



EASTER SIX

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Divine Worship. . . 9am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 42

PRAYERS: On Entering Church (Inside Cover, LSB);

HYMNS: WS 798 LSB 573 LSB 528

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: WS 798 - "God, We Praise You"

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.

OT LESSON:**GENESIS 18:1-15**

And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.” *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE:**EPHESIANS 1:15-23**

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. *

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 Apostle John, from the 7th Chapter we read beginning at verse 33.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL:**JOHN 7:33-39**

³³Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. ³⁴You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come." ³⁵The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? ³⁶What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?"

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' " ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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 573 - *"Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"*

THE SERMON:

LUKE 17:11-19

¹¹ Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. ¹² Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. ¹³ And they lifted up *their* voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ So when He saw *them*, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine? ¹⁸ Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.” **

THE MAJORITY

We should appreciate God’s gifts. It is right to thank God that He moves men to step up and serve the congregation when the Pastor is away. Be assured that your pastor is grateful that there are those who are willing to say, “Here I am, send me.” We pray further that the Holy Spirit would use it to strengthen all those who hear it to also say, “Here I am, send me.”

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: 528 - *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

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

May 17, 2026

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: LH Confirmation Practice 3:30pm

Thursday: LM Mission Committee 6pm

Sunday: Worship 11am

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 in recess until the Fall. Thank you to the students for their attention to their memory work and assignments. There is one Confirmand this Spring, Clay Kasper, who will be confirmed on Sunday May 31st at 11am.

WORSHIP TIME

Our Worship time is at 11am next Sunday.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (S)

The Living Hope VBS is scheduled for July 13-17th 2026. Luther Memorial VBS has been scheduled for the week of August 3-7, 2026.

VOLLEYBALL ANYONE?

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

PASTORAL SHORTAGE IN THE CLC

Please continue to pray that the Lord Jesus provide workers for our CLC Pulpits. In the last 6 months, Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, Pastor Ted Barthels and Pastor Del Maas have announced their intention to retire from the Public Ministry in 2026. We have 65 congregations being served by 45 men. We also have 21 Pastors and Professors over 60 years old, 19 that are over 65 and 9 that are over 70 years of age.

We have 10 churches without or about to be without a full-time pastor to serve them, including: 1) Trinity in Spokane WA; 2) Holy Cross in Phoenix AZ; 3) Our Redeemer's in Red Wing MN; 4) St. Luke's in Lemmon, SD; 5) Messiah in Eau Claire, WI; 6) Living Hope of Appleton, WI; 7) St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran in Austin, MN; 8) Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI; 9) Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND; 10) St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN.

This is further complicated by the fact that we anticipate 1 graduate from Seminary in the next 3 years. There are 14 men in the Pre-Theology Program at ILC, but it will take at least 7 years to graduate them...if they all continue.

We may have a shortage for at least the next decade. This isn't only an issue facing only the CLC. In the CLC, 11% of our congregations have vacancies. In the WELS they are also at 11%. The LCMS is at 20% and the ELCA seems to be much higher. What is the point of all this? Be thankful that you have a pastor and pray that God moves other men to serve.

CLC CALL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor David Pfeiffer who currently serves Holy Trinity in West Columbia, SC. • Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld has returned the call of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix AZ. • Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) has called Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Lutheran 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 James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown, ND has been called and has accepted the call to serve as Vacancy Pastor of Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has called Pastor Chad Seybt. • St. Luke's in Lemmon, SD, has called Pastor Chad Seybt.

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 4/30/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (9)
\$5,500.00	\$4,698.75	\$801.25	\$89.00

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 4/30/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (34 Sundays)
\$101,679.00	\$23,633.25	\$78,045.75	\$2,295.46

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS MAY 18-23, 2026

Monday – Mark 16:14-20 Awaiting the promised Spirit, we remember how the risen Jesus sent the eleven out to preach the Word, how vital it is to believe that Word, and how He confirmed His Word by various signs.

Tuesday – John 15:26–16:4 When the Counselor comes, He will testify about Jesus, and so will Jesus’ apostles. Not all will believe the testimony, to be sure, but fierce opposition does not mean that the Spirit was wrong.

Wednesday - 1 Peter 4:7-11 The approaching end times call for a sound mind and prayerful watching, but most of all for love which uses the gifts that God has given in service to one another on our heavenly walk.

Thursday – Ezekiel 36:25-27 The LORD will cleanse from impurity and idolatry. The LORD will give a new heart and put His Spirit within, that we, His people, may be led to walk in His ways.

Friday – Psalm 97 The LORD reigns. The earth, created by Him, rejoices in this. Fire, lightning, mountains, and heavens bow before Him. All other “gods” are nothing compared to Him. Let us also rejoice and give thanks!

Saturday – Psalm 93 The LORD rules forever. Majesty and strength are His clothing. He is mightier than the thundering waters, and His word stands firm. His holiness is what makes His house eternally beautiful.



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