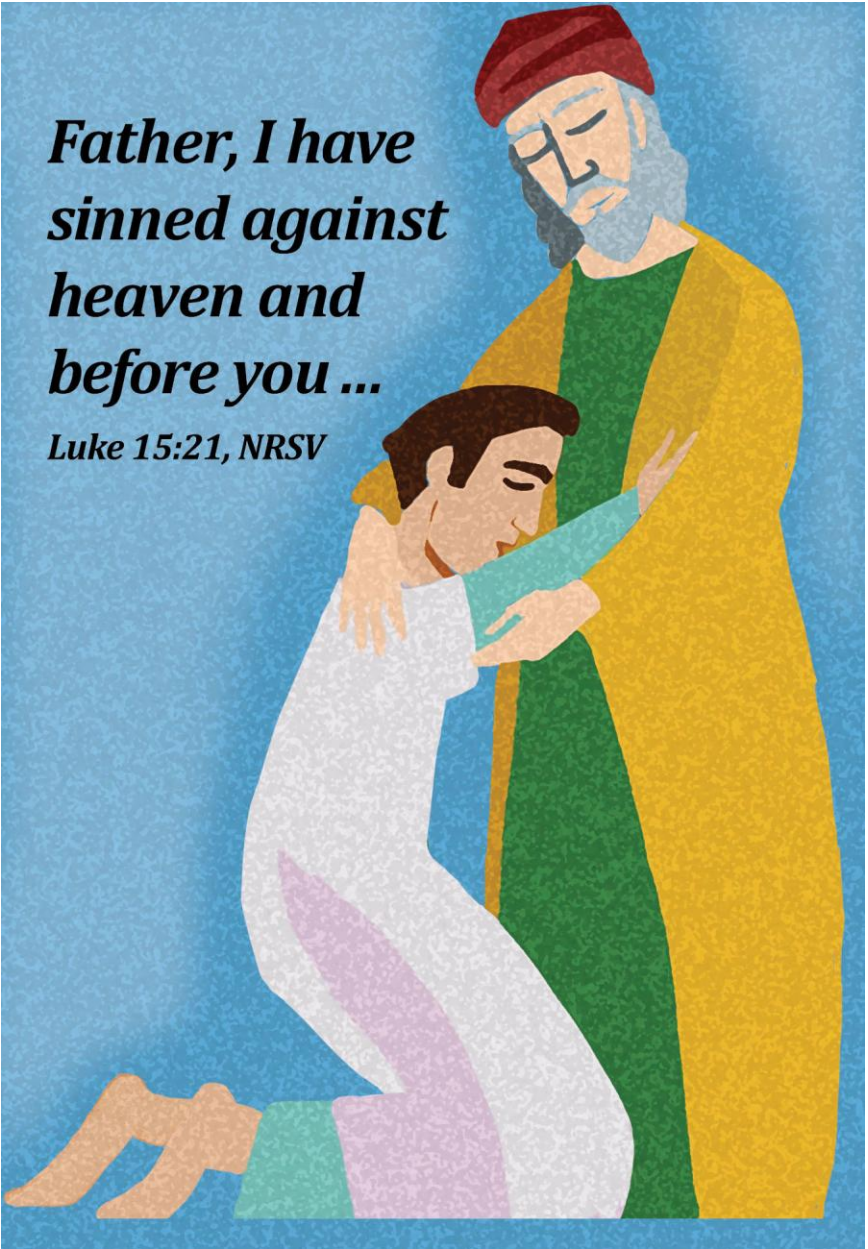


*Father, I have  
sinned against  
heaven and  
before you ...*

*Luke 15:21, NRSV*



## **TRINITY TWO**

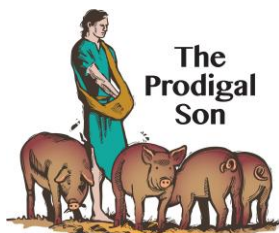
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# LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN

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**Divine Worship. . . 11am**

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## TRINITY TWO

June 14, 2026

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

**PSALM: 136**

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

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

**HYMNS: LSB 683 LSB 527 LSB 524**

### PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN: LSB 683 - *“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”***

**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:**

**PROVERBS 9:1-10**

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, <sup>4</sup>"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says, <sup>5</sup>"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup>Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

<sup>7</sup>Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. <sup>8</sup>Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. <sup>9</sup>Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. <sup>10</sup>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. \*

**EPISTLE LESSON:**

**ROMANS 10:1-15**

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup>For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

<sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"\*

### **GOSPEL LESSON:**

### **MATTHEW 9:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

## **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 527** - *“O Savior, Precious Savior”*

## **THE SERMON:**

## **LUKE 15:11-32**

<sup>11</sup>And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

<sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.” ’ <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’

<sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’ ” \*

## **TWO LOST SONS AND A LOVING FATHER**

### **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 offering plates are passed at this time.

## **THE OFFERING HYMN**

**(TLH 244:1-3)**

♪ **Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

♪ **Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain; Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!**

♪ **Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King, Glory to the King of nations; Heaven and earth, your praises bring! Glory, glory, To the King of Glory sing!**

## **PRAYER(S) /THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **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 right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. Who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in person and the unity in substance of majesty coequal. 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:**



Why doesn't our church pass the Sacrament out in the pews, as some churches do? We understand the Lord's Supper to have just as great a potential for harm as it has for good. For that reason, we do not even commune our own children until they have been properly instructed. For this reason, we trust that those of other faiths will understand our practice of asking all who wish to commune to prepare with the pastor first. **The Lord's Supper will be received standing or seated in the pews. You are asked to dispose of the empties in one of the disposals near the front of the sanctuary.**

## **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 524 - "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

June 14, 2026

### **THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday:** LM Council Meeting 6pm; LH Council Meeting

**Sunday:** Worship 11am

### **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.*

### **GREAT LAKES DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

*This year's Great Lakes Delegate Conference was held this past week, June 1-2 (Monday-Tuesday) at Peace Through Christ in Middleton (Madison). We prepared for the upcoming CLC Convention June 25-28 (Thursday-Sunday) in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The following papers were also delivered: "Review and Update to 'The Problem of the Isolated Believer' by Pastor Paul Agenten; The Antichrist – A Biblical Portrait; Luther's Growing Recognition; Historical Development by Professor Mark Weis; Building the Breakwater – The Congregation's Role in Christian Education and Its Benefits by Paul Tiefel III.*

### **DAILY REST/SPOKESMAN RENEWALS**

*If you wish to renew your Daily Rest or Spokesman Subscription, please indicate so on the signup sheets on the counter by the visitor register or contact Mr. Jacob Dumke. Renewals are due by June 21<sup>st</sup> 2026.*

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RESCHEDULE**

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## CLC Financial Report - May 2026

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 11 Months	Balance 5/31/2026
General Fund	0	1,047,804	1,122,053	1,159,675	(74,249)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,738,510	1,550,693	1,627,120	187,817
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	34,680	91,982		41,841
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	499,213	340		2,565,586
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	307,726	242,057		214,071
Kinship	169,472	214,538	206,250		177,760
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	991,676	1,048,231		2,447,241
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	158,626	226,991		33,324
EduK8 Fund	70,311	68,330	30,000		108,641
Reserve Fund	103,629	3,474	0		107,103
<b>Auxiliary Funds Totals</b>	<b>\$5,263,155</b>	<b>\$2,278,263</b>	<b>\$1,845,851</b>		<b>\$5,695,567</b>

**General Fund** – Our deficit in the General Fund increased since last month, and now sits at almost \$75,000. We have not met our budget for the past several years and while we have been blessed to have a reserve fund that has covered our shortfall, eventually that fund will run out if this trend continues. With only the remainder of June in our fiscal year, it will be beneficial for each of us to prayerfully consider what we can do to support the General Fund now and in the future. May our Gracious Lord bless our humble efforts.

**ILC Operations** – The balance is ahead of last year at this time by about \$77,000.

**Church Extension Fund** – Revenue in the Church Extension Fund was over \$300,000 this month, largely due to one congregation paying off their loan balance of almost \$240,000.

**Other Auxiliary Funds** – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

*Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer  
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees*

## **CLC CALL NEWS**

*Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor Michael Roehl who serves St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND. • Pastor Paul Agenten has returned the call of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix AZ. • Pastor Ben Libby has returned the call of Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI. • Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church in Morris, MN, has been called by St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD. • Gift of God Lutheran in Mapleton (Fargo) ND and St. Paul's Lutheran of Ponsford, MN have also called Pastor Johnathan Schnose. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has called Mr. Steve Sydow, who currently serves ILHS/ILC as Counselor • St. John's Lutheran Church in Okabena, MN, has extended two part-time, one-year teaching calls to Lori Ruthenbeck and Lydia Buck.*

### **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 5/31/26</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Approximate per Sunday (3)</b>
\$5,500.00	\$5,529.25	\$0	\$0

### **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 5/31/26</b>	<b>Amount Remaining</b>	<b>Remaining Amount (30 Sundays)</b>
\$101,679.00	\$27,478.75	\$74,200.25	\$2,473.34

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## HOME DEVOTIONS FOR JUNE 15-20, 2026

**Monday – Luke 14:16-24** Jesus pictures God’s invitation to a banquet rejected in favor of earthly pursuits. The result: those handicapped in such pursuits are brought in, and others from highways and hedges.

**Tuesday - 1 John 3:13-18** The world hates, but our Jesus loves, and laid down His life for us. We also will want to use the things of this life to help those in need where we can, truly loving both in words and actions.

**Wednesday – Isaiah 25:6-9** Isaiah also used a banquet to picture God’s blessings for all peoples (v6). Death will be swallowed up, and tears will be wiped away (v8). This is the LORD! We waited for Him, and He saved us! (v9)

**Thursday – Psalm 28** God’s children call to Him and plead for His mercy when suffering at the hands of the wicked (God’s enemies). They leave the punishing of the wicked to Him (v4-5), and rejoice in His salvation (v8).

**Friday – Psalm 119:9-16** The Word of God can guard our path, but it is not just a path we seek, but Him (v10). Thus we want to learn, tell about, rejoice in, meditate on, consider, delight in, and never forget His Words.

**Saturday – Luke 14:25-35** May the love of God fill our hearts, that we may recognize that His invitation (see Monday reading) is more precious than anything else in this life, including family, possessions, even our earthly life (v26).



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