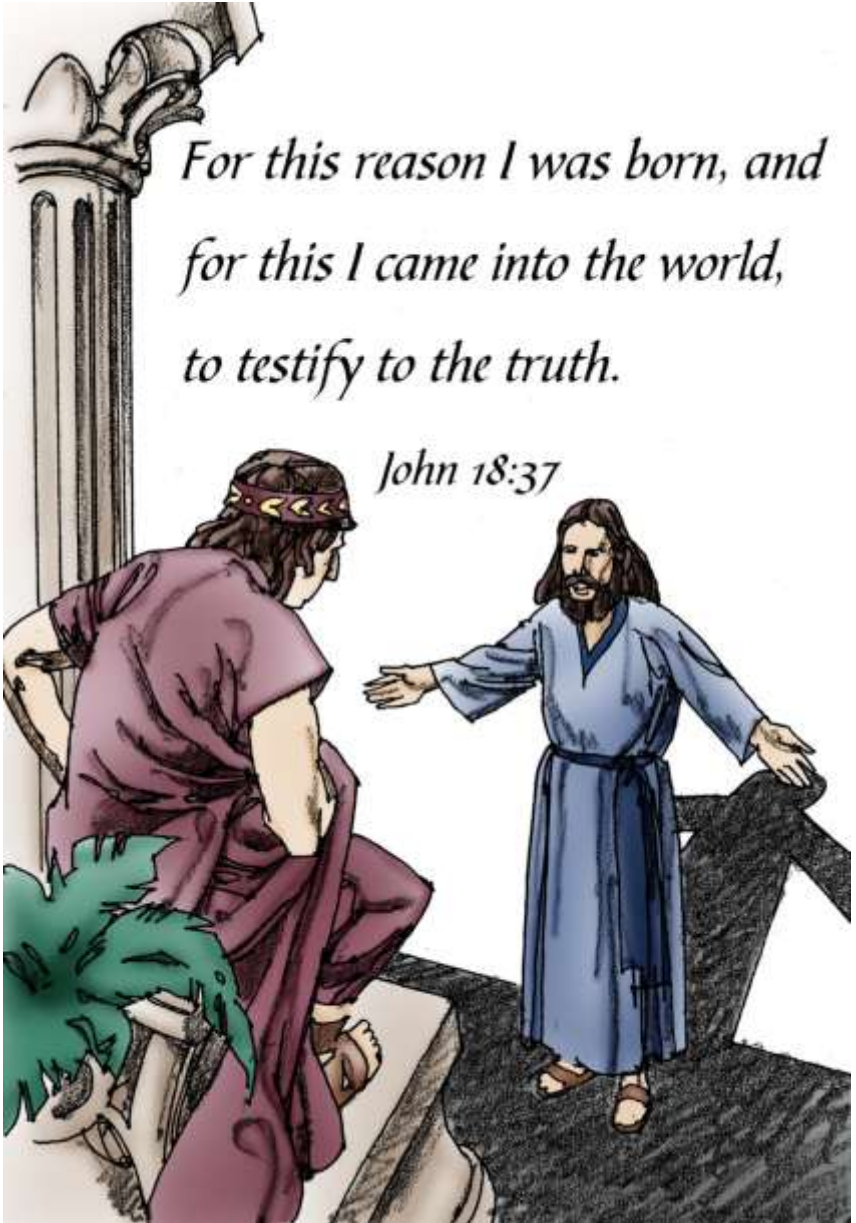


*For this reason I was born, and
for this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth.*

John 18:37



TRINITY NINETEEN

Living Hope Lutheran October 11, 2026

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Divine Worship. . . . 12:30pm

Bible Study/Sunday School . . . 1:45pm

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 32 (LSB);

PRAYERS: Before Worship (Inside Cover, LSB);

HYMNS: LSB 814 LSB 526 LSB 585

OPENING PRAYER

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

DIVINE SERVICE

(Setting 3, LSB Pg 184)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

OT LESSON:

GENESIS 1:26-31

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹ And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON:

JAMES 5:13-20

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel according to the Apostle John, from the 9th Chapter we read verses 24-41.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 9:24-41

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (WS. Pg. 5)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: LSB 526 - “You Are the Way; through You Alone”

THE SERMON:

JOHN 18:37-38

³⁷ Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." ³⁸ Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all. **

THE LIES OF SATAN

#5 – We can't really know the truth.

THE TRUTH...

...about Jesus' Kingdom and Kingship.

...about Jesus' purpose in coming.

...about His innocence and our guilt.

...about our justification.

THE OFFERTORY

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary. As our gifts are brought forward to His Altar, we sing His Praise.

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 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is fitting, proper and spiritually 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:

THE SANCTUS

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Saba-oth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: 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;

C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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!

C: ♪ Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C: ♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



In the early church, Communion was thought of so highly that no one except confirmed members of the church were allowed even to watch it. This practice was more strict than necessary, of course. But the early church did understand something that many today do not: that Communion was never intended for indiscriminate use by everyone, but was restricted to those who are properly prepared. If you have never communed with us before, and desire the benefits of the Lord's Supper, please set up an appointment with the pastor to discuss how you can prepare properly.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

C: ♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: and His mercy endureth forever.

P: Let us pray.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: and with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor)

C: ♪ Amen, Amen, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 585 - “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”
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 speak with the pastor on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 11, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Confirmation 3-4pm; LM Council 6pm

Wednesday: Woodlands Services 10am, 10:30am;

LH Confirmation Class 4:15pm

Sunday: LM Bible Study 9am; LM Worship 10am;

LH Worship 12:30pm; LH Bible Study 1:45pm

HOLY COMMUNION

Living Hope’s Council determined that Holy Communion would be offered twice a 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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class will continue this Wednesday October 14th at 4:15pm.

OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Schaller will be out of town attending a wedding the weekend after next (October 15-21) in Minnesota. In an emergency, please call him on his cellphone: 605-880-7886.

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE – LIVING HOPE

Living Hope has agreed to host the 2026 Joint Reformation Service on Sunday October 25th at 4pm. If you have questions speak to Pastor Schaller or to a Voter.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

The Ladies of Luther Memorial are making plans to host the next installment of “Advent by Candlelight” on Sunday December 6th at 3pm. Keep your eye on the bulletin and newsletter for more information or speak with Pastor Schaller.

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

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 CALL NEWS

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 Neal Radichel, who currently serves Messiah Lutheran, EC, WI • 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. • Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND and St. Paul's in Ponsford, MN, have called Pastor Michael Wilke, who currently serves Gethsemane in Saginaw, MI.

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 (38)
\$5,500.00	\$1,281.50	\$4,218.50	\$111.00

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 8/31/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (17 Sundays)
\$101,679.00	\$46,077.75	\$55,601.25	\$3,271.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR OCTOBER 5-10, 2026

Monday – Matthew 9:1-8 A paralyzed man is brought to Jesus, but Jesus deals with his sin as the first priority. Then He uses His power to heal the man's body and show His authority to forgive the man's sins.

Tuesday – Ephesians 4:22-28 Paul reminds the Ephesian Christians to take off the old sinful self and to put on the new self-created to be like God. This will make a real difference in their day to day lives with one another.

Wednesday – Isaiah 44:21-23 The LORD wants His people to keep in mind that He has made them His servants, redeeming them and removing their sins and rebellions. Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth!

Thursday – Psalm 61 King David may be "out on a limb," but he remembers where his strength and refuge are (v3). He knows who has heard his vows (v5), and whose merciful presence has filled his heart with music!

Friday – John 1:35-39 John the Baptizer directs his disciples to Jesus as "the Lamb of God." This one takes away the sin of the world. They go to Jesus, and He invites them to come and see where He is staying.

Saturday – Psalm 119:145-152 To call from the heart, to call to the LORD, this is what we want to remember to do. Whether early in the morning (v147), or late at night (v148), we wait to hear His merciful Word (v149).



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