

TRINITY TWENTY-THREE

Luther Memorial Church. . . . . November 8, 2026

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Bible Study . . . 9am
Worship 10am
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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 32 (TLH Pg. 130);
PRAYERS: 77 (Pg. 109); **70** (Pg. 109).
HYMNS: 375 295 372

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 375 - *"If Thy Beloved Son, O God"*

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Setting One, WS. Pg. 1-11)

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

Pastor: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
Congregation: Almighty God, our maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore , as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

C: ♫ Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

C: ♫ Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.

♫ Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OT LESSON: JOB 14:1-5

"Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble. **2** He comes out like a flower and withers; he flees like a shadow and continues not. **3** And do you open your eyes on such a one and bring me into judgment with you? **4** Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? There is not one. **5** Since his days are determined, and the number of his months is with you, and you have appointed his limits that he cannot pass…*

EPISTLE LESSON: HEBREWS 10:32-39

32 But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, **33** sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. **34** For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. **35** Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. **36** For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. **37** For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; **38** but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."

39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.*

GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 5:19-29

19 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. 21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. 22 For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

25 "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. 27 And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.*

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: THE NICENE CREED (WS. Pg. 5)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: 295 - *"The Law of God is Good and Wise"*

THE SERMON: ROMANS 3:9-24

9 What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. 10 As it is written:

"There is none righteous, no, not one; 11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." 13"Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips"; 14 "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." 15"Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways; 17And the way of peace they have not known." 18"There is no fear of God before their eyes."

[19] Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. [20] Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

[21] But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, [22] even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. **

THE LIES OF SATAN

#9 – If you are a good person, you'll get to heaven.

GOODNESS IN GOD'S SIGHT

NO ONE is good in God's sight by virtue of their goodness.
ONLY those who trust in Christ are declared good.

THE OFFERTORY

♫ Create in me a clean heart, O God, 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 me with Your free Spirit.

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. These gifts are NOT collected during worship but placed in the rear of the sanctuary at the beginning of worship.

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: CONGREGATION: (Spoken) "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 372 - *"Through Jesus' Blood and Merit"*

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. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's Word. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with an usher on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 8, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Confirmation 3-4pm; LM Council 6pm
Wednesday: Woodlands Services 10am, 10:30am;
LH Confirmation Class 4:00pm
Sunday: LM Bible Study 9am; LM Worship 10am;
LH Worship 12:30pm; LH Bible Study 1:30pm

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: $ 113,031.53 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 $ 6,535.00 toward that pledge.

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.

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.

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! To register: https://canva.link/4htpsrrtwb8v1ya*

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Our Thanksgiving Eve Service at Luther Memorial is scheduled for Wednesday, November 25th at 6pm. Join us on the eve of Thanksgiving Day to glorify God for all of His gifts to us.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Our Midweek Advent Services this year begin the Wednesday after Thanksgiving on December 2nd at 6pm. We prepare for the celebration of the 1st Coming of the Lord on December 2nd, 9th and 16th.

CHRISTMAS PRACTICES

Our Christmas Practices will be at 9am on the first three Sundays in December (6, 13, 20) to prepare for the Christmas Eve Service on Thursday December 24th at 6pm. Since our practice precedes worship, we ask that students be a little early, no later than 9am.

UPCOMING ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- *Wednesday November 25th 6pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship*
- *Sunday November 29, 10am – Advent One*
- *Wednesday December 2nd 6pm – Midweek Advent Worship #1*
- *Sunday December 6th 10am – Advent Two*
- *Wednesday December 9th 6pm – Midweek Advent Worship #2*
- *Sunday December 13th 10am – Advent Three*
- *Wednesday December 16th 6pm – Midweek Advent Worship #3*
- *Sunday December 20th 10am – Advent Four*
- *Thursday December 24th 6pm – Christmas Eve Worship*
- *Friday December 25th 10am – Christmas Day Worship*
- *Sunday December 27th 10am – Sunday after Christmas*
- *Thursday December 31st – 6pm New Year's Eve Communion Service*


Advent
by Candlelight
DECEMBER 6, 2026
3:00 PM
Luther Memorial Church
134 21st Street, Fond du Lac
RSVP here

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Frank Gantt has returned the call of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD. ● Pastor Paul Krause has accepted the call of Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI. • Pastor Neal Radichel has returned the call of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ. ● 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. • Pastor Michael Wilke has returned the call of Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND and St. Paul's in Ponsford, MN.• 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 11/1/26***	***Amount Remaining***	***Approximate per Sunday*** *(34)*
$25,000	*$6,535.00*	*$18,465.00*	*$543.00*

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 10/4/26

Attendance: 11/1 – 69 (Online - 22) - 91

General Fund ***(Budgetary)***	***General Missions (CBP)***	***MDF*** ***(Missions)***	***Kinship*** ***(Missions)***	***ILC SAF*** ***(Missions)***
$3,035.00	*$100.00*	*$160.00**	*$100.00*	*$50.00*
LM Building Fund *(Non-Budgetary)*	***M & I Fund*** *(Non-Budgetary)*	***ILC Building Fund*** *(Missions)*		
$20.00	*$1,010.00*	*$100.00*		

Total Offerings: $4,575.00

**$10 In Memory of Wendy Holz.*

Luther Memorial General Budget 2026

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the General Fund Budget at the Annual Meeting January 18, 2026. The fiscal year is from January 1 – December 31, 2026.

General Budget	***Received as of 10/4/26***	***Amount Remaining***	***Remaining Amount*** *(8 Sundays)*
$120,120.00	*$113,031.53*	*$7,088.47*	*$886.00*

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 9-14, 2026

Monday – Matthew 22:15-22 The Pharisees set a trap for Jesus by pitting God against the ruling government. Which should we serve? Jesus' answer: Give Caesar what you owe him AND give God the love you owe Him.

Tuesday – Philippians 3:17-21 Paul urges believers not to live like the enemies of the cross, but rather to live as citizens of heaven, who are eagerly awaiting the glorious return of their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Wednesday – Isaiah 32:1-8 A king who will reign in righteousness reminds us of the Messiah, who is our Shelter and Refuge, Shade and Refreshment. In His Kingdom, His people walk not as fools, but walk in the truth.

Thursday – Psalm 31:17-24 Though David is beset by lying lips (v18), his trust is in the LORD to deliver him. He looks to the LORD to hide him from the schemes of men (v20). When he feels alone (v22), God still hears him.

Friday – Psalm 124 Without the LORD, those against us would swallow us, submerge us, sweep us away. But by Him we have escaped with our lives (v7)! Truly our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of all (v8).

Saturday – Mark 12:41-44 Jesus is watching how the crowds of people bring their offerings and sees it differently than most. The poor widow with two coins brought the greatest offering to God: all she had.

LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & SCHOOL K-8

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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP PSALM 102:12-28

12 But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever; you are remembered throughout all generations. **13** You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come. **14** For your servants hold her stones dear and have pity on her dust. **15** Nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory. **16** For the Lord builds up Zion; he appears in his glory; **17** he regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.

18 Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord: **19** that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the Lord looked at the earth, **20** to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die, **21** that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord, and in Jerusalem his praise, **22** when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.

23 He has broken my strength in midcourse; he has shortened my days.**24** "O my God," I say, "take me not away in the midst of my days—you whose years endure throughout all generations!" **25** Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. **26** They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, **27** but you are the same, and your years have no end. **28** The children of your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before you. *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

Almighty God, you have promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in Your Son's name, so we ask you to listen to those who have now made prayers and supplications to You; and grant that those things asked in faith according to Your will may be given that we may find relief in our necessity and in return glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen.

FOR HUMILITY

O God, you resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Grant to us true humility, like that of Your Son Jesus Christ, that we may never be lifted up in pride and provoke Your anger, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN IF THY BELOVED SON, O GOD

1. If Thy beloved Son, O God, Had not to earth descended And in our mortal flesh and blood Had not sin's power ended, Then this poor, wretched soul of mine In hell eternally would pine Because of its transgression.

2. But now I find sweet peace and rest, Despair no more reigns o'er me; No more am I by sin opprest, For Christ has borne sin for me. Upon the cross for me He died That, reconciled, I might abide With Thee, my God, forever.

3. I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sorrow ceases; His words abiding peace impart, His blood from guilt releases. Free grace through Him I now obtain; He washes me from every stain, And pure I stand before Him.

4. All righteousness by works is vain, The Law brings condemnation; True righteousness by faith I gain, Christ's work is my salvation. His death, that perfect sacrifice, Has paid the all-sufficient price; In Him my hope is anchored.

5. My guilt, O Father, Thou hast laid On Christ, Thy Son, my Savior. Lord Jesus, Thou my debt hast paid And gained for me God's favor. O Holy Ghost, Thou Fount of grace, The good in me to Thee I trace; In faith do Thou preserve me.

HYMN THE LAW OF GOD IS GOOD AND WISE

1. The Law of God is good and wise And sets His will before our eyes, Shows us the way of righteousness, And dooms to death when we transgress.

2. Its light of holiness imparts The knowledge of our sinful hearts That we may see our lost estate And seek deliverance ere too late.

3. To those who help in Christ have found And would in works of love abound It shows what deeds are His delight And should be done as food and right.

4. When men the offered help disdain And wilfully in sin remain, Its terror in their ear resounds And keeps their wickedness in bounds.

5. The Law is good; but since the Fall Its holiness condemns us all; It dooms us for our sin to die And has no power to justify.

6. To Jesus we for refuge flee, Who from the curse has set us free, And humbly worship at His throne, Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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HYMN THROUGH JESUS' BLOOD AND MERIT

1. Through Jesus' blood and merit I am at peace with God; What, then, can daunt my spirit, However dark my road? My courage shall not fail me, For God is on my side; Though hell itself assail me, Its rage I may deride.

2. There's naught that me can sever From the great love of God; No want, no pain, whatever, No famine, peril, flood. Though thousand foes surround me, For slaughter mark Thy sheep, They never shall confound me, The victory I shall reap.

3. Yea, neither life's temptation Nor death's so trying hour, Nor angels of high station, Nor any other power, Nor things that now are present, Nor things that are to come, Nor height, however pleasant, Nor depths of deepest gloom.

4. Nor any creature ever Shall from the love of God This wretched sinner sever; For in my Savior's blood This love its fountain taketh; He hears my faithful prayer And nevermore forsaketh His own dear child and heir. Amen.