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HEBREWS 11:16, NRSV

TRINITY FOURTEEN

Living Hope Lutheran September 6, 2026

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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 656 LSB 655 LSB 748

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: WS 656 - *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

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

PROVERBS 18:4-10

⁴The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook. ⁵It is not good to be partial to the wicked or to deprive the righteous of justice. ⁶A fool's lips walk into a fight, and his mouth invites a beating. ⁷A fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips are a snare to his soul. ⁸The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body. ⁹Whoever is slack in his work is a brother to him who destroys. ¹⁰The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 5:1-14

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³ In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵ One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” ⁷ The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁹ And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” ¹¹ But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’ ” ¹² They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?” ¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. ¹⁴ Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” *

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 655 - *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”*

SERMON:

HEBREWS 11:13-16

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

¹⁴ For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. ¹⁵ And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly *country*. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

THE HEROES OF FAITH

...died and were not disappointed.

...lived with their eyes lifted heavenward.

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 or seated in the pews.** You are asked to dispose of the empties in one of the disposals near the front of the sanctuary.

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 748 - "I'm But a Stranger Here"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 6, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Council, 6pm

Sunday: Worship Time...

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.

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.

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. The names of the towns, rivers, districts, and places are familiar to anyone who has visited Nepal as a Mission Helper over the years. I can't tell you how many times I have visited the Rasuwa, Dhading, and Chitwan districts and traveled across and alongside the Trishuli River and the towns that line its banks. Please keep Nepal and especially the sheep of our Good Savior's HCLCN flock in your prayers!

CLC WORLD MISSIONS PRAYER LIST – AUGUST 2026

Tanzania (East Africa) — Pray for the theological education of the twelve students attending Wittenberg Seminary. ... Ask our Savior to prepare them for service in His kingdom, so that they will be ready to preach and teach Christ crucified in their ministries. ... Ask for God's blessings on efforts complete the process of government certification of both the church body and the seminary, so that the students from Kenya will not be hindered from attending because of visa complications.

Kenya (East Africa) – Ask God to bless the upcoming Kenya of Missionary Naumann and his wife, Paula, in September. ... Pray for the expansion of the KCLC through efforts to reach doctrinal agreement and fellowship with a number of new pastors and congregations in the Kitale area. ... Pray that the students of St. David's Academy in Etago and Emmaus School in Moi's Bridge will be blessed through instruction in the Word of God.

Uganda (East Africa) – Pray for the Lord's blessings and provision for the pastors of the CCRU, as they face challenges in their ministry due to tighter restrictions on religious institutions by the Ugandan government. ... Ask God to bless their studies through the Online Theological Studies (OTS) with Missionary Naumann, so that they can be better equipped to serve their congregations and fulfill government requirements to qualify as "genuine" pastors.

Pakistan (Asia) – Pastor David Reim of the CLC Board of Missions is currently conducting an online colloquy with Pastor Gill in preparation for a face-to-face visit in early 2027. <> Pastor Gill and his family are facing a difficult situation with the ownership of the building where they have lived and currently conduct worship service and Bible study. They also plan to convert the ground floor into a permanent place of worship in the future. ... Pray for the Lord's continued blessings on the colloquy process that this will lead to a God-pleasing fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Pakistan. ... Pray also for a God-pleasing and peaceful resolution to the building situation.

The Philippines (Asian Pacific) – Heavy monsoon rains have hampered travel and outreach in the Cordillera mountains where the Lutheran Autonomous Mission (LAMP) of the Philippines has two congregations and one preaching station. Property has been destroyed and travel has become dangerous. ... Pray for the Lord's protection and blessings for the members of the LAMP as they endure severe monsoon conditions.

Zambia (Central Africa) – The Zambia-CLC has recently begun monthly pastor, evangelist, and church leader training seminars in three districts to further strengthen the ministry, outreach, and leadership of local ZCLC congregations and preaching stations.

Thank the Lord for opportunities and renewed zeal to spread the Gospel and to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ in their ministries and to bless the Gospel message they preach.

2026 CLC Mission Helper Trip – Eleven Mission Helpers traveled to Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia in July and taught nearly 6,000 children the Good News of who Jesus is and what He has done for them. ... Pray that the Lord will bless the seed of His word that was planted and that He will continue to bless efforts in these countries to prepare faithful indigenous pastors and teachers to water and work the harvest fields. ... Thank the Lord for this opportunity and for those who volunteer their time and resources for this important work!

Missionary Peter Evensen (Togo, West Africa) – Missionary Evensen recently returned to Lomé, Togo following a visit to the U.S. to attend the CLC convention, relax, see friends and family, and attend necessary appointments. He will be spending the next several months preparing Togo church leaders to take the reins as he gets ready to move to the DR Congo in early 2027. ... Thank the Lord for providing this faithful missionary and for the language skills he has been given to help prepare faithful preachers for service in Togo. You can see his online pictures <https://bit.ly/petertogo>.

Missionary Bruce Naumann (Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda-East Africa) – Ask our Lord to give patience and endurance to Missionary Naumann and his wife Paula as they continue to serve in, Tanzania and work through the detailed and sometimes frustrating immigration process necessary for them to continue to stay and work in Tanzania. ... Pray for God's blessings on their upcoming, 2-week visitation to Kenya to strengthen our sister churches there. <> You can see the latest news and photos of their work and daily lives at clc-tz.blogspot.com

...to be continued.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor David Reim has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. • St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD has called Mr. Nick Naumann to serve as their pastor. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI has called Pastor Thomas Schuetze who serves St. Paul Lutheran in Lakewood (Denver) CO. • 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 Chad Seybt of the Western Wisconsin Quad Parish • St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Austin, MN, has called Pastor Aaron Ude, who currently serves Good Shepherd, Rapid City, SD.

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.

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

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>
<i>\$101,679.00</i>	<i>\$36,472.35</i>	<i>\$65,206.65</i>	<i>\$3,105.00</i>

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 7-12, 2026

Monday – Luke 17:11-19 Jesus miraculously heals ten men afflicted with the dread disease of leprosy. Only one of them, an outsider to the people of Israel, returned to give glory to God. A foreigner too can have faith.

Tuesday – Galatians 5:16-24 Walking according to our sinful flesh produces harmful and destructive works, but walking according to the Spirit, given by God, produces fruits which are sought by many as blessings.

Wednesday – Jeremiah 17:13-14 To forsake the Lord is to forsake the Hope of Israel. This is not a threat, but an observation. It is the Lord who must heal us; it is the Lord who must save us. *Hallelujah!*

Thursday - Psalm 66:1-12 God deserves our praise for His glorious power. We see it in His triumph over His enemies. We see it in His ruling over creation. And we see it in His preserving His people thru fire and flood.

Friday – Psalm 66:13-20 God's people honor and thank Him with words and deeds, with offerings and utterances, telling what He has done to save our life (v16). He has heard our prayer and shown us mercy.

Saturday - Psalm 119:105-112 God's words mean life for us and His words mean light for us. They show us the snares which the wicked have set for us. No wonder they are the joy of our hearts right to the end (v111-112).



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