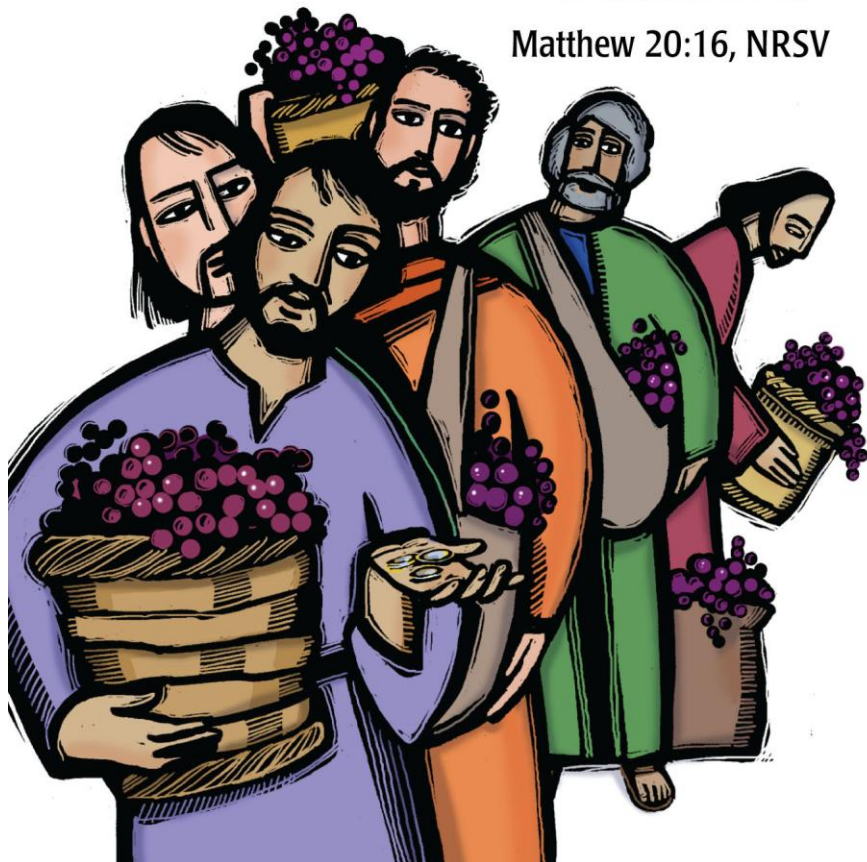


So the **last**
will be **FIRST**,
and the
first
will be **LAST**.

Matthew 20:16, NRSV



TRINITY SIX

Living Hope Lutheran July 12, 2026

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Divine Worship. . . 11am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 48; PRAYERS:

Before Communing (Inside Cover, LSB);

HYMNS: LSB 566:1-4 LSB 746 LSB 566:5-6

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 566:1-4 - "By Grace I'm Saved"

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:

NUMBERS 13:17-33

¹⁷ Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan and said to them, "Go up into the Negeb and go up into the hill country, ¹⁸and see what the land is, and whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many, ¹⁹and whether the land that they dwell in is good or bad, and whether the cities that they dwell in are camps or strongholds, ²⁰and whether the land is rich or poor, and whether there are trees in it or not.

Be of good courage and bring some of the fruit of the land.” Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes.

²¹So they went up and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, near Lebo-hamath. ²²They went up into the Negeb and came to Hebron. Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the descendants of Anak, were there. (Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) ²³And they came to the Valley of Eshcol and cut down from there a branch with a single cluster of grapes, and they carried it on a pole between two of them; they also brought some pomegranates and figs. ²⁴That place was called the Valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster that the people of Israel cut down from there.

²⁵At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land.

²⁶And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷And they told him, “We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. ²⁹The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan.”

³⁰But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.”

³¹Then the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.”

³²So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, “The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. ³³And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.” *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON:

ACTS 8:26-39

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”

³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. *

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 Matthew, from the 21st Chapter we read verses 28-32.

C: ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 21:28-32

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.*

P: So far the Gospel Reading.

C: ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

THE NICENE CREED (WS. Pg. 5)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: LSB 746 - "Through Jesus' Blood and Merit"

THE SERMON:

MATTHEW 20:1-16

"Indeed the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing to pay the workers a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³He also went out about the third hour and saw others standing unemployed in the marketplace. ⁴To these he said, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did the same thing. ⁶When he went out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing unemployed. He said to them, 'Why have you stood here all day unemployed?' ⁷"They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.'

"He told them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When it was evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group and ending with the first.'

⁹"When those who were hired around the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius. ¹⁰When those who were hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But they each received a denarius too. ¹¹After they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner: ¹²'Those who were last worked one hour, and you made them equal to us who have endured the burden of the day and the scorching heat!'

¹³"But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not make an agreement with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what is yours and go. I want to give to the last one hired the same as I also gave to you. ¹⁵Can't I do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶In the same way, the last will be first, and the first, last." **

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

It's a blessing to serve in the Kingdom.

Pay isn't based on labor, but grace.

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 Thy 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 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is meet and right so to do.

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:

THE SANCTUS

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Saba-oth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: 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;

C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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!

C: ♪ Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C: ♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:

In the early church, Communion was thought of so highly that no one except confirmed members of the church were allowed even to watch it. This practice was more strict than necessary, of course. But the early church did understand something that many today do not: that Communion was never intended for indiscriminate use by everyone, but was restricted to those who are properly prepared. If you have never communed with us before, and desire the benefits of



the Lord's Supper, please set up an appointment with the pastor to discuss how you can prepare properly.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

C: ♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. 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.

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: and His mercy endureth forever.

P: Let us pray.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: and with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor)

C: ♪ Amen, Amen, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 566:5-6 - *“By Grace I’m Saved.”*

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

July 12, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Council, 6pm; LH Council, 6pm

Wednesday: LM Volleyball Night 6pm

Saturday: LM Mother Daughter Salad Spectacular 11am-1pm

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.

VBS

The Living Hope Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for July 20-24, 2026. The Theme is entitled: "Set Sail!"

2026 CLC MISSION HELPERS TO AFRICA

Nine CLC Mission Helpers (Lauren Gurgel, Abigail Gerbitz, Elijah Sumey, Jeff Radichel, Sarah Radichel, Josh Ohlmann, Lydia Ohlmann, Andrew Lau, Alexis Aichele) along with team leaders (Pastor Tom Naumann and Missionary Todd Ohlmann) are traveling this week to the East African nations of Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia. The Tanzania team will be welcomed and joined in their work by Missionary Bruce and Paula Naumann. The Mission Helpers will spend the next few weeks proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to an estimated 6,000 children. They will focus their efforts in some of the towns and villages where the Kenya-CLC, Tanzania-CLC, and Zambia-CLC have or are working to establish congregations and preaching stations. You can follow along with the Mission Helpers through the trip blog at www.2026clcmisionhelpertripeastafrica.blogspot.com. Your prayers are requested and much appreciated.

LUTHER MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL NIGHT!

Since it was so well received, the Luther Memorial Mission Committee has scheduled Volleyball Night for the Summer every other Wednesday – July 15, 29 and August 12 and 26th at 6pm. Bring chairs and refreshments and play volleyball or cornhole!

MOTHER/DAUGHTER – SALAD SPECTACULAR

The Ladies of Luther Memorial invite you to a Mother/Daughter Banquet- Salad Spectacular to be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday July 18th beginning at 11am. Please bring your favorite salad (and the recipe) and join us for a devotion, a meal and an activity!

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE 2025-26

We pledged to send \$5,500 to support the work of the LORD in our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession in 2025-26. This fiscal year ran from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. We received \$ 5,799 toward that pledge as of June 14th. The new fiscal year begins July 1, 2026 and last until June 30, 2027.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Michael Roehl has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. • Pastor Tim Daub, who currently serves Prince of Peace (Hecla, SD); Zion Lutheran (Aberdeen, SD) and Redeemer (Bowdle, SD) has been called by St. Paul's Lutheran in Austin, MN. • Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church in Morris, MN, has been called by St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD and by Gift of God Lutheran in Mapleton (Fargo) ND. • Mr. Steve Sydow has returned the call of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI. • Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN, has been called by Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI. • Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN has been called by Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.

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 6/30/26 | Amount Remaining | Approximate per Sunday |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| \$5,500.00 | \$5,924.75 | \$0 | \$0 |

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2026-27

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| Amount Pledged 2026 | Received as of 7/5/26 | Amount Remaining | Approximate per Sunday (51) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| \$5,500.00 | \$ | \$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.

| General Budget | Received as of 6/30/26 | Amount Remaining | Remaining Amount (26 Sundays) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| \$101,679.00 | \$32,533.25 | \$69,145.75 | \$2,659.00 |

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR JULY 13-18, 2026

Monday – Matthew 5:20-26 Appearing holy to other people was the specialty of the Pharisees and theologians of Jesus' day, but God looks on the heart. If anger or accusation are there, it needs to be settled quickly (v25).

Tuesday – Romans 6:3-11 The death of Christ not only reconciles us to God and thereby gives us new life; it also affects our walk in this new life. We now consider ourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ (v11).

Wednesday – Ephesians 2:4-10 The surpassing riches of His grace – this is what God demonstrated when He gave us life in Christ for the death that our sins deserved! We are God's workmanship, created to glorify Him.

Thursday – Exodus 20:1-17 These are the commandments of the LORD who delivered His people from slavery, not because He wanted to enslave them, but because He wants to continue blessing them!

Friday - Psalm 114 This psalm sings of the Red Sea parting, the Jordan River stopping, and the mountains trembling in the presence of the LORD. He blessed His people also with water from the rock, springs of water!

Saturday – Psalm 119:41-48 The mercies of God bring salvation according to His Word. The words of God give answer to enemies, lead us to speak before others – even kings – and bring delight in His commandments.



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