



"So he called to him,
**'FATHER ABRAHAM,
HAVE PITY ON ME**
and send Lazarus to
dip the tip of his finger
**IN WATER AND
COOL MY TONGUE,**
because I am
in agony in this fire."

LUKE 16:24, NIV

TRINITY FIFTEEN

Living Hope Lutheran September 28, 2025

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Confirmation. . . .12:45pm

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: 798 693 536:1-4 536:5-7

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: WS 798 -“God, We Praise You”

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." **"Amen."**

OT LESSON:

AMOS 6:1-7

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence?

⁴"Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away." *

EPISTLE LESSON:

HEBREWS 13:1-6

Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.

⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 16:19-31

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷ And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.'

²⁹ But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.' " *

THE 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

HYMN: 693 - *"O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"*

THE SERMON:

LUKE 16:19-31

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²² So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

²⁴ "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

²⁷ "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

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RESPECTED BY MEN ≠ RESPECT BY GOD

The Contrast in Life and in Death
The Determining Factor

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. 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 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: 536:1-4 - *"One Thing's Needful"*

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

CLOSING HYMN: 536:5 - *"One Thing's Needful"*

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 28, 2025

THIS AFTERNOON AFTER WORSHIP:

✓ Bible Study (Practical Bible Study);

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.

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!

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.*

CLC CALL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer who currently serves Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has called Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity in West Columbia, SC to serve as their pastor.

General Missions 2025			
<i>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.</i>			
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			
<i>The Voters of Living Hope set the General Budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.</i>			
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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DEVOTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 4, 2025

Monday – Luke 12:32-34 - How rich we are depends on what we value. The treasures of this world will fade and fail us, but the heavenly treasure that is ours in Christ is eternal, something worth setting our heart upon.

Tuesday – Luke 12:35-36 - As we await the return of our glorious Savior and Lord, let us strive to be ready at all times to serve Him. Whether He comes early or late, it will be the right time to receive Him warmly.

Wednesday – Acts 14:1-7 - As Paul and Barnabas preached the Good News, many believed but not all. Sometimes they stayed a long time to speak, and sometimes a plot to mistreat them sent them on to other cities.

Thursday – Acts 14:8-20 - In Lystra a lame man was healed and the people wanted to worship the missionaries as gods. Paul was barely able to stop them, but a stoning incident sent him and Barnabas on to Derbe.

Friday - 1 Kings 3:5-15 - As Solomon becomes king, God invites any requests. Instead of asking for earthly treasures, riches and honor (v13), Solomon asks for an understanding heart to serve well the people of God.

Saturday – Deuteronomy 6:4-13 - The word which God gave Israel through Moses was to be the treasure of their hearts as they came into the rich land that was promised to them. “Do not forget the Lord” ... “serve Him.”



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