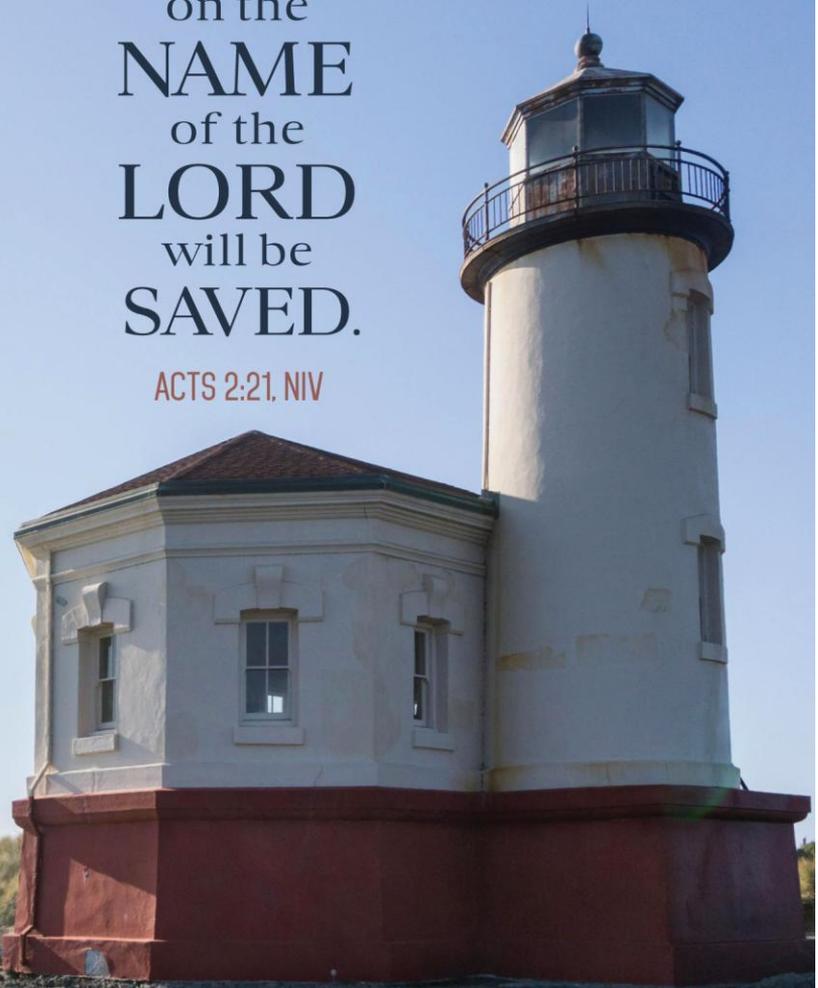


EVERYONE
who calls
on the
NAME
of the
LORD
will be
SAVED.

ACTS 2:21, NIV



PALM SUNDAY

Living Hope Lutheran March 29, 2026

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THEY KILLED HIM BY HANGING
HIM ON A CROSS.
BUT GOD RAISED HIM FROM
THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY.

ACTS 10:39-40, NIV

Divine Worship. . . 2pm

Bible Study . . . 3pm

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PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 8 (LSB);

PRAYERS: Before Worship (Inside Cover, LSB);

After Worship (Insider Cover, LSB).

HYMNS: LSB 444 LSB 442 LSB 441 LSB 568:1-2,5

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN:

LSB 444 - *"No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"*

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:

ZECHARIAH 9:8-12

⁸Then I will encamp at my house as a guard, so that none shall march to and fro; no oppressor shall again march over them, for now I see with my own eyes.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. *

EPISTLE LESSON:**HEBREWS 12:1-6**

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, ² 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. ³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” *

GOSPEL LESSON:**JOHN 12:1-8**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. ³ Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” ⁶ He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.” *

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 442 - *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

THE SERMON:

ACTS 2:22-23

²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— ²³ Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death...**

WHO HAD A HAND IN THE CRUCIFIXION?

Part Six: God.

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, the offerings are gathered at this time.

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: LSB 441 - *“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”*

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

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 568:1-2,5 - *“If Your Beloved Son, O God”*

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 29, 2026

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP:

Sunday School/Bible Study (Mission Bible Study)

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Woodlands Nursing Home Services 10, 10:30am

Thursday: Maundy Thursday Communion Service 6:00pm

Friday: Good Friday Worship 1:30pm; LH Good Friday Worship 6:30pm

Sunday: Easter Breakfast 8:30am; Worship 10am; LH Worship 2pm.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our next Confirmation Class will be held (God-willing) on Thursday April 8th at 4pm.

SPRING MISSION FESTIVAL

A Fall Mission Festival is planned for Sunday April 19th with Pastor Tom Naumann leading the Bible Study and doing the preaching. I expect there will be a meal so watch the newsletter and bulletin for updates.

CLC YOUTH CAMP

"Hello everyone! We are still looking for some spots to be filled for both CLC Youth Camp for those going into 6-9th grade and Pre-Camp for those going into K-5th grade. We would love to have you for a week of Christ centered fellowship and fun! You can find the sign-up sheet on our website found at <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp/register>. Sign-up quick before it fills up! Please, feel free to email us with any questions at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com." -CLC Youth Camp Directors, Ethan Sydow and Riley Naumann.

VIRTUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

*The women of the congregation are invited to join us for a virtual retreat themed "Press Pause: The Future Is the Lord's" on **Sunday April 12th** at noon. We plan to watch the pre-recorded presentations with sometime after for discussion and visiting. Feel free to bring a dish to pass or snack or drinks. Invite any other women in your life that you feel could benefit from a pause in life's busy schedule to get encouragement from God's Word.*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Please note the following Holy Week Schedule:

Thursday April 2nd – LM Maundy Thursday Communion Service 6pm

Friday April 3rd – LM Good Friday 1:30pm; LH Good Friday 6:30pm

Sunday April 5th – LM Easter Breakfast 8:15-9:30am; LM Worship 10am; LH Worship 2pm.

CLC CALL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor Michael Wilke who currently serves Gethsemane Lutheran in Saginaw, MI • Living Hope Lutheran of Appleton, WI has called Pastor Jonah Albrecht who currently serves Tacoma and Lynnwood, WA. • Teacher Noah Olhmann of Grace Ev. Lutheran School, Valentine NE, has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran School, EC. WI. • Teacher Levi Schaller of Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners, has been called by Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix AZ has called Pastor Rob Sauers who currently serves Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL. • Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) has called Pastor David Pfeiffer, who currently serves Holy Trinity in West Columbia, SC. • Dr. Daniel Sullivan has accepted the call to serve as ILC Professor replacing Professor David Schaller. • Faith Lutheran School in Markesan, WI has called Teacher Lane Fischer of Immanuel Lutheran School in Mankato MN.

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 3/1/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (19)
\$5,500.00	\$3943.50	\$1,556.50	\$82.00

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 3/1/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (44 Sundays)
\$101,679.00	\$10,218.25*	\$91,460.75	\$2,079.00
<i>*This includes \$225.00 to Student Aid and \$20.00 to ILC Building.</i>			

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH 30-APRIL 4, 2026

Monday – Zechariah 9:9-10 The prophet's promise: Zion's King Messiah will bring exultant joy when He comes to Jerusalem. He is humble, comes not with weapons of war, but to proclaim peace to the ends of the earth!

Tuesday – Matthew 21:1-9 Jesus comes to Jerusalem for the Passover, and He comes humbly riding the foal of a donkey. A large crowd welcomes Him, applying verses from one of their Passover Psalms (118) to Him!

Wednesday – Philippians 2:5-11 The apostle calls for a Christ-like attitude in God's people. Not only did He take on the nature of a servant (v7), but He also humbled Himself to die for us, before His glorious exaltation! (V9)

Maundy Thursday – John 13:1-15 Jesus is about to lay down His life for His disciples, but He is also not too proud to be their servant and wash their feet. Thus, He would lead us also to serve one another.

Good Friday – Psalm 22:1-21 This Psalm was on our Savior's mind as He hung on the cross this day. It speaks of the profound suffering of God's Messiah, while still looking forward to God's deliverance (vv19-21).

Saturday – Psalm 22:22-31 On that sad Saturday after our Lord's death, the disciples would have had reason to hope if they had remembered the promises at the end of this Psalm from which Jesus quoted on the cross.



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

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