



## TRINITY THIRTEEN

Living Hope Lutheran . . . . . September 14, 2025

# LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN

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Confirmation. . . . 1pm

Divine Worship. . . 2pm

Bible Study . . . 3pm

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### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 48 (LSB);

PRAYERS: Before Communing (Inside Cover, LSB);

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament (Insider Cover, LSB).

HYMNS: 912 704 WS 783 647

### OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 912 - *"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"*

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Setting 2, WS Pg. 12)

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

- C:     ♪ Lord, have mercy on us.  
           Christ, have mercy on us.  
           Lord, have mercy on us.
- C:     ♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
           Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
           We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
           Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
- ♪ Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
           You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
           O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,  
           Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.
- ♪ Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
           At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
           Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
           With all the heav'n-ly host we glorify.

**Pastor:** Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” **C: Amen.**

### **OT LESSON:**

### **HOSEA 3:1-5**

And the Lord said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins.” <sup>2</sup> So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. <sup>3</sup> And I said to her, “You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you.” <sup>4</sup> For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. <sup>5</sup> Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days. \*

### **EPISTLE LESSON:**

### **2 CORINTHIANS 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. <sup>6</sup> For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, <sup>7</sup> so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. <sup>8</sup> So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him.

<sup>9</sup>For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. <sup>10</sup>Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, <sup>11</sup>so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.\*

## **GOSPEL LESSON:**

## **LUKE 15:1-10**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

## **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 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: 704** - *“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”*

## **THE SERMON:**

## **1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-58**

<sup>50</sup> Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

<sup>51</sup> Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—<sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

<sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: *“Death is swallowed up in victory.”* <sup>55</sup> *“O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?”*

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. \*\*

## **VICTORY WITHHELD, PROMISED, REALIZED**

## **THE OFFERTORY**

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

## **THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS**

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. The offering plates are passed at this time.

## **THE OFFERING HYMN**

**(LSB 496:1,3,5)**

♪ Holy Ghost, light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine; Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.

♪ Holy Ghost, pow'r divine Cleanse this guilty heart of mine; In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.

♪ Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine; Cast down ev'ry idol throne, Reign supreme, and reign alone.

## **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.

## **INSTALLATION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

Hannah Youngerberg, Naomi Oster, Debbie King, Maria King.

**HYMN: WS 783** - *"Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"*

## **THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Pastor:** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. Who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in Person and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty coequal; Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

## **LAMB OF GOD**

♪ O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life restored, Impart Your joy, our faith increase. Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



In the early church, Communion was thought of so highly that no one except confirmed members of the church were allowed even to watch it. This practice was more strict than necessary, of course. But the early church did understand something that many today do not: that Communion was never intended for indiscriminate use by everyone, but was restricted to those who are properly prepared. If you have

never communed with us before, and desire the benefits of the Lord's Supper, please set up an appointment with the pastor to discuss how you can prepare properly. **The Lord's Supper will be received standing before the altar.**

## O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

♪ O Lord, now let your servant Depart in heav'n-ly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

♪ All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## THANKSGIVING

♪ My heart has now become Your dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Your praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally.  
Lord, may Your body and Your blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

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

## CLOSING HYMN: LSB 647 "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us and hope that you will return again. If you have any questions 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 14, 2025

### **THIS AFTERNOON AFTER WORSHIP:**

✓ **Bible Study** (Harmony of the Gospels)

### **THIS WEEK**

**Sunday:** Confirmation 1pm; Worship 2pm, Bible Study/Sun School 3pm.

### **FALL MISSION FESTIVAL**

*A Fall Mission Festival is planned for NEXT Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup> with Pastor Paul Agenten doing the preaching.*

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Living Hope's Council met this past week and during the meeting determined that Holy Communion would be offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month during the vacancy. If any member should desire private communion, they need only speak with Pastor Schaller who would be happy to provide it.*

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT WEST**

*The Women's Retreat West will be September 19-21 in Sioux Falls, SD. Theme is Pieces of Jesus' Peace. Registration fee is \$125 and does not include lodging. Please go to the website to register: [womensretreat.clclutheran.net](http://womensretreat.clclutheran.net).*

### **PACIFIC COAST WOMEN'S RETREAT**

*The Pacific Coast Women's Retreat will be September 26-28 in Spokane, WA. Cost will be \$165.00 for the entire weekend, including 2 nights lodging, 5 meals. Theme is Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

## **SOUTHEAST WOMEN'S RETREAT**

*The Southeast Women's Retreat will be February 13-15, 2026 at Camp Dogwood on Lake Norman in Sherrills Ford in North Carolina. Theme is Ephesians 4:3 - Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

## **MIDWEST WOMEN'S RETREAT**

*Immanuel Mankato invites women of area congregations to a one-day retreat on Saturday, October 25th from 9am-4pm. The theme for the retreat is "Finding our True Identity as a Reflection of Christ's Image."*

*Presentations will include our Identity in Christ, our Identity Reflected to the world, and Confidence in our Identity. Childcare will be available. To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/3jp5ax8y>. The cost is \$20 if you register before September 24 and is free for young girls under 19. Contact Jen Theneman (507-340-1640 / [jtheneman@live.com](mailto:jtheneman@live.com)) with any questions.*



## **USED SMARTPHONES FOR AFRICA**

*Missionary Bruce Naumann is requesting donations of a certain kind of Android smartphone, for use by pastors and pastoral students in East Africa. If you have a used phone that was once on a Verizon plan and would like to donate it, please bring it to the church office. Verizon is preferred because it will work with African cell carriers, but most others will not. These phones are much appreciated by students and pastors in our sister African churches - thank you!*

**Note:** *The phones don't need a sim card, since the user there has to purchase one. It's best if the phone is also factory-reset (wiped of user information). Please don't buy a new phone to donate, the folks overseas might be tempted to simply re-sell it.*

## **ABERDEEN CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATION**

*Zion Lutheran Church (formerly of Ipswich, SD) welcomes you to a dedication of their new church building: 1223 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Aberdeen, SD. Join us 5 pm Sun. Oct. 26 for a Reformation-themed dedication service followed by a German-themed dinner. You are welcome to bring any side dish to share. Reach out to Pastor Daub at [pastor\\_daub@hotmail.com](mailto:pastor_daub@hotmail.com) or (406) 240-0980 with any questions.*

*As a merger with Prince of Peace (Hecla) and Redeemer (Bowdle) members residing in the Aberdeen area, Zion has called Pastor Daub to serve the congregation and is currently in the process of relocating their legal incorporation status from Ipswich to Aberdeen.*

## **FOOTBALL “GAME” AFTERNOON**

*The Luther Memorial Mission Committee is planning a get together on Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2pm with food and including the (Pastor Schaller: “Groan”) Packers Game vs. the Bengals projected on the wall of the fellowship hall with other games being played at the same time! Put it on your calendar and join us!*

## **MISSION BREAKFAST**

*The Luther Memorial Mission Committee has also planned another Mission Breakfast for Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Bring a breakfast item and stay for a Mission Presentation!*

## **LUTHER MEMORIAL FALL MISSION FESTIVAL**

*A Fall Mission Festival is planned for Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup> (in two weeks) at Luther Memorial with Pastor Paul Agenten from Calvary (Marquette) and St. Peter’s (Stambaugh) doing the preaching.*

## **GOLF SCRAMBLE IN DURAND**

*On October 4 at 1:00, there will be a 9-hole golf scramble held at Rolling Greens in Durand, WI. The cost will be determined based on the number of groups that we have, but it will be less than \$30 including cart. If there are over 30 players, there will be a shotgun start. It will be foursomes. Individual players may also register, and we will try to form a foursome. We have one group currently that needs two more players. If at all possible, please register by September 22 to help determine if we can have a shotgun start. September 28 will be the deadline to guarantee a spot. For more information or to enter, contact Mike Schierenbeck at [mike.schierenbeck@gmail.com](mailto:mike.schierenbeck@gmail.com) or 920-344-9580.*

## CLC Financial Report - August 2025

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 2 Months	Balance 8/31/2025
General Fund	0	180,135	202,511	210,850	(22,376)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	361,663	248,439	295,840	113,224
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	6,126	30,499		74,770
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	100,154	340		2,166,527
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	27,785	41,174		135,013
Kinship	169,472	29,300	25,073		173,699
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,798	104,315	79,181		2,528,930
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	50,592	50,212		102,069
EduK8 Fund	70,311	20,689	10,000		81,000
Reserve Fund	103,629	671	0		104,300
<b>Auxiliary Funds Totals</b>	<b>\$5,263,155</b>	<b>\$339,632</b>	<b>\$236,479</b>		<b>\$5,366,308</b>

**General Fund** – Both the year-to-date revenue and disbursements are about the same as they were at this time last year, resulting in a deficit of just over \$22,000.

**ILC Operations** – The same is true here. Revenues and disbursements are very similar to last year, resulting in a current balance of about \$113,000.

**ILC Improvement Fund** – Most of the disbursements from this fund were for maintenance work on the geothermal system in the Academic Center and kitchen remodeling on one of the professorages.

**ILC Building Projects** – The revenue consists of about \$55,000 in contributions and \$45,000 from increases in the market value of the investments in this fund.

**Mission Development Fund** – The bulk of these disbursements went to our sister synod in Bangladesh for assistance with the costs of construction of a multi-purpose building.

**Church Extension Fund** – Year to date revenue consists of payments received of about \$45,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, and almost \$60,000 from increases in the market value of the investments. Disbursements included an initial \$60,000 loaned to a congregation for some remodeling/asbestos work, with more coming in the next few months.

**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

## CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Drew Naumann has accepted the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Messiah has also called Pastor Em. James Albrecht to serve as Vacancy Pastor • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has called Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY to serve as their next pastor. Pastor David Ude will be installed as Pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA, on Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>. • Mount Zion Lutheran Church (Detroit, MI) will dedicate their new church property on Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

### General Missions 2025

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

<b>Amount Pledged 2025</b>	<b>Received as of 8/31/25</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Approximate per Sunday (44)</b>
\$5,500.00	\$3,709.00	\$1,791.00	\$41.00

### Living Hope General Budget 2025

The Voters of Living Hope set the General Budget.  
This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

<b>General Budget</b>	<b>Received as of 8/31/25</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Approximate Amount (16 Sundays)</b>
\$95,419.00	\$55,895.25	\$39,523.75	\$2,470.00

### General Budget August 2025

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>General Missions</b>	<b>SAF</b>	<b>Spokesman Daily Rest</b>	<b>ILC Building</b>
\$7,156.00	\$375.50	\$105.25	\$30.00	\$40.00

**August Total: \$7,706.75**

### General Budget - Year to Date (1/1-8/31)

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>General Missions</b>	<b>SAF</b>	<b>Spokesman Daily Rest</b>	<b>ILC Building</b>
\$55,895.25	\$3,709.00	\$1,195.00	\$30.00	\$110.00

**YTD Total: \$60,939.25**

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## **READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS – SEPTEMBER 15-20, 2025**

**Monday – John 6:44-47** Coming to Jesus is not something for which we can take any credit. The Father who sent Him into the world is the one who teaches us, draws us to Him, and persuades us to believe in Him.

**Tuesday – John 6:48-51** As great a miracle as the manna in the wilderness was, it did not give life forever. So much greater is the living bread, Jesus, who gave Himself for the eternal life of the world!

**Wednesday - Acts 9:1-9** Saul thinks he is chasing after disciples of a dead Lord, but near Damascus suddenly the living Lord speaks to him, “Why are you persecuting **me**?” While digesting this, Saul fasts for three days.

**Thursday – Acts 9:10-22** The Lord sends Ananias to Saul to restore Saul’s sight. After taking some food, he stays in Damascus several days and proclaims that Jesus is the Son of God! Jesus is the Christ! (v20, v22)

**Friday - 2 Samuel 12:1-10** After King David has committed adultery and murder, the LORD sends the prophet Nathan to show him his sin and draw him to repentance.

**Saturday – Job 38:1-11** The LORD responds to Job’s erroneous explanations by reminding him of the far greater wisdom and power of the creator of the universe. Who is worthier of our trust than the LORD?



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