” *

♪ **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: 15 - *"From All that Dwell below the Skies"*

SERMON:

EXODUS 20:11

¹¹For *in* six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.**

THE LIES OF SATAN

#3 – "Science has proven that this world evolved by chance."

GOD: "WHAT PART OF CREATED DON'T YOU GET?"

Six Days...Heavens and Earth...All that is in them.

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: 30 - "Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices"

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

September 27, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Ladies of Luther Memorial 6pm

Sunday: LM BC/SS – 9am; Worship – 10am;

LH Worship 12:30pm; BC/SS 1:45pm.

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: \$ 99,232.53 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 \$ 4,710.00 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.

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

The 2026 Great Lakes Pastoral Conference is scheduled to take place this week, September 29-October 1st and is hosted by Morning Star Lutheran Church in Fairchild, Wisconsin. Pastor Schaller is the Chaplain, Paul Agenten is the Speaker. The following topics will be discussed by paper and discussion: Romans 8:18ff, Artificial Intelligence, Dealing with Rumor and Gossip, Carnal Christianity.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Our Family Fellowship Hour next Sunday is hosted by the Stubbs Family.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S MEETING

The Sunday School Teachers will meet briefly after worship this morning, Sunday September 27th in the Conference Room.

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

*The Mission Committee is excited to introduce **Instant Church Directory**, an easy and convenient way for our church family to stay connected. With Instant Church Directory, you'll be able to 1) View our church directory from your computer or mobile device, 2) Easily find names and contact information for fellow church members, 3) Put faces with names through member photos, 4) Keep up with directory information as it is updated, 5) Access the directory through a secure, private system available to our church family.*

This is NOT SOCIAL MEDIA. We understand the importance of protecting personal information. Instant Church Directory is a private, password-protected directory intended only for members of our church. The directory is NOT a public website and access is limited only to specific individuals verified by our church.

Interested? You will need to provide an e-mail address before you can log in. Your e-mail address helps to identify your account and provides a secure way to access the directory. If you are interested, please provide an e-mail address and you will be sent directions how to log in.

LIES OF SATAN

JESUS said of the Devil (John 8:44b):

"He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."

Therefore, if we are to be on guard against the enemy (cf. 1 Peter 5:8–11), then we must recognize the lies that he uses with great success, and cling instead to the Truth of Scripture.



DATE

THE LIE

9/27

"SCIENCE HAS PROVED EVOLUTION IS TRUE."

10/4

"GOD WANTS YOU TO BE HAPPY...SO..."

10/11

"WE CAN'T REALLY KNOW THE TRUTH."

10/18

"WE NEED TIME AWAY FROM CHURCH."

10/25

"THERE IS MORE THAN ONE WAY TO HEAVEN."

11/1

"JUDGE NOT..."

11/8

"IF YOU ARE A GOOD PERSON, YOU'LL GET TO HEAVEN."

CLC Financial Report - August 2026

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2026	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 2 Months	Balance 8/31/2026
General Fund	0	254,588	225,252	232,320	(20,854)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	360,474	258,081	301,186	102,423
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (iF)	44,576	4,602	0		49,178
ILC Building Projects	2,605,801	405,515	25,863		2,985,463
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	214,363	39,817	32,938		221,242
Kinship	167,226	34,270	35,569		155,937
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,483,069	101,075	8,512		2,585,632
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	113,134	25,055	40,226		97,963
EduK8 Fund	111,312	5,068	55,565		60,815
Reserve Fund	143,591	690	0		144,281
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,893,072	\$606,082	\$198,453		\$6,300,711

General Fund – After two months the balance in the fund is about \$20,000 in the hole. This is very similar to where we were at on August 31 each of the last two years.

ILC Operations – The balance is positive but about \$10,000 behind the balance one year ago.

ILC Building Projects – A little more than \$25,000 was paid to the architect for additional work on building plans for the new gymnasium.

EduK8 Fund – A total of just over \$55,000 was sent in the last two months to assist two different existing schools who have been blessed by the Lord with growth in their classrooms.

Other Auxiliary Funds – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

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CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran in Dallas, TX has returned the call of Gift of God Lutheran in Mapleton (Fargo), ND and St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN. • St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD, has called Pastor Frank Gantt who currently serves Zion Ev. Lutheran in Loganville, GA and Faith Lutheran in Manchester (St. Louis) MO. • Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI has called Pastor Paul Krause who currently serves Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Watertown, SD and Zion Ev. Lutheran in Hidewood Township, SD. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ has called Pastor Zachary Sippert who currently serves Grace Ev. Lutheran Church in Sleepy Eye, MN • Pastor Aaron Ude has returned the call of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Austin, MN. • Pastor Tim Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Hecla, SD, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church in Aberdeen and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bowdle, SD, has been called by the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to Mexico. • Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has been called by the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India.

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 9/20/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (40)
\$25,000	\$4,710.00	\$20,290.00	\$507.25

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 9/20/26

Attendance: 9/20 – (21 Online)

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	Kinship (Missions)	LM Student Aid Fund (Non-Budgetary)	M & I Fund (Non-Budgetary)
\$1,895.00	\$170.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$50.00
Total Offerings: \$2,155.00				

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 9/20/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (15 Sundays)
\$120,120.00	\$99,232.53	\$20,887.47	\$1,392.00

HOME DEVOTIONS –SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 3, 2026

Monday – Luke 14:1-11 Pharisees watch Jesus to see if He will try to help a suffering man and break one of the rules that they had made to exalt themselves. Jesus helps the man and warns against self-exaltation.

Tuesday – Ephesians 4:1-6 Paul calls upon believers to walk humbly, to bear with one another in love, and to make every effort to maintain the unity which God the Holy Spirit has created among them.

Wednesday - 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hannah has formally dedicated her young son to the LORD. She sings thanks, both for a son, and for a God who blesses His humble people. Mary echoes some of her thoughts in Luke 1:46ff.

Thursday – Psalm 56 When David is pursued or ambushed or surrounded by enemies, he turns in trust to God. He looks forward to bringing his thank-offering, to walking before God in the light of life (v13).

Friday – Jude 20-25 Jude closes his letter by encouraging the believers to grow in faith and love, showing mercy toward those who need it. To God, who can keep us from stumbling, be all glory, majesty, and power!

Saturday - Psalm 119:129-136 The testimonies of God are a special gift that give understanding and grace. By them our walk in life is kept steady. It is a special favor of God (face shine = smile) to be taught His statutes.



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 75

¹ We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.

² “At the set time that I appoint I will judge with equity. ³ When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants, it is I who keep steady its pillars.

⁴ I say to the boastful, ‘Do not boast,’ and to the wicked, ‘Do not lift up your horn; ⁵ do not lift up your horn on high, or speak with haughty neck.’ ”

⁶ For not from the east or from the west and not from the wilderness comes lifting up, ⁷ but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another. ⁸ For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.

⁹ But I will declare it forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

¹⁰ All the horns of the wicked I will cut off, but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up. *

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: NOW LET ALL LOUDLY SING PRAISE

1. Now let all loudly Sing praise to God the Lord; Christendom, proudly Laud Him with one accord. Gently He bids thee come before Him; Haste, then, O Israel, now adore Him. Haste, then, O Israel, now adore Him.

2. For the Lord reigneth Over the universe, All He sustaineth, All things His praise rehearse, The angel host His glory telling, Psalter and harp are the anthem swelling. Psalter and harp are the anthem swelling.

3. Come, heathen races, Cast off all grief and care, For pleasant places Your Savior doth prepare Where His blest Word abroad is sounded, Pardon for sinners and grace unbounded. Pardon for sinners and grace unbounded.

4. Richly He feeds us Always and everywhere; Gently He leads us With a true father's care; The late and early rains He sends us, Daily His blessing, His love, attends us. Daily His blessing, His love, attends us.

5. Sing we His praises Who is thus merciful; Christendom raises Songs to His glorious rule. Rejoice! No foe shall now alarm us; He will protect us, and who can harm us? He will protect us, and who can harm us?

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.

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HYMN: FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

1. From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through every land, by every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word: Alleluia! Alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

HYMN

OH, THAT I HAD A THOUSAND VOICES

1. Oh that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs To all, wherever I might be, What great things God hath done for me.

2. O all ye powers that He implanted, Arise, and silence keep no more; Put forth the strength that He hath granted, Your noblest work is to adore. O soul and body, be ye meet With heartfelt praise your Lord to greet!

3. Ye forest leaves so green and tender, That dance for joy in summer air; Ye meadow grasses, bright and slender; Ye flowers so wondrous sweet and fair; Ye live to show His praise alone, With me now make His glory known.

4. All creatures that have breath and motion, That throng the earth, the sea, the sky, Now join me in my heart's devotion, Help me to raise His praises high, My utmost powers can ne'er aright Declare the wonders of His might.

5. Lord, I will tell, while I am living, Thy goodness forth with every breath And greet each morning with thanksgiving Until my heart is still in death; Yea, when at last my lips grow cold, Thy praise shall in my sighs be told.

6. O Father, deign Thou, I beseech Thee, To listen to my earthly lays; A nobler strain in heaven shall reach Thee, When I with angels hymn Thy praise And learn amid their choirs to sing Loud hallelujahs to my King. Amen.