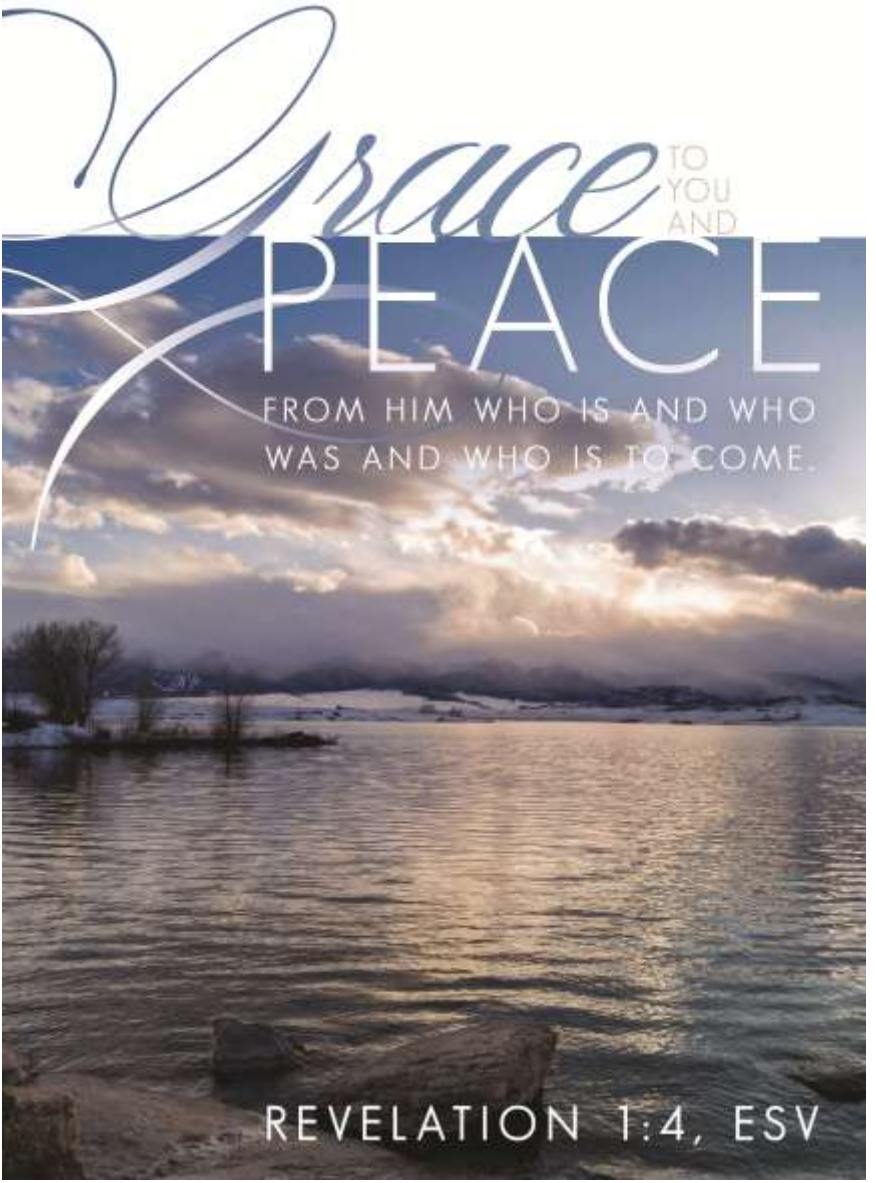
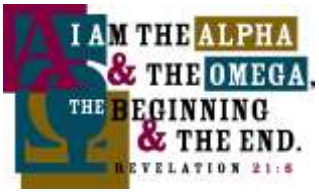


TRINITY TWENTY-FIVE

Living Hope Lutheran . . . . . November 22, 2026

LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN

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Divine Worship. . . . 12:30pm
Bible Study. . . .1:45pm
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November 22, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 32; PRAYERS: Before Communing (Inside Cover, LSB);
HYMNS: LSB 646 LSB 876 LSB 731

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 646 -*"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"*

DIVINE SERVICE

(Setting 2, LSB Pg 167)

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

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of us all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

C: ♫ Glory be to God on highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

OT LESSON: ISAIAH 35:3-10

3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. **4** Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; **6** then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; **7** the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

8 And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. **9** No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. **10** And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON: REVELATION 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **10** and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” **11** And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, **12** saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

[13] Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?”

[14] I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15] “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. [16] They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. [17] For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

P: Please Rise.

C: ♫ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel according to the Evangelist Luke, from the 12th Chapter we read beginning at verse 35.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 12:35-43

[35] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, [36] and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. [37] Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. [38] If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants!

[39] But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. [40] You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

41 Peter said, “Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?”
42 And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager,
whom his master will set over his household, to give them their
portion of food at the proper time? 43 Blessed is that servant whom
his master will find so doing when he comes. *

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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 876 - *“O Blessed, Holy Trinity”*

SERMON: REVELATION 2:1-7

To the messenger of the church in Ephesus write: The one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven gold lampstands, says this:

2 I know your works, your labor, and your patient endurance, and that you
are not able to tolerate evil people. You have tested those who say they
are apostles, but are not, and have found them to be liars. 3 Indeed, you
do have patient endurance. You have endured hardships on account of
my name and have not become weary.

4 But I have this against you: You have forsaken your first love.
5 Remember, therefore, the state from which you have fallen! Repent and
do the works you did at first. Otherwise I will come to you and remove
your lampstand from its place, if you do not repent. 6 But you do have this:
You hate the actions of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

[7]Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious I will give the privilege to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. **

THE LETTER TO THE BELIEVERS IN EPHESUS

I know your works…and your hearts.
Don't just go through the motions!

P: Please Rise.

THE OFFERTORY

♫ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take up the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

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.

PRAYER(S)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor) **C: Amen.**

FINAL HYMN: LSB 731- *"O God, Forsake Me Not"*

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

November 22, 2026

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Confirmation Class 3pm; LM Elders 6pm
Wednesday: Thanksgiving Eve Worship 6pm
Sunday: LM BC/SS – 9am; Worship, Advent One – 10am;
LH Worship – Advent One -12:30pm; BC/SS 1:45pm.

SAVE THE DATE – ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

*The Ladies of Luther Memorial Church warmly invite you to Advent by Candlelight on **Sunday, December 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.** We look forward to sharing this special afternoon of faith, fellowship, and the light of Christ with you! To register: https://canva.link/4htpsrrtwb8v1ya*

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

The Thanksgiving Eve Service at Luther Memorial is scheduled for Wednesday, November 25th at 6pm. Join us on the eve of Thanksgiving Day to glorify God for all of His gifts to us.

KINSHIP SPONSORS NEEDED - After the CLC declared fellowship with the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) in 2020, the CLC Board of Missions has been working together with the BLCM to establish a local seminary for pastoral training. There is currently one BLCM pastor serving 1,715 souls across 19 congregations and 14 preaching stations in a country that is 95% Muslim. However, this January, 14 men will begin their pastoral training as the inaugural seminary class of the BLCM. Sponsors are needed to help these men receive their training so that they may join in the abundant work in Bangladesh. The cost of a sponsorship will be $60 per month. To begin a sponsorship or for more information, please text, call, or email Dan Roehl. (Cell: 507-381-2042; Email: danroehl@hotmail.com)

HOLY COMMUNION

There are some at Luther Memorial who have asked that Pastor Schaller remain in Fond du Lac after the 1st Sunday of each month to participate in the monthly Family Fellowship Hour. As a result, the Voters of Living Hope have agreed to have a lay service the first Sunday of each month beginning in November 2026. This means that we will celebrate Holy Communion on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month. Pastor Schaller will come the other weeks of the month to conduct the worship service and Bible Study. Pastor is also available for any member who would like private communion. Just ask!



CHURCH DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS

The sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas on Sunday December 6th following worship. If you can stay and help to decorate, great! Those who decorate are also invited to bring a snack or treat to share.

UPCOMING LUTHER MEMORIAL SCHEDULE

- *Wednesday November 25th 6pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship*
- *Sunday November 29, 10am – Advent One*
- *Wednesday December 2nd 6pm – Midweek Advent Worship #1*
- *Sunday December 6th 10am – Advent Two*
- *Wednesday December 9th 6pm – Midweek Advent Worship #2*
- *Sunday December 13th 10am – Advent Three*
- *Wednesday December 16th 6pm – Midweek Advent Worship #3*
- *Sunday December 20th 10am – Advent Four*
- *Thursday December 24th 6pm – Christmas Eve Worship*
- *Friday December 25th 10am – Christmas Day Worship*
- *Sunday December 27th 10am – Sunday after Christmas*
- *Thursday December 31st – 6pm New Year's Eve Communion Service*



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Luther Memorial Mission Committee is planning the following events for 2026-27:

- ✓ ***Christmas Caroling –*** *Sunday December 20th 2:15pm*
- ✓ ***Bowling Outing*** *– Friday January 8that 6:30pm (Ledgeview)*
- ✓ ***Hockey Night*** *– Saturday February 27th at 8pm (FDL Bears)*

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld has returned the call of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD. ● Pastor Paul Krause has accepted the call of Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ has called Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA. ● Pastor Chad Seybt has accepted the call of Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran in Hidewood Township, SD. This will mean that Morning Star Lutheran in Fairchild, Peace with God Lutheran in Onalaska, St. Paul's Lutheran of Melrose and Trinity Lutheran Church in Millston, WI. will be calling after Easter 2027. • Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND and St. Paul's in Ponsford, MN. Have called Missionary Bruce Naumann, who serves as the CLC's full-time missionary to East Africa. • Messiah Lutheran in EC, WI has called Mr. Peter Reim, a member of the congregation and former CLC Pastor to serve as their 3rd Pastor.

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 10/31/26***	***Amount Remaining***	***Approximate per Sunday*** *(33)*
$5,500.00	*$1,777.00*	*$3,723.00*	*$113.00*

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 10/31/26***	***Amount Remaining***	***Remaining Amount*** *(7 Sundays)*
$101,679.00	*$49,655.25*	*$52,023.75*	*$7,432.00*

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS NOVEMBER 23-28, 2026

Monday - Matthew 24:15-28 Jesus' talking about the destruction of Jerusalem's temple (v2ff), which took place in 70 A.D., also reminds us of Christ's return to judge the living and the dead at the end of the world.

Tuesday - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 The apostle assures believers that the faithful who are in the grave at the time of Christ's return will certainly not miss out on the glories of their Savior's second coming.

Wednesday - Isaiah 49:12-17 The Lord comforts His people (v13) with the promise that He will never forget them, but will show mercy to His afflicted ones, and gather them from the four corners of the earth (v12, v17).

Thursday - Psalm 18:20-24 The Messiah alone can claim His own righteousness before God, but as He has become "the Lord our righteousness" (Jer.23:6), both David and all believers can expect grace upon grace.

Friday - Psalm 18:30-36 The Lord equips His servant for triumph. And the servant recognizes that the Lord is the source of his strength and protection, his pure word and way, his shield of salvation (vv35-36).

Saturday - Psalm 116:1-6 Even in time of gravest peril, even standing before the Lord's judgment throne, He has heard our cry for mercy, He has saved our life! Truly our God is compassionate and gracious in Christ.

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