



Michigan District, LCMS

All Pastors Conference

October 6-8, 2025 | Boyne Falls, Michigan

Boldly:

**Preaching When it Feels
Like No One is Listening**

1 Kings 18:37

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- **Post during the sessions.**
- **Post pictures to Instagram.**
- **Snap a selfie with President Davis.**
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**Thank you to the
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Andrew Menz - Zion, Auburn**

Welcome



Dear Brothers and Sisters

Welcome to our All Pastors Conference!

Thank you to Ryan Winningham and his committee for all the work that has gone into our conference. The team has lined up great speakers to help us think through and persevere in our calling. While discouragement comes, as Elijah experienced in the wilderness, with the power of God in His Word we persevere.

May God bless our time together with love for one another and an ever-greater measure of unity between us.

... eyes on Jesus ...

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Rev. David A. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Rev. David A. Davis, President
Michigan District, LCMS

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Agenda

Monday, October 6

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Registration	Civic Center Lobby
11 a.m.–4 p.m.	Exhibit Hall	Vienna
11:30–12:30 p.m.	Lunch	Matterhorn
12:30 – 1 p.m.	Opening Devotion Rev. Ryan A. Winningham	Matterhorn
1–2:10 p.m.	Keynote #1 Rev. Dr. David R. Schmitt	Matterhorn
2:10–2:30 p.m.	Break – <i>Sponsored by Wellspring Lutheran Services</i>	Matterhorn
2:30–3:40 p.m.	Keynote #2 Rev. Dr. Joel D. Lawrence	Matterhorn
3:40 – 3:50 p.m.	Compassion Ministry The Nehemiah Project Mr. Brian Peters	Matterhorn
3:50 – 6 p.m.	Free time / Hotel Check In	
6–7 p.m.	Dinner	Matterhorn
7–8 p.m.	Divine Service Rev. David A. Davis	Matterhorn
8–10 p.m.	Gemütlichkeit – <i>Sponsored by Church Extension Fund</i>	Matterhorn

Tuesday, October 7

Breakfast on your own | Exhibitors & Breaks in Vienna

7–8 a.m.	Emeriti Breakfast – <i>Sponsored by Zehnders Restaurant in Frankenmuth</i>	Boyne City Sunnyside Restaurant 113 Water St, Boyne City
8 a.m.–3 p.m.	Exhibit Hall	Vienna
8–8:30 a.m.	Morning Devotion Rev. Matthew S. Lytikainen	Matterhorn
8:30–9:30 a.m.	President’s Report Rev. David A. Davis	Matterhorn
9:30–9:50 a.m.	Sponsor Presentation Church Extension Fund	Matterhorn
9:50-10 a.m.	Sponsor Presentation Wellspring Lutheran Services	Matterhorn
10-10:10 a.m.	Sponsor Presentation Concordia University Chicago	Matterhorn
10:10-10:15 a.m.	Sponsor Presentation Lutheran Benefits Group	Matterhorn
10:15-10:20 a.m.	Sponsor Presentation Lutheran Hour Ministries	Matterhorn
10:20–10:40 a.m.	Break – <i>Sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries</i>	Vienna
10:40–11:50 a.m.	Keynote #3 Rev. Dr. David R. Schmitt	Matterhorn
11:50 a.m.–12:50 p.m.	Lunch	
	Ladies’ Luncheon	Stein Ericksen <i>(Golf carts will be available for transport if needed at Matterhorn and Mountain Grand Lodge)</i>
	Men’s Luncheon	Matterhorn
12:50–2 p.m.	Keynote #4 Rev. Dr. Joel D. Lawrence	Matterhorn
2–2:20 p.m.	Break – <i>Sponsored by Lutheran Benefits Group</i>	Vienna
2:20–3:20 p.m.	Panel Discussion	Matterhorn
3:20–6 p.m.	Free time	
6–8 p.m.	Banquet & Presentations	Matterhorn
8–10 p.m.	Gemütlichkeit – <i>Sponsored by Church Extension Fund</i>	Matterhorn

Scan the QR Code to submit your questions for the panel discussion.



A map of the Boyne Mountain Resort is available online at michigandistrict.org/apcmap



Wednesday, October 8

Breakfast on your own | All sessions/breaks in Matterhorn

7–7:30 a.m.	Morning Devotion Rev. Jason C. Bauer	Matterhorn
7:30–8:40 a.m.	Keynote #5 Rev. Dr. David R. Schmitt	Matterhorn
8:40–8:50 a.m.	Break	Matterhorn
8:50–10 a.m.	Keynote #6 Rev. Dr. Joel D. Lawrence	Matterhorn
10–10:30 a.m.	Closing Devotion Rev. Andrew P. Menz	Matterhorn

Important Information

Cell Phones – Please set cell phones to silent during all sessions. Also, please be sure to mute sound on your laptops. We want to spare you the embarrassment.

Internet – Wireless Internet is available for free in the conference areas. No password required.

Wednesday Check-Out – Check-out time on Wednesday is 11 a.m. Please be sure to have your belongings out of your room by that time.

Evaluation – You will receive an online evaluation via email at the conclusion of the conference.

Presentations – Videos of speaker presentations from main room sessions will be available online to all attendees. You will be notified via email when they become available. *YouTube.com/michiganlcms*.

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Rob



Mandy

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Traverse City Attractions

For information about Traverse City Events, Attractions, and more, visit their website:

www.traversecity.com/events/

Compassion Ministry

Nehemiah Project

In support of the Michigan District Critical Targets, specifically Great Compassion Ministry, the All Pastors Conference has partnered with the Nehemiah Project. They are a Northern Michigan shelter serving those in homeless situations since 1988. Their goal is to provide a witness of God's love to our neighbors in need. They exist to provide shelter and hope!

Our worship offering will go to this ministry.

If you'd like to make a donation, visit their website or scan the QR code:



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Did you know that there is a District pastors' group on Facebook?
Join today to connect and share resources with fellow brothers in Christ!
"Pastors of the Michigan District, LCMS" click *"Join Group"*

Pastors' wives! You can also connect on Facebook at
"Katie Conference - Michigan District LCMS" click *"Join Group"*

Information for Wives

The Katie 2026

The Katie, a Michigan District conference for pastors', deacons' and vicars' wives and widows, is designed with prayer and love for this unique group of women. God has blessed the District with an amazing collection of highly creative and deeply committed leaders who have a passion for these women who stand beside their husbands.



Join us in April as together we hear from our speaker, Shelly Schwalm, on the theme “Curious Hope,” based on 1 Peter 3:15. We will talk about living a life that makes others curious about Jesus and how to share our stories of hope. We will also look at being curious and asking loving questions of others.

The Katie seeks to uplift the women God has chosen to be His hands and hearts to the men He has called into the ministry. While they carry a unique set of burdens, they also enjoy some amazing and abundant blessings. The Katie is a celebration of those blessings and a support for those burdens. Join us April 17–19, 2026 in Bay City.

Strategic Partners

These are trusted partners who share the mission objectives of the Michigan District and/ or provide specific services or training which better enable the Michigan District to achieve stated outcomes. Member congregations and ministries of the Michigan District are encouraged to consider these strategic partners for training or services. Our list includes individuals and organizations in the following categories:

- Local/National/International Mission Opportunities
- Rostered Church Worker Training/Education
- Specialized Ministry Training/Resources
- Family and Human Services
- Retreat Centers/Camps
- Financial/Asset Management and Development
- Legal and Church/State Relations

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 Booth #3



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 Booth #4 & 5



Christian Outreach For Africa
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 Booth #19



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 Booth #18



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 Booth #15



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 Booth #7



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 Booth #26



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Opening Devotion | Monday 12:30–1 p.m.

Message

Rev. Ryan A. Winningham

Song

Pour Out Thy Spirit from on High TLH 490

1. Pour out Thy Spirit from on high,
Lord, Thine assembled servants bless;
Graces and gifts to each supply
And clothe Thy priests with righteousness.
2. Before Thine altar when we stand
To teach the truth as taught by Thee,
Savior, like stars in Thy right hand
The angels of Thy churches be.
3. Wisdom and zeal and faith impart,
Firmness with meekness, from above,
To bear Thy people on our heart
And love the souls whom Thou dost love;
4. To watch and pray and never faint
By day and night strict guard to keep,
To warn the sinner, cheer the saint,
Nourish Thy lambs, and feed Thy sheep.
5. Then, when our work is finished here,
We may in hope our charge resign.
When the Chief Shepherd shall appear,
O God, may they and we be Thine!

“Pour Out They Spirit from on High”
Text: James Montgomery, 1832
Tune: LSB 563 (St. Crispin - Jesus, Thy Blood & Righteousness)

Divine Service | Monday 7–8 p.m.

Opening Hymn

The Church's One Foundation LSB 644

1. **The Church's one foundation**
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.
2. **Elect from ev'ry nation,**
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.
3. **Though with a scornful wonder**
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.
4. **Through toil and tribulation**
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.
5. **Yet she on earth has union**
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

C: **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 and ordained 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.

What is our hope in life and death?
 Christ alone, Christ alone
 What is our only confidence?
 That our souls to Him belong
 Who holds our days within His hand?
 What comes, apart from His command
 And what will keep us to the end?
 The love of Christ in which we stand

Oh, sing hallelujah
 Our hope springs eternal
 Oh, sing hallelujah
 Now and ever we confess
 Christ, our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
 God is good, God is good
 Where is His grace and goodness known?
 In our great Redeemer's blood
 Who holds our faith when fears arise?
 Who stands above the stormy trial?
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
 Unto the shore? The rock of Christ

Oh, sing hallelujah
 Our hope springs eternal
 Oh, sing hallelujah
 Now and ever we confess
 Christ, our hope in life and death

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
 "Christ, He lives, Christ, He lives!"
 And what reward will Heaven bring?
 Everlasting life with Him
 There we will rise to meet the Lord
 Then sin and death will be destroyed
 And we will feast in endless joy
 When Christ is ours forevermore

Oh, sing hallelujah
 Our hope springs eternal
 Oh, sing hallelujah
 Now and ever we confess
 Christ, our hope in life and death

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, through the prophet Elijah, You continued the prophetic pattern of teaching Your people the true faith and demonstrating through miracles Your presence in creation to heal it of its brokenness. Grant that Your Church may see in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the final end-times prophet whose teaching and miracles continue in Your Church through the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Reading

1 Kings 18:20-39

So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal's prophets are 450 men. Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the LORD, and the God who answers by fire, he is God." And all the people answered, "It is well spoken."

Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it." And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.

Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down. Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of

Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, "Israel shall be your name," and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs of seed. And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." And he said, "Do it a second time." And they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time." And they did it a third time. And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water.

And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back." Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Reading

2 Kings 2:1-15

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Reading

Matthew 27:45-54

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 27th chapter.

C: (spoken) Glory to you, O Lord.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge,

filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (spoken) Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn

- 1 God of the prophets, bless the prophets’ sons;
Elijah’s mantle o’er Elisha cast.
Each age its solemn task may claim but once;
Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.
- 2 Anoint them prophets, men who are intent
To be Your witnesses in word and deed,
Their hearts aflame, their lips made eloquent,
Their eyes awake to ev’ry human need.
- 3 Anoint them priests, strong intercessors they,
For pardon and for love and hope and peace,
That, through their pleading, guilty sinners may

God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons LSB 682

- Find Jesus’ mercy and from sin release.
- 4 Anoint them kings, yes, kingly kings, O Lord.
Anoint them with the Spirit of Your Son.
Theirs not a jeweled crown, a bloodstained sword;
Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a kingdom won.
- 5 Make them apostles, heralds of Your cross;
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.
Inspired by You, may they count all but loss
And stand at last with joy before Your face.

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Sermon

Rev. David A. Davis, President, Michigan District, LCMS

Passing the Mantle Prayer

Nicene Creed

C: 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 worshiped 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.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Preparation for Holy Communion

P: Let us pray together.

C: Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation we come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Song

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus (x2)

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Communion Song

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Living Hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Chorus (x2)

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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O Praise the Name

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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Communion Song

- 1 “Come unto Me, ye weary,
And I will give you rest.”
O blessed voice of Jesus,
Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction,
Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending,
Of love that cannot cease.
- 2 “Come unto Me, ye wand’rers,
And I will give you light.”
O loving voice of Jesus,
Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness,
And we had lost our way;
But Thou hast brought us gladness
And songs at break of day.

Communion Song

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I’ve come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Dismissal

Post Communion Canticle

- 1 Sent forth by God’s blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

Come Unto Me, Ye Weary LSB 684

- 3 “Come unto Me, ye fainting,
And I will give you life.”
O cheering voice of Jesus,
Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager,
The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty
And stronger than the strong.
- 4 “And whosoever cometh,
I will not cast him out.”
O patient love of Jesus,
Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy
Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners
To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing LSB 686

- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom’d soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

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Sent Forth by God’s Blessing LSB 643

- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Built on the Rock LSB 645

1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

4 Here stands the font before our eyes,
Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.

2 Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

3 We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.

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Morning Devotion | Tuesday 8–8:30 a.m.

Hymn

Christ My Victory

Verse 1

Though the terrors of the night
Overwhelm my will to fight
And I long for all this suffering to end
When the arrows fly my way
Blocking out the light of day
There is One who shields me with His mighty hand

Chorus

Christ my victory
Over every enemy
Standing over me
In the wake of Calvary
I will fix my eyes
On the One who reigns forever

Verse 2

Though the powers of this world
Come to tear me from your hold
They will never claim the power that is Yours
You have broken every lie
That has come to take my life
For you've crushed the devil's head under your feet

Chorus

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Bridge

With a word the war is over
Though the devil will not rest
I will stand upon the Word of God
For Your promise is my confidence
With a word the war is over
Though the devil will not rest
I will stand upon the Word of God
For Your promise is my confidence

Chorus 2

Christ my victory
Over every enemy
Standing over me
In the wake of Calvary
I will fix my eyes
On the One who reigns

Chorus 3

Christ my victory
Over every enemy
Standing over me
In the wake of Calvary
I will fix my eyes
On the One who reigns
Forever
Forever

Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Message

Rev. Matthew S. Lytikainen

Morning Devotion | Wednesday 7–7:30 a.m.

Hymn

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer
There is no more for Heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, “All is mine”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future’s sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus, now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, “I am free”
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Reading

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.”

Message

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
“Yet not I, but through Christ in me”

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1 Kings 19:1-4

Rev. Jason C. Bauer

Closing Devotion | Wednesday 10–10:30 a.m.

Reading

1 Corinthians 15:51–58

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Message

Rev. Andrew P. Menz

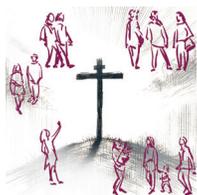
Hymn

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- 1 On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow’r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!
- 2 To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow’rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.
- 3 O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav’n, our home.
E’en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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Live to Tell About It

January 31, 2026 | Frankenmuth, Mich.

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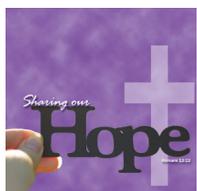
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June 28–July 1, 2026

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Sharing our Hope

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Together

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Honest Repentance

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October 5–7, 2026

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Lutheran Adult Gathering

October 9–11, 2026

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May 13–14, 2026

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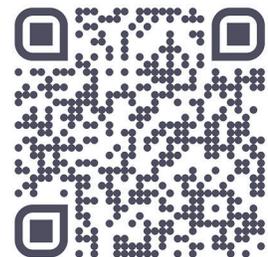


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