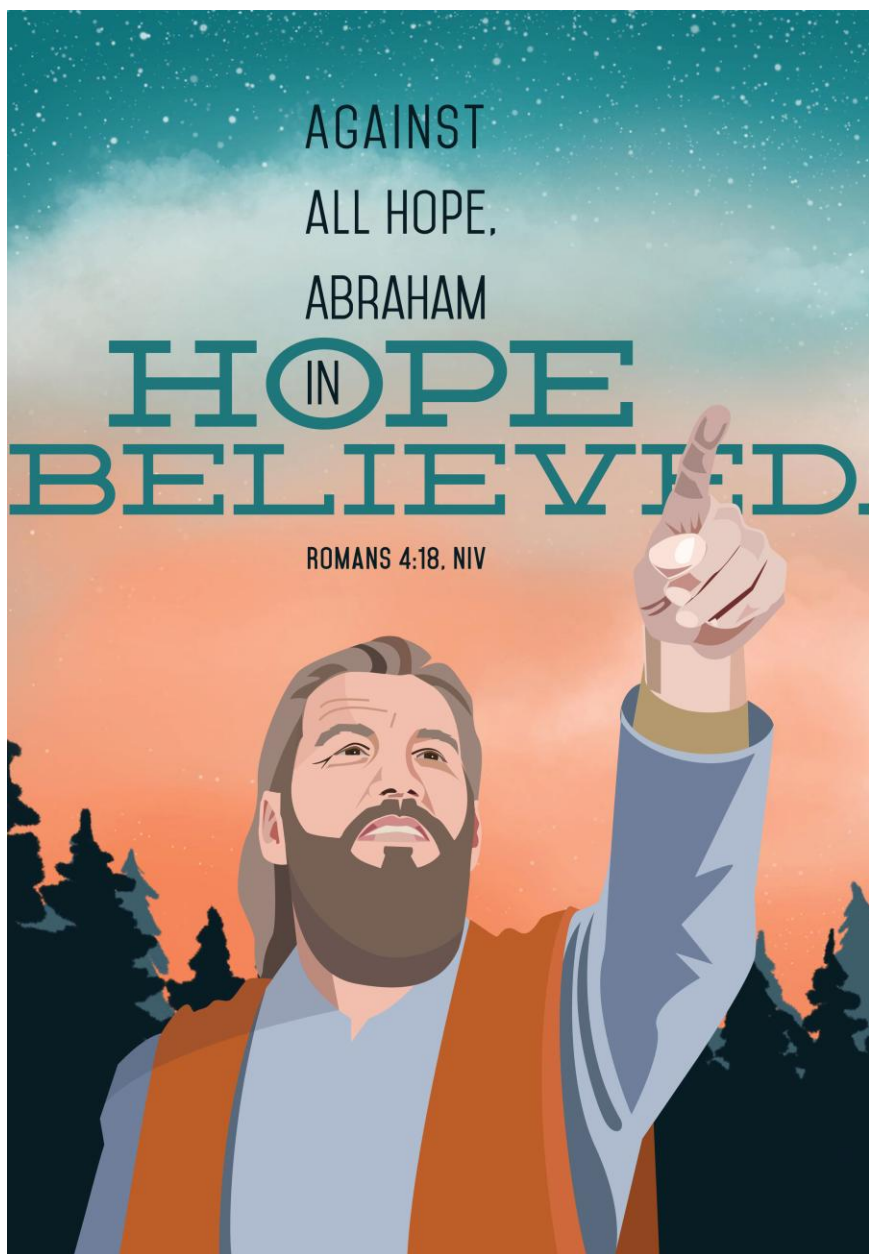




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ROMANS 4:18, NIV

TRINITY TWELVE

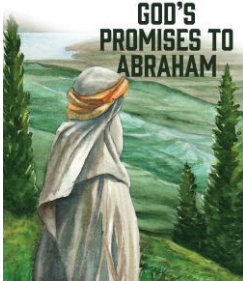
Living Hope Lutheran August 23, 2026

LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN

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Divine Worship. . . 11am

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TRINITY TWELVE

August 23, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 70; PRAYERS: Before Worship (Inside Cover, LSB);

HYMNS: LSB 575 LSB 587 LSB 918

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 575 - *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

DIVINE SERVICE

(Setting 2, LSB Pg 167)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of us all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

C: ♪ Glory be to God on highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

OT LESSON:

ISAIAH 29:18-21

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

²⁰ For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, ²¹ who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON:

ACTS 16:9-15

⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days.



¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God.

The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us. *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Please Rise.

**C: ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

P: The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel according to the Apostle John, from the 8th Chapter we read beginning at verse 31.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 8:31-36

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. *

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, 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 587 - *"I Know My Faith is Founded"*

THE SERMON:

HEBREWS 11:8-10, 17-19

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, *"In Isaac your seed shall be called,"* ¹⁹ concluding that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. **

BY FAITH: ABRAHAM

...moved, sight unseen.

...believed God's Promise.

P: Please Rise.

THE OFFERTORY

♪ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take up the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

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.

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.

CLOSING HYMN:

LSB 918 - *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"*

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

August 23, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Elders 6pm

Wednesday: Volleyball Night at LM, 6pm

Sunday: LM Worship 9am; LH 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.

LUTHER MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL NIGHT!

The Luther Memorial Mission Committee has scheduled a final Volleyball Night for the Summer on Wednesday August 26th at 6pm. Bring chairs and refreshments and play volleyball or cornhole!

SILVER CITY, MICHIGAN

Pastor and Alice are away this morning in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan enjoying a quiet and brief vacation. In an emergency, Pastor Schaller can be reached by phone: 605-880-7886. They will be returning early this week. Thank you to those willing to conduct this service and enable the pastor to get away.

CLC WOMEN'S RETREAT WEST

We currently have nearly 80 women from 22 different CLC congregations registered to attend the Women's Retreat in Oacoma, SD, the weekend of September 18th. If you would like to join us, please register by Friday, September 4th. Information can be found at <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/> or on the flier in the entryway. (if applicable)

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Join us in celebrating 50 years of God's grace in our Christian day school on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley, MN. We'll gather for a special anniversary worship service with Grace alumni Pastor Neal Radichel as our guest preacher, followed by a potluck picnic, a memory-filled slideshow, and joyful fellowship. All students, alumni, families, staff, church members, and friends are warmly invited as we give thanks for God's faithfulness across generations.

LIVING HOPE CHURCH PICNIC

The Living Hope Church Picnic is scheduled for next Sunday, August 30th after worship at the Youngerberg Residence: 3339 S. Blue Spruce Lane, Appleton, WI.



Grace Ev. Lutheran Church hosts

WOMEN'S Retreat West

Sessions will explore Words to Others, Words to Yourself, and Words to the Lord. Join us as we spend time on:

- ✓ Bible Study
- ✓ Heart-opening conversations
- ✓ Fellowship activities



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Oacoma, SD 57365



More Information:

<https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat>

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord,
my strength and my Redeemer - Psalm 19:14*



CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor David Reim has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. • Pastor David Reim has also returned the call of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD. • Pastor Em. Paul Tiefel Jr. has returned the call of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI • Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI. has called Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ has called Pastor Chad Seybt of the Western Wisconsin Quad Parish • Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND, has returned the call of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Austin, MN.

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.

<i>Amount Pledged 2026</i>	<i>Received as of 7/31/26</i>	<i>Amount Remaining</i>	<i>Approximate per Sunday (48)</i>
\$5,500.00	\$370.50	\$5,129.50	\$107.00

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.

<i>General Budget</i>	<i>Received as of 7/31/26</i>	<i>Amount Remaining</i>	<i>Remaining Amount (21 Sundays)</i>
\$101,679.00	\$36,472.35	\$65,206.65	\$3,105.00

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS AUGUST 24-29, 2026

Monday - Mark 7:31-37 When Jesus heals a man who has difficulty hearing and speaking, it is not to put on a show. He deals with him in private and does not want it publicized, but He still does all things well!

Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 6:4-11 In all kinds of hardships and troubles, God's ministers (v4) continue to serve God (v6), in glory and dishonor, "as having nothing yet possessing everything" (v10), speaking from the heart (v11).

Wednesday - Isaiah 29:18-19 The prophet Isaiah foretells a day of deliverance when the deaf will hear the words from a book, and the humble will rejoice in the LORD once again. The poor will delight in the Messiah!

Thursday – Psalm 104:1-18 We are taken on a trip through God's creation, praising the power and wisdom that created the light, the sky, the waters and the dry land, the fruitful plants that grow and feed the animals.

Friday – Psalm 104:19-35 The LORD not only creates, but also preserves and provides for the animals and people He has made. Sun and moon mark day and night, as He continues to be the LORD of all. *Hallelujah!*

Saturday - Psalm 119:89-96 This portion of our Psalm of the Word also praises the LORD whose word stands in the heavens and on the earth. His precepts are for the good of His own and endure to eternity.



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