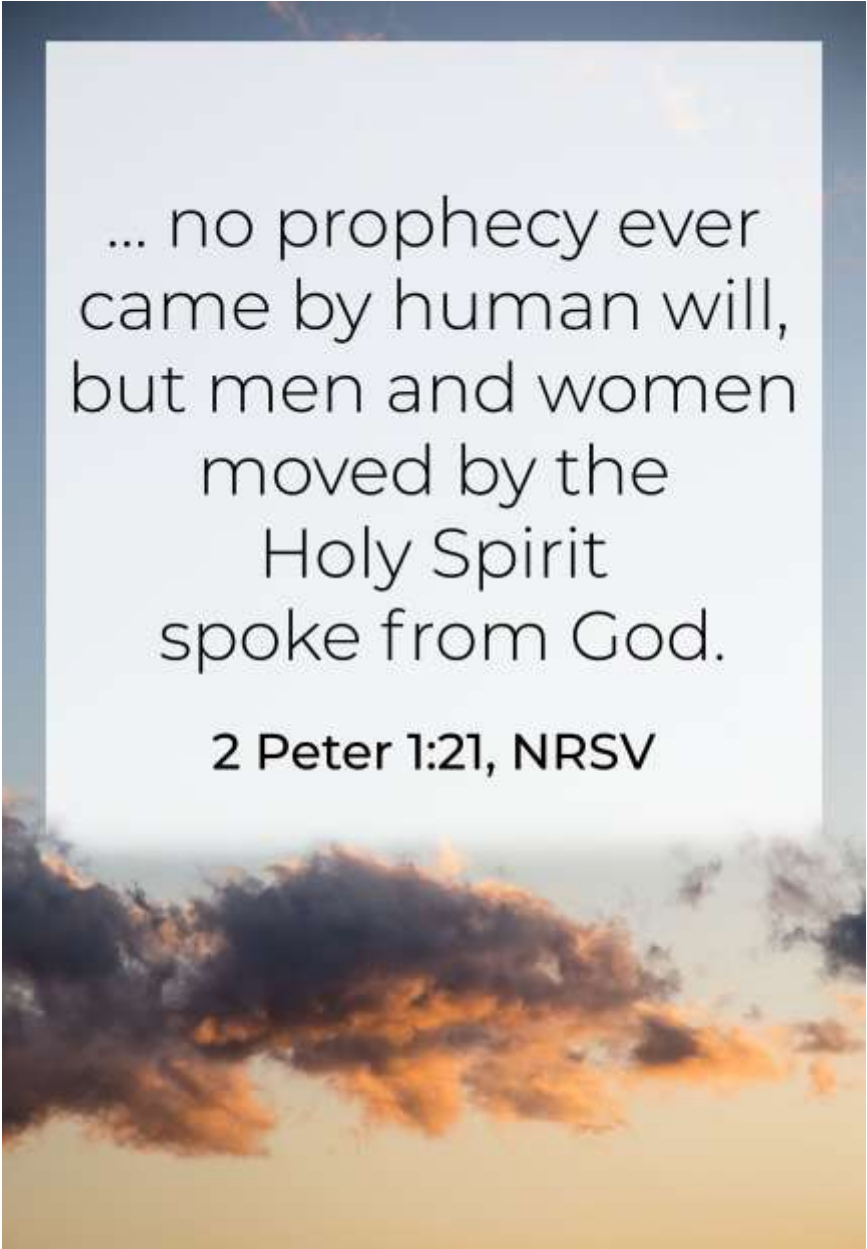




... no prophecy ever
came by human will,
but men and women
moved by the
Holy Spirit
spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:21, NRSV

TRINITY SIXTEEN

Living Hope Lutheran September 20, 2026

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Divine Worship. . . . 12:30pm

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

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September 20, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 34 PRAYERS: Before Worship (Inside Cover, LSB); After Worship (Insider Cover, LSB).

HYMNS: LSB 566 LSB 728 TLH 290

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 566 - *"By Grace I'm Saved"*

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

JOB 5:17-26

¹⁷“Behold, blessed is the one whom God reproves; therefore despise not the discipline of the Almighty. ¹⁸For he wounds, but he binds up; he shatters, but his hands heal. ¹⁹He will deliver you from six troubles; in seven no evil shall touch you. ²⁰In famine he will redeem you from death, and in war from the power of the sword. ²¹You shall be hidden from the lash of the tongue, and shall not fear destruction when it comes. ²²At destruction and famine you shall laugh, and shall not fear the beasts of the earth. ²³For you shall be in league with the stones of the field, and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you. ²⁴You shall know that your tent is at peace, and you shall inspect your fold and miss nothing. ²⁵You shall know also that your offspring shall be many, and your descendants as the grass of the earth. ²⁶You shall come to your grave in ripe old age, like a sheaf gathered up in its season. *

EPISTLE:

HEBREWS 12:18-24

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.*

GOSPEL:

MATTHEW 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

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 728 - *“How Firm a Foundation”*

THE SERMON:

2 PETER 1:19-21

¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit. **

THE LIES OF SATAN

#2 – “That’s just your interpretation.”

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR SCRIPTURE

It is verified by what the Apostles saw and heard.

It is a light that shines in this dark world.

It is interpreted by its author...God.

It is inspired by its author...God.

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: TLH 290 - "We Have a Sure Prophetic Word"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 20, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Elders Meeting, 6pm

Sunday: LM BS/SS – 9am; Worship 10am;
LH Worship 12:30pm; BC/SS 1:45pm

HOLY COMMUNION

If any member should desire private communion, they need only speak with Pastor Schaller who would be happy to provide it.

GREAT LAKES PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The 2026 Great Lakes Pastoral Conference is scheduled to take place September 29-October 1st and is hosted by Morning Star Lutheran Church in Fairchild, Wisconsin. Pastor Schaller is the Chaplain, Paul Agenten is the Speaker. The following topics will be discussed by paper and discussion: Romans 8:18ff, Artificial Intelligence, Dealing with Rumor and Gossip, Carnal Christianity.

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 WORLD MISSIONS PRAYER LIST – AUGUST 2026

Missionary Todd Ohlmann – In mid-August, Missionary Ohlmann will be visiting CLC members located in the south-central Ohio and north-central Kentucky area on behalf of the CLC Board of Missions to explore preaching station opportunities. He is also scheduled to preach for a couple of Mission Festivals this Fall along with visits to our sister congregation in Juarez, Mexico. Following Board of Missions meetings and the South-East Pastoral Conference (SEPC) in September he has visits scheduled to Bangladesh, Liberia, and Namibia. In early October he and his wife Beth plan to visit Valentine, NE to meet and celebrate the birth and baptism of their fifth grandchild! He continues to instruct individuals through Online Theological Studies correspondence courses with men in Papua New Guinea, Namibia, Indonesia, Zambia, the Philippines, and Bangladesh. ... Pray for his safe and uneventful travels, for an abundance of wisdom, love, compassion, and patience while he works with pastors and church leaders around the world. ... Pray for the safe and healthy delivery of Noah and Erica's first child. ... Continue to pray for his wife, Beth, as she continues to care for her elderly father, who is bed-ridden and longing for his heavenly home. <> You can read reports and see pictures here: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com.

Please continue to pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, who, by God's grace, are dedicated to proclaiming the truths of God's saving Word for the salvation of souls as they trust the promise of our Savior that His Word will not return to Him void but will accomplish that for which He sends it.

LIES OF SATAN

JESUS said of the Devil (John 8:44b):

"He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."

Therefore, if we are to be on guard against the enemy (cf. 1 Peter 5:8–11), then we must recognize the lies that he uses with great success, and cling instead to the Truth of Scripture.



TAKE UP THE
SHIELD OF FAITH
WITH WHICH
YOU WILL BE
ABLE TO QUENCH
ALL THE FIERY DARTS
OF THE EVIL ONE

DATE

THE LIE

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| 9/27 | "SCIENCE HAS PROVED EVOLUTION IS TRUE." |
| 10/4 | "GOD WANTS YOU TO BE HAPPY...SO..." |
| 10/11 | "WE CAN'T REALLY KNOW THE TRUTH." |
| 10/18 | "WE NEED TIME AWAY FROM CHURCH." |
| 10/25 | "THERE IS MORE THAN ONE WAY TO HEAVEN." |
| 11/1 | "JUDGE NOT..." |
| 11/8 | "IF YOU ARE A GOOD PERSON, YOU'LL GET TO HEAVEN." |

We Have a Sure Prophetic Word

2 Pet. 1: 19

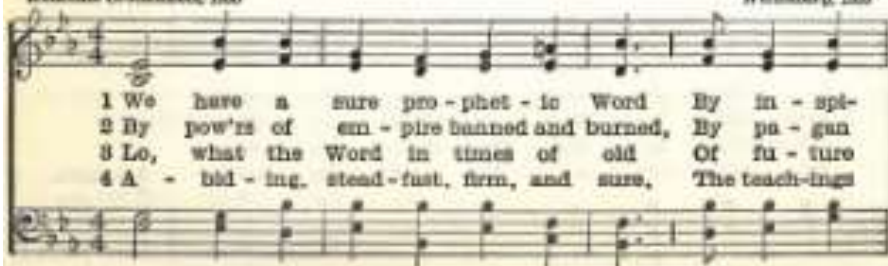
Reynold Crummett, 1880

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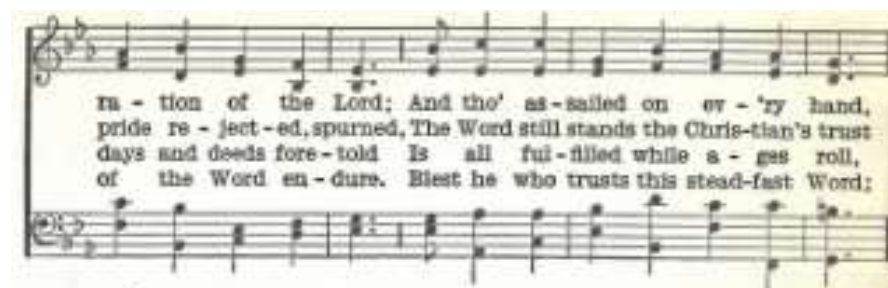
Wo Gott uns Hört

"Geistliche Lieder"

Wittenberg, 1539



1 We have a sure pro - phet - ic Word By in - spi -
 2 By pow'rs of em - pire hanned and burned, By pa - gan
 3 Lo, what the Word in times of old Of fu - ture
 4 A - bdi - ing, stead - fast, firm, and sure, The teach - ings



ra - tion of the Lord; And tho' as - sailed on ev - 'ry hand,
 pride re - ject - ed, spurned, The Word still stands the Chris - tian's trust
 days and deeds fore - told Is all ful - filled while a - ges roll,
 of the Word en - dure. Blest he who trusts this stead - fast Word;



Je - ho - vah's Word shall ev - er stand.
 While haugh - ty em - pires lie in dust.
 As traced on the pro - phet - ic scroll.
 His an - chor holds in Christ, the Lord. A - men.

CLC Financial Report - August 2026

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2026	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 2 Months	Balance 8/31/2026
General Fund	0	204,588	225,263	232,320	(20,664)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	360,474	258,051	301,186	102,423
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IF)	44,576	4,602	0		49,178
ILC Building Projects	2,605,801	405,515	25,863		2,585,463
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	214,363	39,817	32,938		221,242
Kinship	167,226	34,270	35,569		155,937
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,483,068	101,075	8,512		2,585,632
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	113,134	25,055	40,206		97,963
EduK8 Fund	111,312	5,068	55,565		60,815
Reserve Fund	143,591	690	0		144,281
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,893,972	\$606,092	\$198,653		\$6,300,511

General Fund – After two months the balance in the fund is about \$20,000 in the hole. This is very similar to where we were at on August 31 each of the last two years.

ILC Operations – The balance is positive but about \$10,000 behind the balance one year ago.

ILC Building Projects – A little more than \$25,000 was paid to the architect for additional work on building plans for the new gymnasium.

EduK8 Fund – A total of just over \$55,000 was sent in the last two months to assist two different existing schools who have been blessed by the Lord with growth in their classrooms.

Other Auxiliary Funds – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

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. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ has called Pastor Zachary Sippert who currently serves Grace Ev. Lutheran Church in Sleepy Eye, MN • 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 has returned the call of 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 21-26, 2026

Monday – Luke 7:11-17 A large funeral procession meets Jesus and another large crowd at the city gate. Jesus has compassion on a widow and calls her son back to life. The funeral is called off and God is praised by all!

Tuesday - Ephesians 3:13-21 Paul asks his Gentile readers not to lose heart over his sufferings, and prays that God may mightily strengthen them by His Spirit, granting them ever stronger faith and love in Christ Jesus.

Wednesday – Deuteronomy 32:39-40 Toward the close of the song of Moses, he points to the always living God as the only source of life. He alone is the difference between life and death, between living and dying.

Thursday - Psalm 36 David compares the rebellion of the wicked (v1-4) to the mercy and faithfulness of the Lord (v5-9). Then he prays for the protection of the Lord against the evil of the wicked (v10-12).

Friday - 1 Corinthians 15:21-28 Just as death came into the world through Adam, so also Life came into the world through Jesus, who always carries out His Father's will. He rescued us for the kingdom of God forever.

Saturday – Psalm 119:121-128 The servant of God (v125) prays for help against oppressors (v122). As he watches for God's merciful salvation and righteousness, he wants to learn from all of the Lord's words.



These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis. Graphics in the bulletin are taken from Church Art Online via a regular legal subscription.