



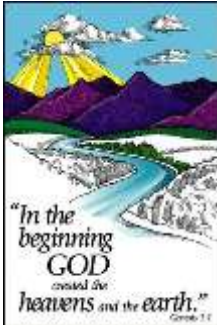
TRINITY SEVENTEEN

Living Hope Lutheran September 27, 2026

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Divine Worship. . . 12:30pm

Bible Study/SS. . . 1:45pm

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

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

HYMNS: LSB 814 LSB 816 LSB 811

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 814 - *“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”*

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:

ECCLESIASTIES 5:1-7

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. ² Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few. ³ For a dream comes with much business, and a fool's voice with many words. ⁴ When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. ⁵ It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. ⁶ Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands? ⁷ For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.*

EPISTLE LESSON:

HEBREWS 4:9-13

⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 12:1-8

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ² But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath." ³ He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: ⁴ how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? ⁵ Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? ⁶ I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. ⁷ And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸ For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath." *

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 816 - *“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”*

SERMON:

EXODUS 20:11

¹¹ For *in* six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.**

THE LIES OF SATAN

#3 – “Science has proven that this world evolved by chance.”

GOD: “WHAT PART OF CREATED DON’T YOU GET?”

Six Days...Heavens and Earth...All that is in them.

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 811** - *"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 27, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Ladies of Luther Memorial 6pm

Sunday: LM BC/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 this week, 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.

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.



DATE

THE LIE

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."

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	254,588	225,252	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	4,802	0		49,378
ILC Building Projects	2,905,801	405,515	25,853		2,985,463
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	214,363	39,817	32,938		221,242
Kinship	167,226	34,270	35,559		155,937
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,483,069	101,075	8,512		2,585,632
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	113,134	25,055	40,225		97,963
EduK8 Fund	111,312	5,068	55,565		60,815
Reserve Fund	143,591	690	0		144,281
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,893,072	\$606,082	\$198,453		\$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 returned the call of Gift of God Lutheran in Mapleton (Fargo), ND and St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN. • St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD, has called Pastor Frank Gantt who currently serves Zion Ev. Lutheran in Loganville, GA and Faith Lutheran in Manchester (St. Louis) MO. • Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI has called Pastor Paul Krause who currently serves Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Watertown, SD and Zion Ev. Lutheran in Hidewood Township, SD. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ has called Pastor Zachary Sippert who currently serves Grace Ev. Lutheran Church in Sleepy Eye, MN • Pastor Aaron Ude has returned the call of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Austin, MN. • Pastor Glenn Oster has returned the call of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA. • Pastor Tim Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Hecla, SD, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church in Aberdeen and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bowdle, SD, has been called by the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to Mexico. • Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has been called by the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India.

CLC ANNIVERSARIES

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 –SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 3, 2026

Monday – Luke 14:1-11 Pharisees watch Jesus to see if He will try to help a suffering man and break one of the rules that they had made to exalt themselves. Jesus helps the man and warns against self-exaltation.

Tuesday – Ephesians 4:1-6 Paul calls upon believers to walk humbly, to bear with one another in love, and to make every effort to maintain the unity which God the Holy Spirit has created among them.

Wednesday - 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hannah has formally dedicated her young son to the LORD. She sings thanks, both for a son, and for a God who blesses His humble people. Mary echoes some of her thoughts in Luke 1:46ff.

Thursday – Psalm 56 When David is pursued or ambushed or surrounded by enemies, he turns in trust to God. He looks forward to bringing his thank-offering, to walking before God in the light of life (v13).

Friday – Jude 20-25 Jude closes his letter by encouraging the believers to grow in faith and love, showing mercy toward those who need it. To God, who can keep us from stumbling, be all glory, majesty, and power!

Saturday - Psalm 119:129-136 The testimonies of God are a special gift that give understanding and grace. By them our walk in life is kept steady. It is a special favor of God (face shine = smile) to be taught His statutes.



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