



TRINITY EIGHTEEN

Living Hope Lutheran October 4, 2026

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Divine Worship. . . 12:30pm

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

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 122 (LSB);

PRAYERS: Before Worship (Inside Cover, LSB);

HYMNS: LSB 908 LSB 497 LSB 783

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 908 -“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

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, 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:

2 CHRONICLES 1:7-12

⁷In that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁸And Solomon said to God, "You have shown great and steadfast love to David my father, and have made me king in his place. ⁹O Lord God, let your word to David my father be now fulfilled, for you have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth. ¹⁰Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can govern this people of yours, which is so great?" ¹¹God answered Solomon, "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for possessions, wealth, honor, or the life of those who hate you, and have not even asked for long life, but have asked for wisdom and knowledge for yourself that you may govern my people over whom I have made you king, ¹²wisdom and knowledge are granted to you. I will also give you riches, possessions, and honor, such as none of the kings had who were before you, and none after you shall have the like." *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON:

JAMES 2:10-17

¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. *

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 Evangelist John-Mark, from the 10th Chapter we read verses 17-27.

C: ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

GOSPEL LESSON:

MARK 10:17-27

¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰ And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."*

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 497 - *“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”*

SERMON:

ROMANS 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. **

THE LIES OF SATAN

#4 – “God wants you to be happy.”

HOW CAN WE KNOW WHAT GOD WANTS?

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.

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."

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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 783 - *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

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 either speak with the pastor on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 4, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Luther Memorial Confirmation Class 3pm

Wednesday: Living Hope Confirmation Class 4:15pm

Thursday: Luther Memorial Elders 6pm

Sunday: LM Bible Study/SS 9am; LM Worship 10am;
LH Worship 12:30pm; LH Bible Study/SS 1:45pm

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class will resume this Wednesday October 7th at 4pm.

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.

GREAT LAKES PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The 2026 Great Lakes Pastoral Conference took place this past week. If you are interested in any of the topics, speak with Pastor Schaller. The topics included: 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.



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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| 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 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 Zachary Sippert who currently serves Grace Ev. Lutheran Church in Sleepy Eye, MN • 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 FOR OCTOBER 5-10, 2026

Monday – Matthew 22:34-40 A lawyer tries to trap Jesus into prioritizing one commandment over another. Jesus points to **love** which unites all God's commandments. Such love took Jesus to the cross for us all.

Tuesday – Matthew 22:41-46 Jesus reaches out to the Pharisees, showing them that the Christ is not just the son of David, but also David's Lord. Sadly, they had no response, except to avoid future discussions with Him.

Wednesday - 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 Paul thanks God for the rich blessings showered upon the Corinthian Christians. Their troubles, which he will soon address, did not come from any failure of God to provide for their needs.

Thursday – Deuteronomy 10:12-21 The commandments of the Lord are reflections of Him. He is the mighty one, who does not take bribes, who carries out justice, who loves the stranger among you. Cling to Him.

Friday – Psalm 54 When godless adversaries seek to destroy David, he leaves it in God's hands. With the LORD there is help and deliverance, demonstrated in the past and promised for all time and eternity.

Saturday – Psalm 119:137-144 Jehovah's righteousness is the subject of this section of the psalm. It is seen in His word. His righteousness is eternally true (v142), and no trouble destroys our delight in the truth (v143).



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