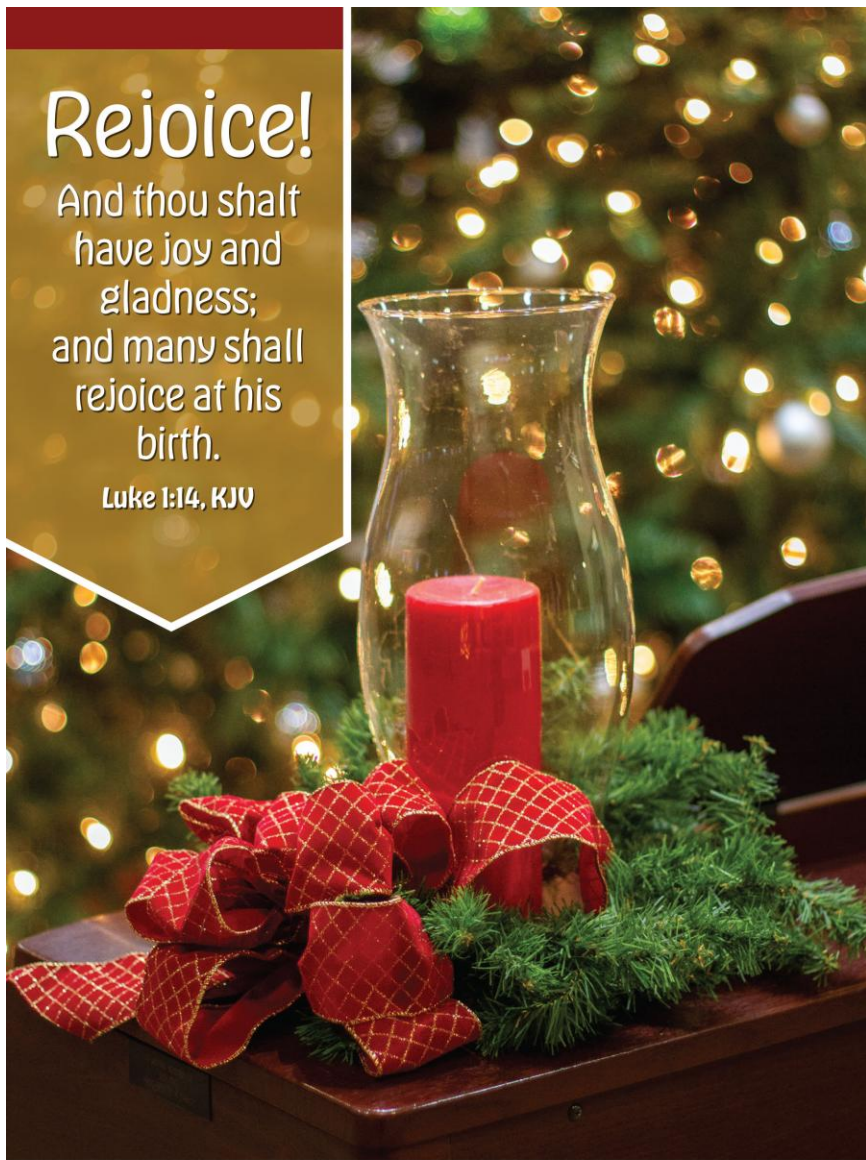


Rejoice!

And thou shalt
have joy and
gladness;
and many shall
rejoice at his
birth.

Luke 1:14, KJV



ADVENT ONE

Living Hope Lutheran November 30, 2025

LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN

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Divine Worship. . . 2pm

Bible Study . . . 3pm

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 1

PRAYERS: Before Worship (Inside Cover, LSB);

HYMNS: LSB 814 TLH 31 LSB 732

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 814 -*"Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul"*

DIVINE SERVICE

(Setting 2, LSB Pg 167)

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of us all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

C: ♪ Glory be to God on highest, and peace to His 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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE:

OT LESSON

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. ¹¹Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." ¹²And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken. *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PROPHECY CANDLE

ISAIAH 62:10-12

EPISTLE LESSON:

EPHESIANS 5:6-14

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you." *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Please Rise.

**C: ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

P: The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel according to the Evangelist Luke, from the 19th Chapter we read verses twenty-nine to forty.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 19:29-40

²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’ ” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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 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: TLH 31 - *“When All Thy Mercies, O My God”*

THE SERMON:

LUKE 1:5-25

⁵ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.

⁸ So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, ⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense.

¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

¹³ But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵ For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.

¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, *‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’* and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

¹⁸ And Zacharias said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.”

¹⁹ And the angel answered and said to him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.

²⁰ But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.”

²¹ And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. ²² But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.

²³ So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. ²⁴ Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, ²⁵ “Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on *me*, to take away my reproach among people.” **

THE SILENCE OF ZACHARIAS

P: Please Rise.

THE OFFERTORY

♪ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take up the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

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.

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: (Pastor)

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 732 - "All Depends on Our Possessing"

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 the usher on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 30, 2025

THIS AFTERNOON AFTER WORSHIP:

✓ Bible Study; Sunday School

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Confirmation Class 4:30pm

Sunday: Worship 2pm; Church Decoration 3pm

2026 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

The CLC Mission Helper Program is making preparations for another Mission Trip to Africa for the summer of 2026. The main focus of this trip will be presenting the Gospel, through a series of child evangelism lessons, to member and non-member children in village congregations. Possible areas of evangelism include the CLC-Tanzania, CLC-Kenya, CLC-Zambia, and CLC-Uganda. CLC members are welcome and encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply, visit www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Faith Lutheran will be hosting Advent by Candlelight for all women in the congregation, family, and friends, on Sunday, December 7th starting at 3pm at Faith Lutheran in Markesan. Please join us for this wonderful afternoon of Word, music, and fellowship. Please RSVP at the link below. Any questions, please reach out to Jessica Krueger at cottej88@gmail.com or 920-369-8113.

<https://markesanlutheran.com/events/candlelight/>

CHURCH DECORATION

On December 7th after worship the members of Living Hope will gather to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Season. Folks are asked to bring snacks or an appetizer to share while decorating. There will be no Bible Class or Sunday School on December 7th.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Although there are no Midweek Advent Services scheduled for Living Hope this year, the services at Luther Memorial are being streamed shortly after 6pm on December 3rd 10th and 17th at www.fdllutheran.com.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class is scheduled to take place this Tuesday at 3:30pm and Tuesday December 16th at 3:30pm.

CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT

The Church Roof is scheduled to be replaced next week with the final pieces being completed the following week (weather permitting). Please be aware that the parking situation may be challenging while the roof is being repaired. Thank you.

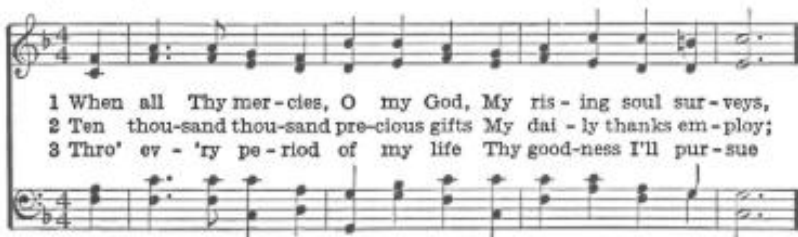
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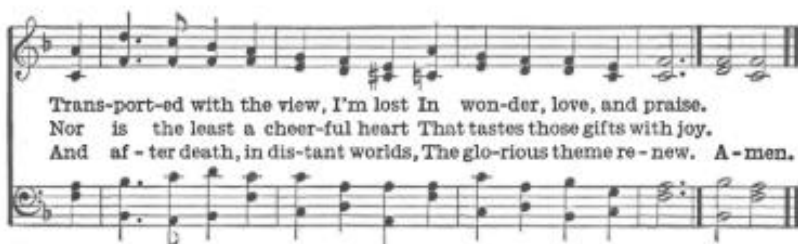
Ps. 88: 1
Joseph Addison, 1712

C. M.

Winchester Old
"Falter"
Thomas Este, 1532



1 When all Thy mer-cies, O my God, My ris-ing soul sur-veys,
2 Ten thou-sand thou-sand pre-cious gifts My dai-ly thanks em-ploy;
3 Thro' ev-'ry pe-riod of my life Thy good-ness I'll pur-sue



Trans-ported with the view, I'm lost In won-der, love, and praise.
Nor is the least a cheer-ful heart That tastes those gifts with joy.
And af-ter death, in dis-tant worlds, The glo-rious theme re-new. A-men.

4 When nature fails and day and night
Divide Thy works no more,
My ever grateful heart, O Lord,
Thy mercies shall adore.

5 Through all eternity to Thee
A joyful song I'll raise;
But, oh! eternity's too short
To utter all Thy praise.

CALL NEWS

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA has called Pastor David Naumann, who currently serves St. John's Lutheran Church in Clarkston, WA and Peace Lutheran Church in Orofino, ID. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton has called Pastor Johnathan Schnose who currently serves Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN. • Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor Ben Libby to serve as their 3rd Full-time pastor. • Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Red Wing, MN has called Pastor Terrell Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran in Batavia (Chicago) IL to serve part-time. • Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck has been called to serve as Assistant to the Pastor at Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN after completing his work as vacancy pastor at Our Redeemers Lutheran in Red Wing, MN. • Pastor Emeritus Michael Eichstadt has been called as the vacancy pastor of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church in Phoenix AZ. • Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church in Phoenix AZ has called Pastor Ben Libby who currently serves Redeemer Ev. Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

There will be a lay-led Christmas Eve Service this year entitled "Let's Go to Bethlehem." The service will take place on Christmas Eve (December 24th) at 6pm.

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 10/31/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (35)
\$5,500.00	\$4,254.75	\$1,245.25	\$35.58

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 10/31/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (7 Sundays)
\$95,419.00	\$64,339.25	\$31,079.75	\$4,439.96

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR DECEMBER 1-6, 2025

Monday – Matthew 21:1-9 As we look forward to the Christ's humble coming in Bethlehem, we remember also His humble approach to Jerusalem where He will lay down His life for us sinners all.

Tuesday – Romans 13:11-14 At Christmas we remember Jesus coming to earth to redeem us from sin. As the dawn of His second coming approaches, let us walk in His light, clothed with His righteousness.

Wednesday – Jeremiah 33:14-18 The righteous Branch from David's line will fulfill the good promises of the LORD. He, the LORD our Righteousness, will reign forever, and the benefit to us will also be without end!

Thursday – Psalm 143:1-6 David pleads for God's mercy as the enemy pursues his soul (v3). He calls not because he deserves God's help (v2), but because He remembers God's merciful works of long ago.

Friday – Psalm 143:7-12 David needs the LORD's mercy for his very life, and wants to be taught the way he should go, as well as to be rescued from his enemies. "For I am your servant" (v12).

Saturday Psalm 1 What a contrast there is between the Godly and the Ungodly! The LORD blesses the righteous with continuous life and fruit and prosperity in everything they do (v3). For this Christ came!



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