

I will surely return to you about
this time next year, and Sarah
your wife shall have a son.

Genesis 18:10, ESV



TRINITY THIRTEEN

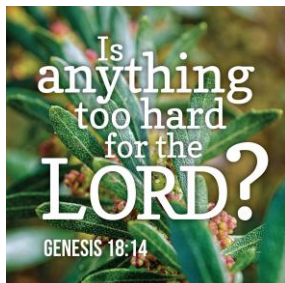
Living Hope Lutheran August 30, 2026

LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN

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Divine Worship. . . 11am

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TRINITY THIRTEEN

August 30, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 30; PRAYERS: Before Worship (Inside Cover, LSB);

HYMNS: LSB 549 LSB 528 LSB 794

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 549 -“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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:

ZECHARIAH 7:4-10

⁴Then the word of the Lord of hosts came to me: ⁵“Say to all the people of the land and the priests, ‘When you fasted and mourned in the fifth month and in the seventh, for these seventy years, was it for me that you fasted?’

⁶And when you eat and when you drink, do you not eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves? ⁷Were not these the words that the Lord proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous, with her cities around her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited?’ ”

⁸And the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying, ⁹“Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, ¹⁰do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.” *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON:

1 PETER 2:1-10

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. *

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 Evangelist John-Mark, from the 12th Chapter we read beginning at verse 41.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON:

MARK 12:41-44

⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." *

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 528 - *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

SERMON:

HEBREWS 11:11-12

¹¹ By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

THE QUALITIES OF A HERO(INE)

(S)he believes God’s promise because God is faithful

(S)he believes in God’s Savior because God’s Word is True.

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 794 - "The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

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 30, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Ladies of Luther Memorial 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.

LIVING HOPE CHURCH PICNIC

The Living Hope Church Picnic is scheduled for this afternoon following worship at the Youngerberg Residence: 3339 S. Blue Spruce Lane, Appleton, WI.

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.



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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More Information:

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*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. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI has called Pastor Thomas Schuetze who serves St. Paul Lutheran in Lakewood (Denver) CO. • 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.

Amount Pledged 2026	Received as of 7/31/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (48)
\$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.

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

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HOME DEVOTIONS AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

Monday – Luke 10:23-37 Jesus shows a law expert that his own doings will not gain eternal life. His attempt to justify himself asks “Who is my neighbor?” when the question should be “To whom can I be a neighbor?”

Tuesday – Galatians 3:15-22 The promise of salvation in the Christ was given long before the Mosaic law was added to reveal transgressions until the promised Savior had come. Faith in Jesus Christ brings salvation.

Wednesday - Leviticus 18:1-5 Loving God with all one’s heart and soul and strength means not following the religions of the Egyptians behind them or the Canaanites ahead of them on the Israelites’ journey home.

Thursday - Psalm 84:1-7 We long for the house of the LORD, not because of its construction materials, but because the LORD is there, the God who takes care of even the small sparrow and brings us to Himself!

Friday – Psalm 84:8-12 O LORD, hear us, look upon us, and bring us into Your presence. God blesses us with light and warmth like the sun, and shields us from harm. How blessed is everyone who trusts in Him!

Saturday – Psalm 119:97-104 The LORD’s Word makes us wiser than our enemies, wiser than our teachers, more understanding than the elders. Keeping to His words gives sweet blessing and guidance for our daily walk.



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