



See, now is the
day of salvation!

2 Corinthians 6:2, NRSV

TRINITY FIFTEEN

Living Hope Lutheran September 13, 2026

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Divine Worship. . . . 12:30pm

Bible Study/SS. . . . 1:30pm

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 50. PRAYERS: Before Communing (Inside Cover, LSB);
Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament (Insider Cover, LSB).

HYMNS: LSB 915 LSB 903 LSB 724:1-5

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: WS 915 - *"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"*

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:

1 KINGS 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, ⁹"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.' " ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah. *

EPISTLE LESSON:**2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13**

⁶ Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹² Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. *

GOSPEL LESSON:**JOHN 11:1-11**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹ After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him."*

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 903 - *"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"*

THE SERMON:

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

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THE LIES OF SATAN

#1 – You can always get forgiveness...tomorrow.

GOD'S URGENT OFFER OF GRACE

Don't disregard • Don't put it off • Don't use it as license to sin

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 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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!

LAMB OF GOD

♪ O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life restored, Impart Your joy, our faith increase. Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



Why doesn't our church pass the Sacrament out in the pews, as some churches do? Well, because we understand Communion very differently than others do. We understand the Lord's Supper to have just as great a potential for harm as it has for good. For that reason, we do not give it out until we have determined that it will work for your good and

the good of the church. In fact, we do not even commune our own children until they have been properly instructed. For this reason, we trust that those of other faiths will understand our practice of asking all who wish to commune to prepare with the pastor first. **The Lord's Supper will be received standing before the altar.**

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

♪ O Lord, now let your servant Depart in heav'n-ly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

♪ All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING

♪ My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may Your body and Your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

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

CLOSING HYMN: **LSB 724** - "If God Himself Be for Me"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 13, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Mission Committee, 6pm

Wednesday: LH Confirmation Class 5pm

Sunday: Worship 12:30pm; Bible Study/Sunday School 1:30pm

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.

UPDATE ON NEPAL FLOODING

There was a massive flash flood in the Rasuwa District of Nepal near the Tibet border. We have now learned that fifteen families in the HCLCN-Rasuwa congregation were swept away in the flood and have been identified among the 550+ deceased. He's not sure of the exact number of HCLCN members killed because a few family members were rescued and are taking shelter and receiving medical aid in a government school building that sits at a higher elevation. He also mentioned that two members are trapped in a highway tunnel under construction. We're thankful and find comfort that these are God's children through faith in our Savior Jesus Christ and are now with the Lord.

The Board of Missions has approved and sent an initial Kinship Disaster Relief grant of \$3000 for the HCLCN to purchase basic first-aid supplies, medicines, drinking water, food, and tarps for temporary shelter. Please keep Nepal and especially the sheep of our Good Savior's HCLCN flock in your prayers!

MAN UP WEEKEND

2026 is the 10th Anniversary of the ManUp! Weekend, to be held September 24-27 at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The facility is set up for 108 men, and currently 105 have registered. Typically, there are a couple of cancellations, and there are some attendees that said they will be staying off site. That means there is still room for around 5-8 more men - like YOU and/or that friend you have been meaning to ask. The plan is to slightly over-book the weekend, like an airline. Then you can be "on call" on a waiting list if you choose. If you register after we reach 108, you will be contacted by someone on the Planning Committee to see if you would like to be on a waiting list. Register here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Join us for encouragement, fellowship, worship, team building, and more! The \$150 registration fee covers all meals, lodging, and activities. Sign up today!

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran in Dallas, TX has been called by Gift of God Lutheran in Mapleton (Fargo), ND and St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN. • Mr. Nick Naumann has returned the call of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD. • Pastor Thomas Schuetze has returned the call of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI. • Pastor Joe Naumann has returned the call of Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI. • Pastor Chad Seybt has returned the call of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ • St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Austin, MN, has called Pastor Aaron Ude, who currently serves Good Shepherd, Rapid City, SD. • Pastor Glenn Oster of Gift of God Lutheran, Fairfax, VA, has been called by Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA.

CLC ANNIVERSARIES

Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane Valley, WA, will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on September 20, 2026. President Michael Wilke will be the guest speaker. • Ascension Lutheran Church, Batavia, IL, will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on October 11, 2026. Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck will be the guest speaker.

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 8/31/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (48)
\$5,500.00	\$786.00	\$4,714.00	\$98.21

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 8/31/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (21 Sundays)
\$101,679.00	\$41,559.25	\$60,119.75	\$2,863.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 14-19, 2026

Monday – Matthew 6:24-34 The danger of material possessions, whether we have them or want them, is that they can distract us from the kingdom of God and His righteousness. He is the One who provides for us.

Tuesday – Galatians 5:25–6:10 Walking by the spirit means loving one another (Jn15:12), bearing one another's burdens, rather than provoking and envying one another. Let us not become weary of doing good (v9).

Wednesday – Deuteronomy 6:4-7 The LORD seeks the hearts of His people, wherever they may be, whatever they may be doing, parents and children, day and night. Christ showed such love to us when He died for our sins.

Thursday – Psalm 34:1-10 When David found himself in a life-threatening situation, he called upon God and God delivered him. He speaks not of his part in the escape, but of God's hearing and delivering. Call on Him!

Friday – Psalm 34:11-22 Being close to the LORD brings deliverance in distress (v17) and joy in sorrow (v18). This does not mean that believers never have troubles, but that the LORD delivers us from them all (v19).

Saturday – Psalm 119:113-120 The Psalm tells evildoers to get away (v115), for they are against the word and commands of God, and in that word is life, hope, salvation (v116-117). Therefore, I love your testimonies (119).



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