



"YOU WILL RECEIVE

POWER WHEN THE
HOLY
SPIRIT

HAS COME UPON YOU,
AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES ...
TO THE END OF THE EARTH."
ACTS 1:8, ESV

PENTECOST

Living Hope Lutheran May 24, 2026

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Divine Worship. . . 11am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

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

HYMNS: LSB 500 LSB 496 LSB 655

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 500 -“*Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid*”

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:**EZEKIEL 36:22-28**

²² “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON:**EPHESIANS 2:10-22**

¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. *

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 14th Chapter we read beginning at verse 15.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 14:15-21

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me.

And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

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 496 - *“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”*

THE SERMON:

ACTS 2:1-12

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

⁶And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? ⁸And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?

⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” ¹² So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?” **

THE REAL MIRACLE OF PENTECOST

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: 655 - *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”*

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 24, 2026

THIS WEEK

Monday: Memorial Day

Tuesday: LM Elders 6pm

Wednesday: LH Confirmation Practice 3:30pm; LM Volleyball Night 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 SUNDAY

Next Sunday May 31st is Confirmation Sunday here at Living Hope Lutheran. Clay Kasper is our lone confirmand who will make confession of his faith next Sunday during worship. We will also have opportunity to review what it is that we believe.

CONFIRMATION INVITATION

The congregation is invited to the Kasper home at W5927 Hearthstone Dr. Appleton, WI 54915 for a light lunch following the Confirmation Service on Sunday May 31st.

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!

CLC WORLD MISSIONS PRAYER LIST – MAY 2026

Myanmar (South Asia) – Pastor Kham is asking for urgent prayers for one of the orphan girls he and his wife care for with the help of Kinship sponsors. Last week was taken to the hospital for severe abdominal pain. Emergency surgery in Kalaymyo was performed to remove a large ovaria cyst. A week later pathology reports found advanced cancer. Because of the on-going civil war, all advanced hospitals in the rural areas of Myanmar are either non-functioning or not accepting patients. The only place for treatment is in Yangon on the other side of the country. Again, because of the war, cross-country travel by bus is impossible. Fortunately, the medical team in Kalay was able to help them secure an emergency flight on May 23. † Please pray for Khawlvung and for those who are and will be caring for her. † Pray that the Lord will bless the treatments she receives and rid her body of the cancer that infects her so that she may live many more years in His grace and mercy serving Him and others! † There is also some good news to report from our brothers and sisters of the CLC-Myanmar (CLCM). Pastor Kham decided to make an emergency visit to Chin State to testify on behalf of a CLCM evangelist who was arrested and falsely accused of spying for a rebel militia when in fact he was simply visiting members in area villages to bring them God’s word. Praise and thank the Lord that Pastor Kham’s testimony was heard and the evangelist was released! Pastor Kham decided to spend a couple of weeks in this dangerous war zone visiting several CLCM village congregations. During the visit he conducted several baptisms and held worship services. † Thank the Lord for His blessings and protection for Pastor Kham and his team as they traveled through some of the worst war-torn areas of Myanmar to bring the Good News of Jesus to those who are suffering, and for the gift of Baptism through which many received the “washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit.” † And ask our Savior to gift comfort, strength, courage, hope and fervent faith during the difficult and desperate times they are facing.

India (South Asia) – Both the CLCI and the BELC have recently conducted VBS. Thousands of children heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ through these events that are supported by the MDF offerings of God’s people. The CLCI seminary graduation is scheduled for June 15th. Seventeen men will graduate from the program and be ordained as CLCI pastors. Some will continue to serve their current congregations; others will be assigned to new congregations that have been started through their evangelism efforts while studying in the seminary.

† Ask the Lord for His continued blessings on the graduates and those they are called to serve and to provide all that is necessary for them to carry out the work to which He has called them.

Nigeria (West Africa) – President Wilke, his wife Gloria, CLC Board of Missions Chairman, Mr. Joel Krafft, joined Missionary Ohlmann on a **visit to Nigeria** at the end of April to help the NCLC celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Their visit was blessed by the Lord in many ways and appreciated by our brothers and sisters in Christ in Nigeria. † Thank the Lord for safe travels and for the privilege of being a part of celebrating His grace, mercy, blessings, and love bestowed upon the NCLC for the past 50 years!

Democratic Republic of the Congo (Central Africa) – Missionaries Peter Evensen and Todd Ohlmann recently concluded a visit to our brothers and sisters in Christ in **Kinshasa** and the **Lubumbashi** areas of the DRC. They had the privilege of conducting Bible Training Seminars in both locations. They were also on hand for the graduation and ordination of three seminary graduates of the CCL-Congo (CCLC) in Lubumbashi. Two of them will serve a newly established and growing congregation on the outskirts of Lubumbashi. The congregation in Kinshasa has had to move locations a few times over the past few years since losing their worship facility. † Pray that the Lord will provide the resources to purchase land and build a permanent church. The seminary of the CCLC has been meeting in a temporary location for months due to security concerns due to militia and DRC military clashes in the area. † Pray for peace and stability so that the training of men for the ministry may resume at the seminary. † Thank the Lord for providing three new faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving word for the CCLC and ask Him to bless them and those they are called to serve.

Zambia (Central Africa) – Missionary Ohlmann is currently in Zambia for about two weeks. He will visit a few congregations and preaching stations to assist with evangelism efforts and will be conducting a Bible Training seminar with fifteen pastors, church leaders, evangelists, and interested individuals. He is also working with the three leaders of the Zambia-CLC to complete the much needed and difficult to acquire church registration. He will return home to the U.S. on May 24th. † Thank the Lord for these opportunities to spread the Gospel and to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ in their ministries and to bless the Gospel message they preach. † Pray for safe and uneventful travels.

....to be continued...

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor David Pfeiffer has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. • Pastor Chad Seybt has returned the call of Living Hope Lutheran of Appleton, WI. • ILC Graduate Ms. Riley Naumann has received and accepted the call to teach Grades 3-4 at Messiah Lutheran School, EC. WI. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix AZ has called Pastor Paul Agenten who currently serves Calvary Lutheran (Marquette) and St. Peter's Lutheran (Stambaugh) MI. • Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) has called Pastor Ben Libby who currently serves Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, WY. • Teacher Stephen Krause of Grace Lutheran School in Valentine, NE has returned the call to teach at Faith Lutheran School in Markesan, WI • Pastor Chad Seybt has returned the call of St. Luke's Lutheran in Lemmon, SD.

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 5/17/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (8)
\$5,500.00	\$5,304.25	\$195.75	\$24.46

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 5/17/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (33 Sundays)
\$101,679.00	\$26,411.75	\$75,267.25	\$2,281.00

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS MAY 25-30, 2026

Monday – Acts 2:1-13 Many things happened on Pentecost: the sound like wind, the tongues like fire, even mockery (v13). But the Spirit's gift was each one hearing the wonderful works of God in his own language.

Tuesday – John 14:23-31 It is so important that we hold on to Jesus' word! That is why He sends the gift of the Holy Spirit: to remind His disciples of everything that He had told them and so to give them peace with God.

Wednesday – Joel 2:28-32 The pouring out of God's Spirit was promised long ago through the prophet Joel. This gift would be not just for the leaders but for young and old, male and female, looking to the day of the LORD.

Thursday – Psalm 104:1-4 With the psalmist we ponder the glory of God as revealed in His creation of the world. On the first two days the light and sky remind us that there is no darkness in Him who is over all.

Friday – Psalm 104:5-23 On days three and four, God made the dry land appear so that plants might grow to feed the coming animals. The sun, moon, and stars mark the days and nights, months and seasons for all.

Saturday - Psalm 104:24-35 Days five and six saw the creation of animals as well as people to praise God in psalms. On the seventh day the LORD rejoiced to see that His creation was very good (v31). Hallelujah!



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