

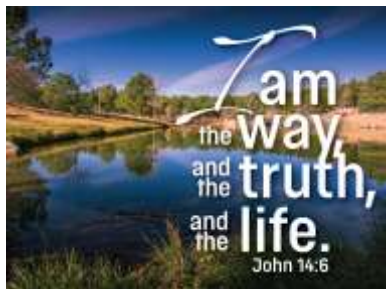


TRINITY TWENTY-ONE

Luther Memorial Church. . . . October 25, 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: 75 (TLH Pg. 139);

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

HYMNS: 798 355 784

OPENING PRAYER

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

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:

EZEKIEL 13:17-23

¹⁷ "And you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own hearts. Prophecy against them ¹⁸ and say, Thus says the Lord God: Woe to the women who sew magic bands upon all wrists, and make veils for the heads of persons of every stature, in the hunt for souls! Will you hunt down souls belonging to my people and keep your own souls alive? ¹⁹ You have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, putting to death souls who should not die and keeping alive souls who should not live, by your lying to my people, who listen to lies.

²⁰ "Therefore thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against your magic bands with which you hunt the souls like birds, and I will tear them from your arms, and I will let the souls whom you hunt go free, the souls like birds. ²¹ Your veils also I will tear off and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand as prey, and you shall know that I am the Lord.

²² Because you have disheartened the righteous falsely, although I have not grieved him, and you have encouraged the wicked, that he should not turn from his evil way to save his life, ²³ therefore you shall no more see false visions nor practice divination. I will deliver my people out of your hand. And you shall know that I am the Lord." *

EPISTLE LESSON:**1 CORINTHIANS 3:11-23**

¹¹For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," ²⁰and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." ²¹So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, ²³and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.*

GOSPEL LESSON:**JOHN 2:13-17**

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." *

♪ 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: 355 - *"Thou Art the Way; To Thee Alone"*

SERMON: JOHN 14:6

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

THE LIES OF SATAN

#7 – "There is more than one way to heaven."

ONE WAY TO HEAVEN...MANY WAYS TO HELL

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.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Our Family Fellowship Hour next Sunday is hosted by the Eserhut 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 October 25th 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.

SAVE THE DATE – ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

*The ladies of Luther Memorial Church warmly invite you to Advent by Candlelight on **Sunday, December 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.** Join us as we reflect on the Good News proclaimed through the birth of our Savior, the Great Joy we receive through the Gospel message, and the beautiful reminder that this Good News is for All People! We look forward to sharing this special afternoon of faith, fellowship, and the light of Christ with you!*

LADIES OF LUTHER MEMORIAL ORPHAN

The Ladies of Luther Memorial support an Orphan through Project Kinship. The cost is about \$300 per year. They have now received \$305 to support that orphan.

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE – LIVING HOPE

Living Hope in Appleton are next up in the rotation for the Joint Reformation Service and have agreed to host that service this afternoon, October 25th at 4pm. Please consider making the short 45-minute trip up to 3100 East Calumet Street in two weeks also as a way of encouraging the congregation. There will a meal following the service.

CLC WORLD MISSION PRAYER LIST – OCTOBER 2026

***Tanzania (East Africa)** — Pray for the theological education of the twelve students attending Wittenberg Seminary. ... Ask our Savior to prepare them for service in His kingdom, so that they will be ready to preach and teach Christ crucified in their ministries. ... Ask for God's blessings on efforts complete the process of government certification of both the church body and the seminary, so that the students from Kenya will not be hindered from attending because of visa complications.*

***Kenya (East Africa)** – Missionary Naumann and his wife, Paula, recently completed a visit to Kenya in September. He met with the leaders of both Kinship supported schools and KCLC leadership. He also met with several independent pastors who are interested in fellowship with the CLC ... Pray for the expansion of the KCLC through efforts to reach doctrinal agreement and fellowship with a number of new pastors and congregations in the Kitale area. ... Pray that the students of St. David's Academy in Etago and Emmaus School in Moi's Bridge will be blessed through instruction in the Word of God.*

***Uganda (East Africa)** – Pray for the Lord's blessings and provision for the pastors of the CCRU, as they face challenges in their ministry due to tighter restrictions on religious institutions by the Ugandan government. ... Ask God to bless their studies through the Online Theological Studies (OTS) with Missionary Naumann, so that they can be better equipped to serve their congregations and fulfill government requirements to qualify as "genuine" pastors.*

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Nepal (South Asia) – As reported in late August, a catastrophic flash flood hit north-central Nepal on August 26 bringing 1,500 confirmed deaths and 5,300 still unaccounted for. Fifteen HCLCN families were affected with twenty-eight confirmed deaths and many more displaced and missing. In the past several weeks two other major floods have hit Nepal. The most recent on October 11th affecting one HCLCN congregation. The CLC Board of Missions approved a Kinship Disaster Relief Aid grant to assist with the re-building of 10-15 houses and provide basic health, nutrition, clothing, and household needs. <> The Nepali government has begun ramping up efforts to crackdown on the spread of Christianity. **Pray** for the Lord's protection and provision for those affected by the recent landslides and floods **Ask for God's blessings** as Pastor Raju and his brother Rajan continue to travel to flood affected areas to oversee the distribution of Kinship aid. ... Pray for the Lord's protection and blessings on the Gospel ministry of the HCLCN as persecution increases. **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 featuring worship space, dormitories, a library, and offices. Supported by a CLC-Mission Development Fund grant, the facility will be dedicated on October 16 with Missionary Ohlmann assisting during his visit. Missionary Ohlmann will also conduct a 5-day pastor training seminar, make congregational visits, and discuss plans to launch the newly established Bible Institute of the BLCM. <> Pastor Monotosh reports that proposed government regulations shifting from "secularism" toward new religious oversight have raised concerns among local Christians.

Thank the Lord for the completed building and pray for His blessings on the dedication, the 5-day seminar, the establishment of the Bible Institute and Pastor Training program, and wisdom for lawmakers implementing new regulations.

Liberia (West Africa) – Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu is busy organizing an LCLC conference for November when Missionary Ohlmann will be visiting. **Ask** for the Lord's wisdom and guidance on the planning for the conference.

India (South Asia) – With an MDF grant, the BELC has begun a major building project to add a large classroom, dormitory, and library, and offices for the BELC and Martin Lutheran Bible Institute where twenty-five men study for the ministry. ... Thank the Lord for providing for this project and ask for His continued blessings on the construction over the next several months.

Pakistan (Asia) – Pastor David Reim of the CLC Board of Missions is currently conducting an online colloquy. Pastor Tim Daub, Pastor David
The Philippines (Asian Pacific) – Heavy monsoon rains, lasting longer than in typical, have hampered travel and outreach in the Cordillera mountains where the Lutheran Autonomous Mission (LAMP) of the Philippines has two congregations and one preaching station. Property has been destroyed and travel has become dangerous. ... Pray for the Lord's protection and blessings for the members of the LAMP as they endure severe monsoon conditions.

Zambia (Central Africa) – The Zambia-CLC has recently begun monthly pastor, evangelist, and church leader training seminars in three districts to further strengthen the ministry, outreach, and leadership of local ZCLC congregations and preaching stations. ... Thank the Lord for opportunities and renewed zeal to spread the Gospel and to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ in their ministries and to bless the Gospel message they preach.

Missionary Peter Evensen (Togo, West Africa) – Missionary Evensen recently returned to Lomé, Togo following a visit to the U.S. to attend the CLC convention, relax, see friends and family, and attend necessary appointments. He will be spending the next several months preparing Togo church leaders to take the reins as he gets ready to move to the DR Congo in early 2027. ... Thank the Lord for providing this faithful missionary and for the language skills he has been given to help prepare faithful preachers for service in Togo. You can see his online pictures <https://bit.ly/petertogo>.

Missionary Bruce Naumann (Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda-East Africa) – Ask our Lord to give patience and endurance to Missionary Naumann and his wife Paula as they continue to serve in, Tanzania and work through the detailed and sometimes frustrating immigration process necessary for them to continue to stay and work in Tanzania. ... Pray for God's blessings on their upcoming, 2-week visitation to Kenya to strengthen our sister churches there. <> You can see the latest news and photos of their work and daily lives at clc-tz.blogspot.com

to be completed...

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

The Voters of Luther Memorial will meet this morning following worship in the fellowship hall.

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.



TAKE UP THE
SHIELD OF FAITH
WITH WHICH
YOU WILL BE
ABLE TO QUENCH
ALL THE FIERY DARTS
OF THE EVIL ONE

DATE

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THE LIE

"THERE IS MORE THAN ONE WAY TO HEAVEN."

"JUDGE NOT..."

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

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Frank Gantt has returned the call of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD. • 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 Neal Radichel, who currently serves Messiah Lutheran, EC, WI • Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call of the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India. • Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND and St. Paul's in Ponsford, MN, have called Pastor Michael Wilke, who currently serves Gethsemane in Saginaw, MI. • Missionary Todd Ohlmann has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran in EC, WI.

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 10/18/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (36)
\$25,000	\$5,950.00	\$19,050.00	\$529.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 10/18/26

Attendance: 10/18 – 59 (35 Online) 94

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	LM Ladies Orphan (Missions)	General School Fund (Non-Budgetary)
\$1,531.00	\$185.00	\$145.00	\$100.00
Total Offerings: \$1,961.00			

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 10/18/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (10 Sundays)
\$120,120.00	\$107,606.53	\$12,513.47	\$1,251.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS – OCTOBER 26-31, 2026

Monday - John 4:46-54 Jesus' compassion extends far beyond healing. He is most interested that people should believe His Word (v48,50,53). The official returns home in faith, his son lives, his whole family believes!

Tuesday - Ephesians 6:10-17 How shall we be protected? By truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the word of God. This is the full armor of God which enables us to stand on the evil day.

Wednesday - Hosea 13:14 After showing how His people have forsaken Him, God calls them to believing repentance with the promise of ransom and redemption. With Him they will overcome Death and Grave!

Thursday - Psalm 31:1-8 David took refuge in the Lord and found deliverance in His righteousness. David's Lord remembered these words (v5) as He hung on the cross (Luke 24:36) and repeated them as He saved us.

Friday - Psalm 119:161-168 Persecution may come from those in high places, but the believer holds God's Word in even higher esteem. He hates falsehood because he loves the truth, which brings salvation.

Saturday - John 8:31-32 Reformation Day – a time to thank God for keeping Martin Luther in God's Word. From that Word he learned the truth about God's forgiveness in Christ, and freedom from condemnation.



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 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

⁸Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. ¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah* *

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:

GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

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

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

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

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

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:

THOU ART THE WAY; TO THEE ALONE

1. Thou art the Way; to Thee alone From sin and death we flee; And he who would the Father seek Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

2. Thou art the Truth; Thy Word alone True wisdom can impart; Thou only canst inform the mind And purify the heart.

3. Thou art the Life; the rending tomb Proclaims Thy conquering arm; And those who put their trust in Thee Nor death nor hell shall harm.

4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life; Grant us that Way to know, That Truth to keep, that life Life to win, Whose joys eternal flow.

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

LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME

1. Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way; Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day. Without Your grace and favor I go astray; So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

2. Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear; For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near. Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe, For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come, I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home, And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend! So take my hand and lead me Unto the end. Amen.