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Matthew 22:14, NRSV

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Living Hope Lutheran June 28, 2026

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Divine Worship. . . 11am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 119:1-6 **PRAYERS:** Before Worship (Inside Cover, LSB);
After Worship (Insider Cover, LSB).

HYMNS: LSB 790 LSB 915 LSB 524

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 790 - *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

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:

ISAIAH 65:17-25

¹⁷“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

ACTS 4:1-12

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." *

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 5:13-16

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. *

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 915 - *"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"*

THE SERMON:

MATTHEW 22:1-14

¹ And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said:

² "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, ³ and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. ⁴ Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' "

⁵ But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. ⁶ And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.

⁷ But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹ Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' ¹⁰ So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. ¹² So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ "For many are called, but few are chosen." **

MANY ARE INVITED...BUT FEW WILL EAT

Thank you to Mr. Mark King for serving us this morning with the Word of God. Pastor Schaller, along with Delegates Craig Youngerberg and Joe Oster is representing Living Hope at the 37th Biannual CLC Convention in eau Claire.

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 BENEDICTION: (Pastor) **CONGREGATION:** "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 684 - "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 21, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Mission Committee 6pm

Thursday-Sunday: 37th CLC Convention, EC, 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.

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.

VBS RESCHEDULE

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

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.

Amount Pledged 2025	Received as of 6/14/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (1)
\$5,500.00	\$5,799.50	\$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 6/14/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (27 Sundays)
\$101,679.00	\$30,944.25	\$70,734.75	\$2,620.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR JUNE 27- JULY 4, 2026

Monday – Luke 15:1-10 Those who consider themselves above “sinners” complain that Jesus is spending too much time with such people. With two pictures, Jesus points to the joy in heaven over what He is doing.

Tuesday - 1 Peter 5:6-11 While it is the Devil’s goal to devour (v8), it is God’s to lift up (v6), restore, establish, strengthen, support (v10). So much better to be with Him, even in times of anxiety (v6) and suffering (v10)!

Wednesday – Micah 7:18-20 In a glorious hymn of praise, the prophet praises the God who forgives sinners, shows mercy, and overcomes our guilty deeds. What an invitation this is to come to Him in repentant trust!

Thursday – Psalm 25:1-11 We pray with David for help in the face of earthly enemies and our own sin (v1-7,11). We pray with confidence because God is good and upright, and teaches the way of mercy and truth (v8-10).

Friday – Psalm 25:12-22 The one who respects the LORD will follow His guidance and look to Him (v12-15). In the face of every enemy, may He protect us who wait for Him. “Redeem Israel, O God, from all its distress!”

Saturday - Psalm 119:17-24 As servants of the LORD (v17), and as pilgrims in this world (v19), we seek the help and guidance of the LORD’s testimonies. “Yes, your testimonies are my delights. They are my advisors” (v24).



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