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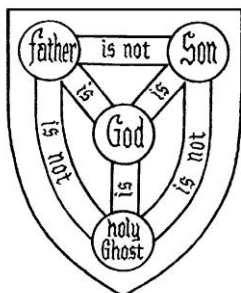
Living Hope Lutheran May 31, 2026

LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN

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Divine Worship. . . 11am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 32 (LSB);

PRAYERS: Before Worship (Inside Cover, LSB);

After Worship (Insider Cover, LSB).

HYMNS: WS 742 LSB 811 WS 798

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN:

WS 742 - *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

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 16:14-21

¹⁴ "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when it shall no longer be said, 'As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' ¹⁵ but 'As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their fathers.

¹⁶ "Behold, I am sending for many fishers, declares the Lord, and they shall catch them. And afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks. ¹⁷ For my eyes are on all their ways. They are not hidden from me, nor is their iniquity concealed from my eyes. ¹⁸ But first I will doubly repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable idols, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations."

¹⁹ O Lord, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: "Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, worthless things in which there is no profit.

²⁰ Can man make for himself gods? Such are not gods!”

²¹ “Therefore, behold, I will make them know, this once I will make them know my power and my might, and they shall know that my name is the Lord.” *

EPISTLE LESSON:

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

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 811 - *“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”*

CONFIRMATION EXAMINATION

Clay Michael Kasper

Born: November 2, 2011

Baptized: November 12, 2011

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

(LSB 655)

♪ Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done.

♪ Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

♪ O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Clay Michael Kasper

Confirmation Passage: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:27–28, ESV).

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) **CONGREGATION:** "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: WS 798 - *"God, We Praise You"*

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

May 31, 2026

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP:

Confirmation Open House – Kasper Home – W5927 Hearthstone Dr.

THIS WEEK

Monday - Tuesday: Great Lakes Delegate Conference, Middleton, WI.

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 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.

CLC WORLD MISSIONS PRAYER LIST – MAY 2026

Bangladesh (South Asia) – Pastor Monotosh recently reported that a family that was recently brought to faith as baptized believers are facing severe persecution from the people in their village. They have suffered physical beatings and damage to their home. ... Ask the Lord to give strength and patience to this family so that the joy of salvation may outweigh the earthly suffering they are enduring.

Pakistan (Asia) – Following 4 years of online instruction and the in-person CLC visit in early 2026 a recommendation was made to President Wilke to begin the formal colloquy process with Pastor Gill. Board of Doctrine member David Reim has been assigned to lead the online colloquy and follow-up visit in early 2027. New members have been added to the congregation and online theological classes continue with two young men. **Pray** for the Lord's continued blessings on the preaching and teaching of His saving Word in this predominantly Muslim nation and for the success of the colloquy.

Philippines (Southeast Asia) – The Lutheran Autonomous Missions of the Philippines (LAMP) continues efforts to complete a church building and start a congregation in Baguio City along with ongoing ministry and evangelism at two congregations in the Cordillera Mountains in the north-central region of Luzon Island where Pastor Palangyos was raised. Pray that the Lord blesses LAMP outreach efforts and provides the necessary resources so that more people may join us in repenting of our sins and rejoicing in the forgiveness we have through faith in Jesus Christ. **Thank** the Lord for recent growth and ask for His blessings on the new members. **Pray** also that the Lord provides everything necessary to complete the new worship and training facility.

Nepal (South Asia) – Due to security concerns leading up to and following recent elections, the Himalayan Bible Institute (HBI) delayed the start of classes until they end of March. A new cohort of fifteen students is planned. The main church in Kathmandu is being forced to relocate. They have just five months to find a new location. Plans are underway for a new mission in the Upper Mustang region of Nepal. **Ask** the Lord to bless the new HBI students and teachers and pray that He provides a stable and good government that will be a blessing to the citizens of Nepal and to the Gospel ministry of the HCLCN. **Pray** for the Lord's wisdom, guidance, and provision as they seek a new place to worship. **Ask** the Lord to bless the outreach efforts to bring the Gospel to the unreached areas of Nepal.

Liberia (West Africa) – A regular schedule of Bible training seminars continues for pastors and church leaders across several regions of Liberia. **Thank** the Lord for the ongoing Biblical training and outreach and **ask** for His continued blessings on the work in Liberia.

Togo (West Africa) – Pastor Blewu continues to conduct a weekly Gospel outreach radio program in Assahoun, a town about 30 minutes from the seminary. Pastor Kossi reports that there have been several contacts made through the radio program and two men have expressed interest in enrolling in the Bible Institute when classes resume. **Pray** for the Lord’s blessings over the next few months of evangelism and outreach before classes begin again at the Bible institute.

Kenya and Uganda (East Africa) – Like many ministries in developing nations, the congregations of these small church bodies often struggle to financially support their pastors. **Pray** that our Lord will open doors to provide them with daily bread, and that their efforts at outreach will bear fruit.

Tanzania (East Africa) — Missionary Naumann and Twelve seminary students will soon complete the semester before the June break when they return home. Two of the students have wives and families and the others come from poor and struggling families. During the break the students will be working to earn support for their families so they can return to classes. **Ask** the Lord to bless the students and their families during these years of sacrifice as they prepare to be faithful preachers and teachers of God’s saving word. **Pray** that our gracious Lord will provide all that is necessary for body and spirit so they can continue their studies.

2026 CLC Mission Helper Trip – Nine volunteers and three team leaders will travel to Kenya/Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia in July. They will divide into three teams and conduct child-evangelism and outreach seminars. They are anticipating the opportunity to teach upwards of 6,000 children. **Pray** that all goes smoothly as travel plans, lessons, and in-country preparations take place. **Thank** the Lord for this opportunity and for those who volunteer their time and resources for this important work!

...to be concluded.

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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BIBLE READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS – JUNE 1-6, 2026

Monday – John 3:1-15 The triune God whom we worship is all about saving mankind for eternity. Thus, Jesus points Nicodemus to being born of the Spirit (v8) without which he cannot see or enter the kingdom of God.

Tuesday – Romans 11:33-36 To sit in judgment of God, His words, or His actions, on the basis of our human knowledge and reason is really ridiculous. He is so far above us! We always do better to learn from Him.

Wednesday – Ezekiel 18:30-32 The LORD God calls upon His people to repent and turn away from rebellious acts. He does this not because they could ever overthrow Him, but because He wants them to live (v32)!

Thursday – Psalm 115:1-8 The name of God is glorious because He acts in great mercy and truth. How unlike Him are mankind's idols, who cannot speak or grunt, see or hear, smell or feel, or even walk around!

Friday – Psalm 115:9-18 The LORD is worthy of His people's trust, for He actively helps them and also shields them. He is worthy of their praises, for He remembers them and blesses, blesses, and blesses them more!

Saturday – Psalm 67 May the shining face of God ever smile upon us. His way is the path of salvation. He deserves the praise of people – all of them (v3,5). God's ruling on earth means blessing for His people (v6,7).



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