



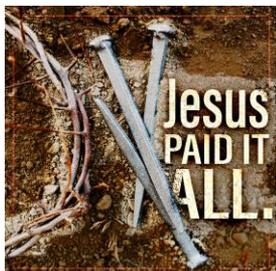
## **LENT THREE**

Living Hope Lutheran . . . . . March 8, 2026

# LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN

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**Divine Worship. . . 2pm**

**Bible Study . . . 3pm**

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### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

**PSALM: 25** (LSB);

**PRAYERS:** Before Communing (Inside Cover, LSB);

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

**HYMNS:** LSB 428 LSB 423 LSB 437 LSB 420:6-7

### OPENING PRAYER

#### OPENING HYMN:

**LSB 428** - *“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”*

#### 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:**

### **JEREMIAH 26:1-15**

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the Lord: <sup>2</sup>“Thus says the Lord: Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the Lord all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. <sup>3</sup>It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. <sup>4</sup>You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, <sup>5</sup>and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, <sup>6</sup>then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’ ”

<sup>7</sup>The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord. <sup>8</sup>And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die!

<sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.” \*

### **EPISTLE LESSON:**

### **1 PETER 1:13-16**

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup>but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup>since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” \*

### **GOSPEL LESSON:**

### **LUKE 9:51-56**

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup>But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> And they went on to another village. \*

### **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 423 - “*Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*”

### **THE SERMON:**

### **MATTHEW 27:22-23**

<sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said to him, “Let Him be crucified!” <sup>23</sup> Then the governor said, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they cried out all the more, saying, “Let Him be crucified!” \*

## **WHO HAD A HAND IN THE CRUCIFIXION?**

Part Three: The Jews

## **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: LSB 437** - *“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”*

## **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 420:6-7** - *"Christ the Life of all the Living"*

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 8, 2026

### **THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP:**

**Sunday School/Bible Study** (Harmony of the Gospels)

### **THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** LM Council, 6pm

**Wednesday:** Midweek Lenten Worship (LM) – Preacher M. Gurath

**Sunday:** Worship 2pm; Bible Study/Sunday School 3pm

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Living Hope's Council determined that Holy Communion would be offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

*There is no Confirmation Class this week (March 9-14). Our next Confirmation Class will be held (God-willing) on Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.*

### **LENTEN WORSHIP**

*This Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 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).*

## **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 some time 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.*

## 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. ● Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld has returned the call of Living Hope Lutheran of Appleton, WI. ● 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. ● Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran in Morris, MN, has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, 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.

<b>Amount Pledged 2025</b>	<b>Received as of 3/1/26</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Approximate per Sunday (19)</b>
\$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.

<b>General Budget</b>	<b>Received as of 3/1/26</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Remaining Amount (44 Sundays)</b>
\$101,679.00	\$10,218.25*	\$91,460.75	\$2,079.00

\*This includes \$225.00 to Student Aid and \$20.00 to ILC Building.

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## HOME DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH 9-14, 2026

**Monday – Luke 11:14-28** When Jesus drives out a demon, some are amazed. Others credit Beelzebul, or demand more signs. Jesus answers His detractors, and warns of the danger of worse things than one demon.

**Tuesday – Ephesians 5:1-9** God made us His children so that like dear children we might imitate Him, not walking in the immorality, impurity, and greed of this world. May we ever walk as children of light (v8).

**Wednesday - 2 Samuel 22:1-7** David praises the LORD, his rock and refuge in the face of all his enemies. In great distress (v5-6) he called to the LORD, who heard and answered his cry for help.

**Thursday – Psalm 86:1-10** The servant of the LORD calls to his good and forgiving God, confident that there is no one like the true God, who is great and does marvelous deeds.

**Friday – Psalm 86:11-17** The LORD's servant seeks the LORD's truth in order to walk in it, even when ruthless men seek his life. The LORD's help and comfort remain with him, for the LORD remains a gracious God.

**Saturday – Psalm 43** Oppressed by his enemy, the psalmist looks to God to show him the way to His dwelling. Surely His light and truth will guide to His holy mountain, to joy and gladness, to God's salvation!



These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis. Graphics in the bulletin are taken from Church Art Online via a regular legal subscription.