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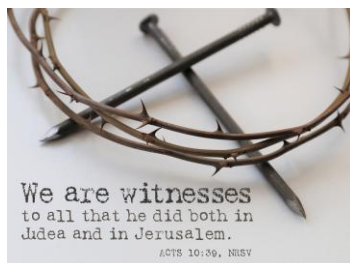
Living Hope Lutheran September 21, 2025

LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Confirmation. . . .1pm

Divine Worship. . . 2pm

Bible Study . . . 3pm

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 48 (LSB);

PRAYERS: Before Worship (Inside Cover, LSB);

After Worship (Insider Cover, LSB).

HYMNS: TLH 495 403 487 LSB 647

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: TLH 495 -*"From Greenland's Icy Mountains"*

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:

GENESIS 7:1-6

The Lord said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and your entire household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. ²From every clean animal take with you seven pairs, a male and his female. From the animals that are not clean, take two, a male and his female. ³Also from the clean birds of the sky take seven and seven, male and female, and of all the unclean birds, one pair, a male and a female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of the whole earth. ⁴In seven days I will cause it to rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights. Every living thing that I have made, I will wipe off the face of the earth." ⁵Noah did everything that the Lord commanded him. ⁶Noah was six hundred years old when the flood came, and water covered the earth. *

EPISTLE:

ACTS 4:23-31

²³When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

“ ‘Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed’ —

²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your
holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius
Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do
whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants
to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you
stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are
performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And
when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered
together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. *

GOSPEL:

LUKE 17:20-30

²⁰ Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would
come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in
ways that can be observed, ²¹ nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or
‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

²² And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will
desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not
see it. ²³ And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do
not go out or follow them. ²⁴ For as the lightning flashes and lights
up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in
his day. ²⁵ But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by
this generation. ²⁶ Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in
the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷ They were eating and drinking and
marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah
entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.
²⁸ Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and
drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, ²⁹ but on the day
when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven

and destroyed them all— ³⁰ so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. *

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: 403 - *“Savior, Thy Dying Love”*

THE SERMON:

ACTS 4:23-31

²³ And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: “Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, ²⁵ who by the mouth of Your servant David have said:

*‘Why did the nations rage,
And the people plot vain things?
The kings of the earth took their stand,
And the rulers were gathered together
Against the Lord and against His Christ.’*

²⁷ “For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. ²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. **

PRAYER ASKED, IS PRAYER ANSWERED

- 1. THE NATIONS AND THE PEOPLE WILL RAGE.**
- 2. SPEAK THE WORD OF GOD WITH BOLDNESS**

Our speaker this morning is Pastor Paul Agenten, who serves our sister congregations in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan - Calvary Lutheran in Marquette and St. Peter Lutheran in Stambaugh, Michigan.

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

♪ 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.

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THE OFFERING HYMN

(LSB 496:1,3,5)

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

♪ Holy Spirit, 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.

HYMN: 487 - *"How Beauteous Are Their Feet"*

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

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 582 *"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"*

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 21, 2025

THIS AFTERNOON AFTER WORSHIP:

✓ Bible Study (Mission Bible Study); Call Meeting

THIS WEEK

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Living Hope's Council determined that Holy Communion would be offered on the 1st and 2nd 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.

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) 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 4th 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 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.

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.

FOOTBALL "GAME" AFTERNOON

The Luther Memorial Mission Committee is planning a get together on Sunday October 12th 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!

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 or 920-344-9580.

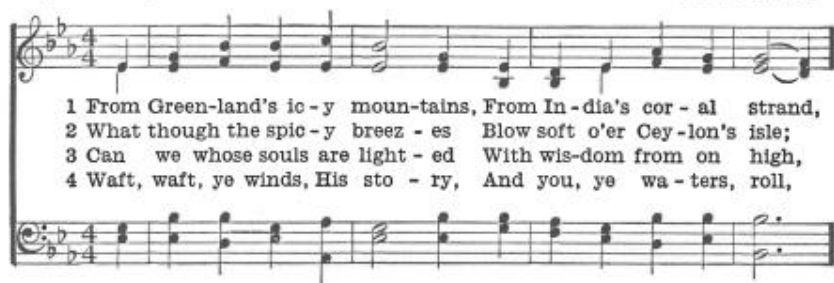
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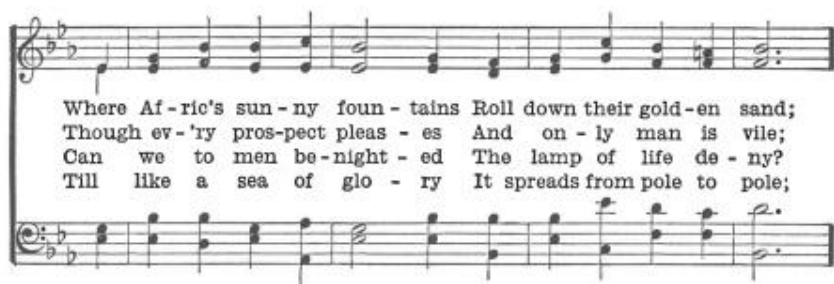
Acts 16: 9
Reginald Heber, 1819

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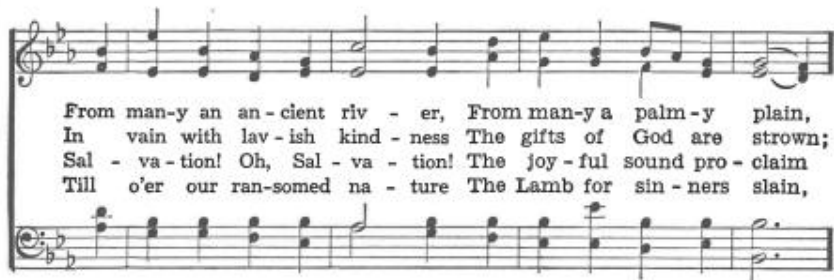
Missionary Hymn
Lowell Mason, 1824



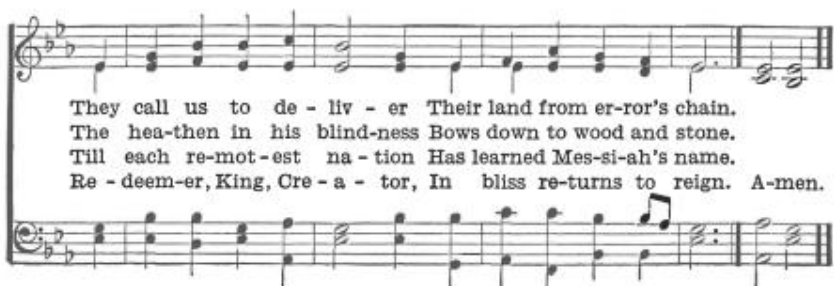
1 From Green-land's ic-y moun-tains, From In-dia's cor-al strand,
2 What though the spic-y breez-es Blow soft o'er Cey-lon's isle;
3 Can we whose souls are light-ed With wis-dom from on high,
4 Waft, waft, ye winds, His sto-ry, And you, ye wa-ters, roll,



Where Af-ric's sun-ny foun-tains Roll down their gold-en sand;
Though ev-ry pros-pect pleas-es And on-ly man is vile;
Can we to men be-night-ed The lamp of life de-ny?
Till like a sea of glo-ry It spreads from pole to pole;



From man-y an an-cient riv-er, From man-y a palm-y plain,
In vain with lav-ish kind-ness The gifts of God are strown;
Sal-va-tion! Oh, Sal-va-tion! The joy-ful sound pro-claim
Till o'er our ran-somed na-ture The Lamb for sin-ners slain,



They call us to de-liv-er Their land from er-ror's chain.
The hea-then in his blind-ness Bows down to wood and stone.
Till each re-mot-est na-tion Has learned Mes-si-ah's name.
Re-deem-er, King, Cre-a-tor, In bliss re-returns to reign. A-men.

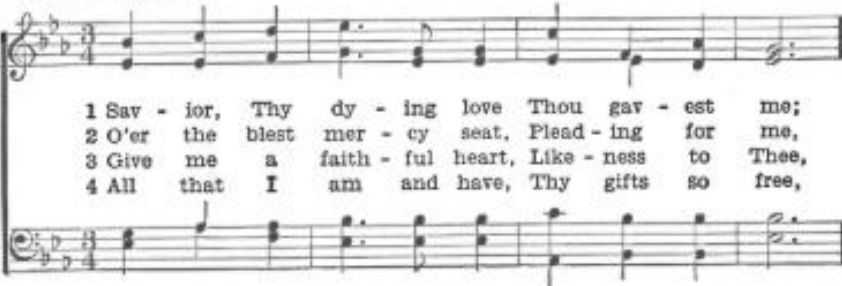
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Savior, Thy Dying Love

Acts 9: 6
Sylvanus D. Phelps, 1862

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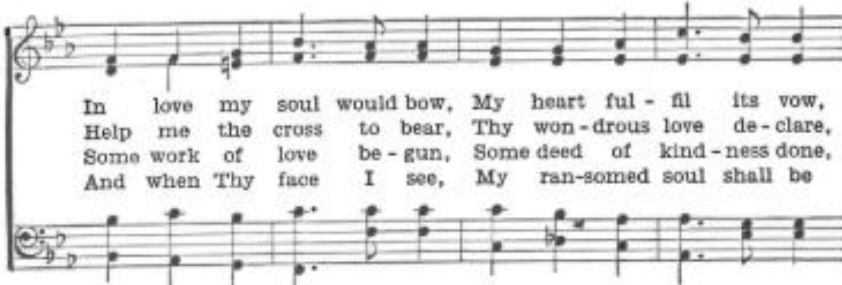
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Joseph Barnby, 1898



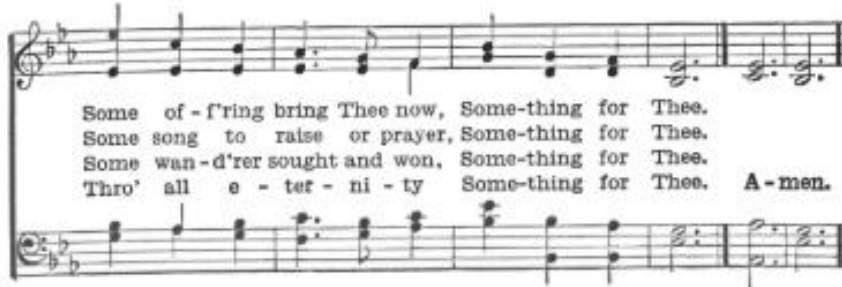
1 Sav - ior, Thy dy - ing love Thou gav - est me;
 2 O'er the blest mer - cy seat, Plead - ing for me,
 3 Give me a faith - ful heart, Like - ness to Thee,
 4 All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,



Nor should I aught with - hold, Dear Lord, from Thee.
 My fee - ble faith looks up, Je - sus, to Thee.
 That each de - part - ing day Hence - forth may see
 In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for Thee!



In love my soul would bow, My heart ful - fil its vow,
 Help me the cross to bear, Thy won - drous love de - clare,
 Some work of love be - gun, Some deed of kind - ness done,
 And when Thy face I see, My ran - somed soul shall be

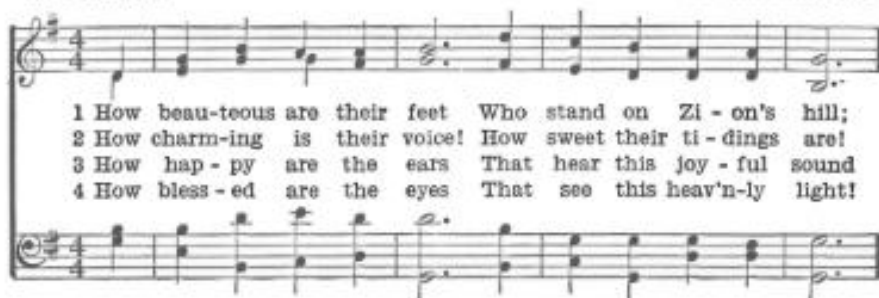


Some of - f'ring bring Thee now, Some - thing for Thee.
 Some song to raise or prayer, Some - thing for Thee.
 Some wan - d'r'er sought and won, Some - thing for Thee.
 Thro' all e - ter - ni - ty Some - thing for Thee. **A - men.**

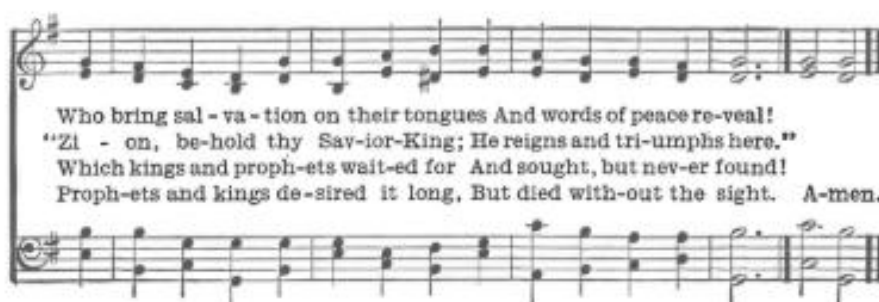
How Beauteous Are Their Feet

Is. 62: 7
Isaac Watts, 1707

S. M.

St. Michael
"Genevan Psalter," 1551


1 How beau-teous are their feet Who stand on Zi-on's hill;
2 How charm-ing is their voice! How sweet their ti-dings are!
3 How hap-py are the ears That hear this joy-ful sound
4 How bless-ed are the eyes That see this heav'n-ly light!



Who bring sal-va-tion on their tongues And words of peace re-veal!
"Zi-on, be-hold thy Sav-ior-King; He reigns and tri-umphs here."
Which kings and proph-ets wait-ed for And sought, but nev-er found!
Proph-ets and kings de-sired it long, But died with-out the sight. A-men.

5 The watchmen join their voice
And tuneful notes employ;
Jerusalem breaks forth in songs,
And deserts learn the joy.

6 The Lord makes bare His arm
Through all the earth abroad.
Let every nation now behold
Their Savior and their God.

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 • Pastor Ben Libby has returned the call of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI. A call meeting is planned for Sunday September 21st after Bible Study.

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.			
Amount Pledged 2025	Received as of 8/31/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (44)
\$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.			
General Budget	Received as of 8/31/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (16 Sundays)
\$95,419.00	\$55,895.25	\$39,523.75	\$2,470.00

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS – SEPTEMBER 22-27, 2025

Monday – Mark 4:26-28 God's ruling hand does not depend on our effort or understanding. He causes the farmer's seed to grow and bear fruit. He also brings the greater spiritual blessings of His rule to His people.

Tuesday – Acts 11:1-18 Peter carefully explains how God brought him to see that "repentance that results in life" (v18) is intended for both Jews and Gentiles. When they heard him out, the others praised God with him.

Wednesday - 2 Samuel 23:1-4 The last words of David, speaking by the Spirit of God, hold before his people the shining righteousness of the Rock of Israel (v3). Like sunshine after rain, the LORD brings life to His own.

Thursday - 2 Samuel 23:5-7 Although David confesses his own unworthiness, he rejoices in the everlasting covenant with God that brings salvation and life to those who deserve to be thrown away.

Friday – Proverbs 3:1-8 What better gift can a father give to his son than long days, peace, prosperity, mercy, and truth? All these are gifts from God to the children who learn to fear and trust in Him above everything.

Saturday – Proverbs 3:9-16 Wealth is not the goal in life; it is a gift of God. But the gifts of wisdom and understanding are even greater than silver and gold, and teach us to honor the LORD with our wealth (v9).



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