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James Tissot, 1836-1902 – Brooklyn Museum

LENT TWO

Living Hope Lutheran March 1, 2026

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Divine Worship. . . 2pm

Bible Study . . . 3pm

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 42 (LSB);

PRAYERS: Before Communing (Inside Cover, LSB);

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

HYMNS: LSB 556:1-6 LSB 587 TLH 323 LSB 531

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN:

LSB 556:1-6 - "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

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

EXODUS 33:17-23

¹⁷And the Lord said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸Moses said, "Please show me your glory." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." ²¹And the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."*

EPISTLE LESSON:

1 JOHN 2:12-17

¹²I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. ¹³I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father.

¹⁴ I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 10:17-20

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸ And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” *

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:

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: LSB 587 - "I Know My Faith is Founded"

SERMON:

MATTHEW 26:1-2, 14-16

¹ Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples, ² **"You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."**

¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. **

WHO HAD A HAND IN THE CRUCIFIXION?

Part Two: Judas Iscariot

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.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(WS 788)

♪ Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.

♪ We are yours – Your mercy sought us, Found us in death's dreadful way, To the fold in safety brought us, Nevermore from You to stray. Your own life was freely given As an off-ring on the cross For each sinner, now forgiven From eternal shame and loss.

♪ Blessed by You with gifts and graces, May we heed Your Spirit's call, Gladly in all times and places Give to You who gives us all. You have bought us; now no longer Can we claim to be our own; Ever free and ever stronger We shall serve You, Lord, a-lone.

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: TLH 323 - *"With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"*

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 truly good, right and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, into whose hands You gave the awesome task of perfectly fulfilling Your holy Law, and yet offering Himself as the one and only sacrifice sufficient to redeem mankind. Into Your hands He commended His life so that from His hands we might receive eternal life. 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 531 - "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

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

March 1, 2026

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP:

Sunday School/Bible Study (Harmony of the Gospels)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Ladies of Luther Memorial, 6pm

Thursday: Living Hope Confirmation 4:00pm

Sunday: Worship 2pm; Bible Study/Sunday 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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

LENTEN WORSHIP

This Wednesday, February 18th is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the 40-day penitential season of Lent. The Lenten Series chosen this year is entitled: "Return to the Lord your God." This season we will focus on God's call to His people to repent and remove the things that could get in the way of our returning to God. It is God's desire to be our God and for us to be His people. The themes are: A Call to Return, Return to Prayer, Return from Betrayal, Return from False Witness, Return from Denial, Return to the Kingdom of God, Return to the Table (Maundy Thursday), Return to Truth (Good Friday).

Our Lenten Theme includes a pulpit rotation with our sister congregations: Ascension Lutheran in Batavia IL (Chicago), Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners (Milwaukee), and Peace Through Christ in Middleton (Madison).

RETURN TO THE LORD

March 26, 2026 – Return to the Kingdom of God

Pastor Andrew Schaller

John 18:12-14, 28-38; Isaiah 53:1-3; 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh

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Luke 18: 13
Cornelius Elton, 1882

L. M.

St. Luke
Jeremiah Clarke, 1707



1 With bro - ken heart and con - trite sigh, A trem - bling sin - ner,
2 I smite up - on my trou - bled breast, With deep and con - scious
3 Far off I stand with tear - ful eyes Nor dare up - lift them



Lord, I cry, Thy par - d'ning grace is rich and free -
guilt op - prest; Christ and His Cross my on - ly plea -
to the skies; But Thou dost all my an - guish see -



O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
O God, be mer - ci - ful to me! A - men.



4 Nor alms nor deeds that I have done
Can for a single sin atone.
To Calvary alone I flee -
O God, be merciful to me!

5 And when, redeemed from sin and hell,
With all the ransomed throng I dwell,
My raptured song shall ever be,
God has been merciful to me.

CLC CALL NEWS

Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Phoenix, AZ, has called Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion (Detroit) Madison Heights. • Seminarian Sam Radermacher, in conjunction with his vicarship under Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has received the summer vacancy call to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA. • Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI has been called by Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley MN. • Living Hope Lutheran of Appleton, WI, has called Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI. • Teacher Noah Olhmann of Grace Ev. Lutheran School, Valentine NE, has been called to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, EC. WI.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025-26

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Living Hope 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 2/19/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (21)
\$5,500.00	\$3,082.75	\$2,417.25	\$115.00

Living Hope General Budget 2026

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the General Fund Budget at the Annual Meeting on January 18, 2026. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

General Budget	Received as of 2/19/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (46 Sundays)
\$101,679.00	\$7,875.00	\$93,804.00	\$2,039.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH 2-7, 2026

Monday – Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus, sent to the lost sheep of Israel, was not out merely to expand His fan-base. Nevertheless, those who come in faith, Jew or Gentile, find access through Him to the mercy seat of God.

Tuesday - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 Redeemed by God’s mercy, we will want to live in such a way as is pleasing to God. Keeping away from sexual immorality is not to our harm, but results from our upward call in Christ.

Wednesday – Isaiah 45:20-25 The LORD invites us to come together to Him. Turn to Him and be saved, all you ends of the earth (v22). There is no God except He, a righteous God and Savior (v21).

Thursday – Psalm 35:1-18 Enemies of the LORD’s servant are enemies of the LORD. The prayer for God’s help is repeated (1-8,9-18), asking that the enemies be driven away and that life might be once again restored (v17).

Friday – Psalm 35:19-28 Yet a third time the LORD’s servant prays for help against false accusations and mockery. He foresees friends saying, “The LORD is great. He takes delight in the peace of his servant” (v27).

Saturday - Psalm 130 From out of the depths to the heights of heaven in eight verses. Such a rise is possible because “with the LORD there is mercy. With Him there is abundant redemption” (v7) . Wait for the LORD!



These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis.

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