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“Destroy this temple,  
and in three days  
I will raise it up.”

*John 2:19*

## **EASTER THREE**

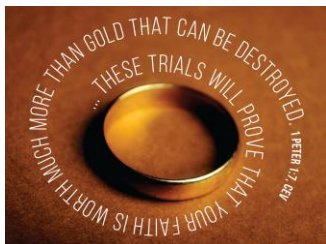
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# LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN

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**Divine Worship. . . 2pm**

**Bible Study . . . 3pm**

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## EASTER THREE

April 26, 2026

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

**PSALM: 32; PRAYERS:** Before Worship (Inside Cover, LSB);

**HYMNS:** LSB 465 LSB 467:1-4 LSB 464

### OPENING PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN: 465** -*"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

### DIVINE SERVICE

(Setting 3, LSB Pg 184)

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

**Congregation:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Congregation:** who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**C: ♪ Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray...

**C: Amen.**

### **OT LESSON:**

### **ISAIAH 40:26-31**

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. \*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE LESSON:**

### **1 JOHN 4:9-14**

<sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

<sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. \*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel according to the Apostle John, from the 4th Chapter we read verses 1-26.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL LESSON:**

### **JOHN 12:20-26**

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.



<sup>16</sup> And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" <sup>17</sup> Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." <sup>18</sup> So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But He was speaking of the temple of His body. <sup>22</sup> Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said. \*\*

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

Jesus

### **THE OFFERTORY**

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Tju Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

### **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.

### **PRAYER(S)**

**THE BENEDICTION:** (Pastor)

C: ♪ Amen, Amen, Amen.

### **CLOSING HYMN:**

**LSB 464 - "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"**

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 on the way out.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

April 26, 2026

### **THIS AFTERNOON AFTER WORSHIP:**

✓ Bible Study; Sunday School.

### **THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** LM Elders 6pm

**Wednesday:** LH Confirmation 4pm

**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**

*Confirmation Class will be held this coming Wednesday at 4pm.*

### **TIME CHANGE ON THE HORIZON**

*We have a few weeks remaining at the 2pm Worship Time slot. Since Bible Study and Sunday School will be in recess during the summer months, beginning on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day Weekend) we will begin having Worship at 11am for the Spring/Summer.*

### **VOLLEYBALL ANYONE?**

*The Luther Memorial Mission Committee invites you to Wednesday Night Volleyball beginning on Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Bring chairs and refreshments and play volleyball or cornhole!*

### **MISSION BREAKFAST**

*The Luther Memorial Mission Committee has scheduled the next Mission Breakfast for Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am. Bring yourself and a breakfast item and join us!*

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

*The Luther Memorial Mission Committee has scheduled this Summer's Vacation Bible School for the week of August 3-7, 2026. Keep your eye on the bulletin and newsletter for more information.*

## **CLC CALL NEWS**

*Pastor Michael Wilke has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. • Pastor Jonah Albrecht has returned the call of Living Hope Lutheran of Appleton, WI. • Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School in Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran School, EC. WI. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix AZ has called Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld who currently serves Redeemer Lutheran Church of Sister Lakes, MI. • Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) has called Pastor Ben Libby who currently serves Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, WY. • The Call Committee for Graduates has extended the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY, to ILC Graduate Mr. Orrin Hanel. • Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church in Morris, MN has received and accepted the vacancy call of St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, 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.*

<b>Amount Pledged 2025</b>	<b>Received as of 4/15/26</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Approximate per Sunday (12)</b>
\$5,500.00	\$3,883.50	\$1,616.50	\$135.00

### ***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 4/15/26</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Remaining Amount (37 Sundays)</b>
\$101,679.00	\$15,723.75	\$85,955.25	\$2,323.00

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## **READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS APRIL 27-MAY 2, 2026**

**Monday – John 16:16-23** After Easter Jesus' disciples must have remembered these words, spoken by Him on the night of His betrayal. news:Now that He had returned to them, their sorrow was certainly turned to joy (v20).

**Tuesday - 1 Peter 2:11-12** The resurrection of Jesus makes such a difference in our lives! Now we have a future ahead of us that makes our stay here, with all its temptations to sin, merely temporary, until He comes.

**Wednesday - 1 Peter 2:13-20** As people freed by the resurrection, may we not use our freedom to indulge ourselves, but rather to glorify God by doing good. If we suffer for doing good, and endure it, God is glorified.

**Thursday - Lamentations 3:18-26** In spite of affliction and suffering, the prophet remembers the mercies of the Lord, and he has hope. Wait for the Lord. It is good to hope quietly for the salvation of the Lord (v26).

**Friday - Psalm 146** Hallelujah! (Praise the Lord!) Assured of life through Jesus' resurrection, I will praise the Lord forever (v2)! Human helpers are so limited, but the Maker of heaven and earth reigns forever (v10).

**Saturday - Psalm 75** Thanks be to God that He rules and upholds the earth. The wicked, who wag their horns at Him, will surely be brought down, even as the righteous will be lifted up (v10). Oh, give thanks!



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