



**“THE
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THAT THE
BUILDERS
REJECTED
HAS BECOME
THE
CORNERSTONE.”**

MATTHEW 21:42

TRINITY THIRTEEN

Luther Memorial Church August 25, 2024

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 70 (TLH Pg. 138);

PRAYERS: 29 (Pg. 105); 30 (Pg. 105).

HYMNS: 742 764 346 784

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 742 *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”*

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:

JOSHUA 24:1-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac. ⁴And to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. And I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in the midst of it, and afterward I brought you out.

⁶" 'Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea. And the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷And when they cried to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness a long time.

⁸ Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan. They fought with you, and I gave them into your hand, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹ Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. And he sent and invited Balaam the son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰ but I would not listen to Balaam. Indeed, he blessed you. So I delivered you out of his hand. ¹¹ And you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, and the leaders of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And I gave them into your hand. ¹² And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out before you, the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³ I gave you a land on which you had not labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwell in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and olive orchards that you did not plant.'

¹⁴ "Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸ And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." *

EPISTLE LESSON:**EPHESIANS 5:17-31**

¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." *

GOSPEL LESSON:**JOHN 6:60-69**

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵ And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." *

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:

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN: 764 *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

THE SERMON:

ROMANS 9:30-10:4

³⁰What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who were not pursuing righteousness, have obtained righteousness, a righteousness that is by faith. ³¹But Israel, while pursuing the law as a way of righteousness, did not reach it. ³²Why? Because they kept pursuing it not by faith, but as if it comes by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone.

³³Just as it is written:

Look, I am putting a stone in Zion
over which they will stumble
and a rock over which they will fall.

The one who believes in him will not be put to shame.

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God on behalf of the Israelites is that they may be saved. ²Indeed, I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but it is not consistent with knowledge. ³Since they were ignorant of the righteousness from God and sought to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit to the righteousness from God. ⁴For to everyone who believes, Christ is the end of the law, resulting in righteousness. **

WINNING THE GOLD FROM THE GRANDSTAND

Gentiles, who didn't pursue righteousness have obtained it.

Israelites, who earnestly pursued it did not obtain it.

Why?

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, 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 234:1,3-4)

♪ Holy Ghost, with light divine Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.

♪ Holy Ghost, with power divine Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.

♪ Holy Ghost, with joy divine Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.

PRAYER(S) THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 346 *"Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be"*

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor) **CONGREGATION:** "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 784 *"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will return and join us again. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor or with an usher on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 25, 2024

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: LM Elders Meeting 6pm

Sunday: Worship (Holy Communion) 9am; Family Fellowship Hour

FELLOWSHIP HOUR 2024

The sign-up sheet for hosting the fellowship hour the first Sunday of each month during 2024 has been put up on the bulletin board. The months of November and December are still available so please take a look and if you so desire host one of next year's fellowship hours.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

Please keep our Cooperative Budget Pledge needs in mind when giving thanks to the Savior for all of His gifts to you. We have pledged to send \$22,000 to support the work of the LORD in our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession in 2024-25. Thus far we have received \$.00 toward that pledge.

GENERAL BUDGET

Please keep our General Budget needs in mind when giving thanks to the Savior for all of His gifts to you. The 2024 General Budget was set in our Annual Meeting at \$158,600.00. Thus far we have received \$.25 toward that pledge.

LADIES OF LUTHER MEMORIAL ORPHAN FUND

There is information in the church entryway about the Orphan that the Ladies of Luther Memorial support via the Kinship Program. There are offering envelopes prepared by the students of LMS to enable you to give to this worthy cause. Please pick up an envelope from the table in the entryway.

MANUP! WEEKEND

Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. Register and send in your payment before August 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! Website: <http://www.manup.clclutheran.org> and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School and Bible Study will resume on Sunday September 8th. Pastor Schaller is looking for volunteers to teach in the Sunday School. If you can help - either on a part-time or full-time basis, please speak with him TODAY, August 25th. Thank you.

THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Last Summer we embarked on a sermon series covering the Letter to the Romans. We resume that study this summer. In an effort to get as much out of this study as possible, please make an effort to read the upcoming section each week. May God bless our study of this letter.

Date	Sunday	Sermon Text
August 25	Trinity Thirteen	Romans 9:30-10:4
September 1	Trinity Fourteen	Romans 10:5-21
September 8	Trinity Fifteen	Romans 11:1-10
September 15	Trinity Sixteen	Romans 11:11-24
September 29	Trinity Eighteen	Romans 11:25-36
October 6	Trinity Nineteen	Romans 12:1-8
October 20	Trinity 21	Romans 12:9-21
October 27	Trinity 23	Romans 13:1-7

ILC OPENING SERVICE

The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will take place on Sunday August 25, 3:00 p.m., at the campus fieldhouse. This service will include the installation of Professor Matthew Thurow. For more details about the opening weekend schedule, see ilc.edu. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as we grow together in the truth of God's saving Word!



*Thanks and blessings on your Kingdom Work,
Professor Dan Schierenbeck*

LADIES OF LUTHER MEMORIAL

Pastor Schaller opened with a presentation on the Ten Commandments of Bible Interpretation, commandments 7 through 10. The treasurer's report shows the current checkbook balance is \$700.79. The orphan fund balance is \$320.66. The ladies discussed blinds for the fellowship hall and individuals are obtaining quotes. The ladies have scheduled their next meeting for Sunday, September 8 immediately following the service in hopes that those unable to attend in the evening will come. Plans for Advent by Candlelight will be discussed along with a presentation by Budget Blinds. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Ur Favorite, Magdalene Seibel

KINSHIP – SPONSORS NEEDED

Kinship is facing the largest seminary sponsorship shortage in many years. Currently there are 18 seminarians in need of support. While we give thanks for the increasing number of overseas seminarians preparing to spread the gospel, we pray for an increased resolve to support their training. Please consider sponsoring a seminary student in one of the many schools partnered with Kinship--Tanzania, India, Nepal, Togo, Congo, and Nigeria. The approximate cost of a sponsorship is \$40--\$50/mo. (\$500--\$600/yr). For more information, please text, call, or email Dan Roehl. Cell: 507-381-2042; Email: danroehl@hotmail.com

CLC WORLD MISSIONS PRAYER LIST – AUGUST 2024

Nigeria (West Africa) – *The NCLC has been hoping and planning for the construction of a multipurpose building for the seminary for more than twenty-five years. The proposed building will have two large classrooms, a library/computer room, and an office for the faculty. For the past several years, they have been using two small dormitory rooms as classrooms. With an increase in enrollment and in anticipation of an even larger enrolment next year, this building is much needed. They are currently raising the necessary funds to begin construction in September so that the facility can be ready for use by the start of the new school year in January 2025. The CLC Board of Missions has approved an MDF grant to assist with construction costs. Ask the Lord to bless this project and to provide necessary funding through the offerings of NCLC members and MDF offerings of CLC members. Thank the Lord for the privilege of working together in this effort to train faithful workers in His Nigerian harvest of souls!*

Missionary Peter Evensen (Togo, West Africa) – *Missionary Evensen is currently undergoing rehabilitation and recovery in Spokane, WA, after undergoing knee surgery in late June. Additionally, he experienced some heart irregularities during his hospital stay. His return to Togo is postponed until he regains his health and is fit for travel. Pray for a swift and full recovery for his knee, and for his medical team to have wisdom as they assess and determine the best course of treatment for his heart issues.*

Missionary Bruce Naumann (Tanzania-East Africa) – *After a short furlough in the U.S., Missionary Bruce and Paula Naumann returned to Tanzania in early July. They had the privilege and joy of hosting the CLC Mission Helper Team shortly after their return. They are now back to their normal routine at the seminary, outreach visits, and weekly Sunday School. Thank the Lord for their safe and uneventful travels back to Tanzania, and ask for the Lord's continued blessing on their work among our brothers and sisters in Christ of the TCLC. You can follow Missionary Naumann's blog at clc-tz.blogspot.com.*

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Schaller has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church between September and October. • Mrs. Sarah Schaller has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran Church and School to teach 4th Grade part-time during the morning. • Pastor Michael Gurath has returned the call of Grace in Sleepy Eye, MN. • Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran Church in Okabena, MN, has announced that he is retiring from the ministry at the end of the year. • St. John's Lutheran Church of Okabena MN has called Pastor Sam Rodebaugh who currently serves Faith Lutheran in Ballwin (St. Louis), MO.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Luther Memorial to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Amount Pledged 2024	Received as of 8/18/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (37)
\$22,000	\$3,465.00	\$18,535.00	\$501.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 8/18/24

Attendance: 8/18 –56

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	LM Ladies Orphan (Missions)
\$1,740.00	\$165.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$30.00
Memorial Mary Ritterling (Non-Budgetary)				
\$25.00				
Total Offerings: \$2,060.00				

Luther Memorial General Budget 2024

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the general budget at the Annual Meeting in January of 2024. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

General Budget	Received as of 8/18/24	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (20 weeks)
\$158,600.00	\$90,827.25	\$67,772.75	\$3,389.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR AUGUST 26-31, 2024

Monday – Matthew 5:13-16 The Lord makes His disciples the salt of the earth and the light of the world. This gives them the purpose, not to serve themselves but others, and to glorify their heavenly Father.

Tuesday – Matthew 5:17-19 God’s Word and Will is not done away by Christ, but fulfilled. Thus following Him in His kingdom will mean walking in His fulfillment as children of the heavenly Father.

Wednesday - Acts 20:17-21 As the apostle Paul sets his face toward the end of his ministry, he bids farewell to the elders of the church at Ephesus. He sums up his message to them as “repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ” (V21).

Thursday – Acts 20:22-31 Paul does not expect to see these co-workers again, but reminds them of the whole counsel of God and their charge to watch over the Church which Christ purchased with His own blood.

Friday - Acts 20:32-38 The apostle entrusts the overseers of the church not to silver and gold, but to the Word of God’s grace. With this they will be equipped to help the weak and remember Jesus’ words.

Saturday - 2 Samuel 12:1-10 Nathan is sent to David, not to destroy him, but to call him to repentance and faith. Thus the prophet begins with an account which calls for David’s judgment, and then he brings that judgment to bear on David’s own actions. God’s result: (v13).



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