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Divine Worship. . . 11am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 138; PRAYERS: Before Worship (Inside Cover, LSB);

HYMNS: WS 757 LSB 589 LSB 575

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: WS 757 “Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning”

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 forgive 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:

ISAIAH 62:6-12

⁶On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the Lord in remembrance, take no rest, ⁷and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.

⁸The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored;

⁹ but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary.”

¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples.

¹¹ Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” ¹² And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken. *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE:

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-12

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. *

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 Evangelist Mark, from the 4th Chapter we read verses 26-29.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL:

MARK 4:26-29

²⁶ And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." *

P: So far the Gospel Reading.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, 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 589 - *"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"*

THE SERMON:

HEBREWS 11:1-3

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.

³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. **

FAITH'S 20/20 VISION

It 'sees' and is sure of the future.

Doesn't need to see to be sure of the past.

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 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, Amen, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 575 - *"My Hope Is Built in Nothing Less."*

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 19, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Mission Committee

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 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!

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 2026-27

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, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

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 20-25, 2026

Monday – Mark 3:1-6 Jesus knows that He is being watched in order to accuse Him, but He restores the use of a man's hand anyway, and immediately the Pharisees begin to plot how they might get rid of Him.

Tuesday – Mark 3:7-12 Jesus' healing ways attract such large crowds that they could even pose a hazard (v9), but perhaps a greater threat comes from unclean spirits, whose "help" He steadfastly refuses.

Wednesday – Romans 6:19-23 Paul reminds us of the shameful deeds and fatal result of our former slavery to sin, that we might now rejoice to be slaves to God, with sanctified fruits and eternal life resulting.

Thursday – Jeremiah 31:23-25 The LORD promises that He will unite His people once more and bring them back from the captivity they have deserved. They will bless His gathering place, and He will satisfy their needs.

Friday - Psalm 125 Everyone trusts someone, but those who trust in the LORD are truly secure. The LORD even protects them from oppression that might tempt them to turn to evil ways in their own defense (v3).

Saturday - Psalm 119:49-56 The Word of God brings us hope, and hope brings comfort in times of suffering. Therefore His words will occupy our songs (v54) and remind us of His Name in the darkest of nights (v55).



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