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August 30, 2026

SING ALONG! LSB=Burgundy Lutheran Service Book; LBLC=Green LBLC Song Book

MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Come, Thou Almighty King..... LSB 905

This Is the Feast..... LSB p. 155

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing..... LSB 686

Amazing Love (You Are My King)..... LBLC E-2

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart..... LSB 806

Have a favorite Hymn or Song Suggestion?
Let Kelly know—we may be able to add it to the list.

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm: Psalm 26

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

+CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

In this service we will be sharing Holy Communion. We believe there are seven questions to ask beforehand:

1. Am I a sinner?
2. Am I baptized?
3. Does God forgive me all my sins because of Jesus' death?
4. Do I renounce all my sins of thought, word, and deed?
5. Is Jesus bodily present in the bread and wine?
6. Am I a member of this community of believers?
7. Have I taken a first communion class or been confirmed?

If you answered “yes” to all these questions, we gladly welcome you to join us at the Lord's Table. Otherwise, you are invited either to come forward with your arms crossed for a blessing or remain in your pew and pray. If you have questions, please speak with the Pastor or an elder before or after service.

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Need to talk to or meet with Pastor? Just give him a call!

Living Branch Lutheran Church

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

WELCOME! We are glad you are here with us. Whether you are a longtime member or a first-time visitor, we pray the service blesses you today.

Have little ones? Here are some ideas:

Relax: We are more than accepting of the many wiggles and noises that accompany children.

Sit near the front: That way, they can see what’s going on.

Participate: Sing, pray, and go with the flow, and they will follow your lead.

Explain: Curiosity is a good thing! Explain what’s happening in the service.

Wander: Use the sides to wander to the back if needed.

Be reverent: If church is important to you, it will be to them, too.

Living Branch Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Our mission is **to know Christ and to make Him known**, based on the words of our Lord in Matthew 28:18-20. For more about communities like ours, visit www.LCMS.org.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! 6th Julia Ovick; 8th Brad Minor, Jim Nelson & John Pohl; 9th Loren Yerks; 16th Ryan Ovick & Darlene Clagherty; 17th Barb Hensch; 18th Brandon Williams; 19th Kevin Preisler; 22nd Rob Doohen

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! 2nd Rob & Kelly Doohen; 17th Brent & Stacey Williams; 28th Brian & JoEllen Abler

Volunteers

TODAY SUNDAY, August 30th		SUNDAY, September 6th	
Opening:	Kevin & Cindy Schlipp	Opening:	Arlan & Dawn Schlipp
Usher/Greeter:	Kevin & Cindy Schlipp	Usher/Greeter:	Arlan & Dawn Schlipp
Acolyte:	Usher	Acolyte:	Usher
Tech:	Sophie Podoll	Tech:	Lily Gravem
Reader:	Bill Gravem	Reader:	Noah Doohen
Offering Counters:	Bill Gravem & Mary Nelson	Offering Counters:	Arlan Schlipp & Barb Hensch
Refreshments:	Cindy Grupp	Refreshments:	Adrienne Gravem-Preisler
Cleaning:	Hudella’s	Cleaning:	Schlipp’s & Shelly Bellin

Activities & Announcements

Sun. Aug. 30th Worship—***Last Sunday @ 10am***..... 10:00 am

Mon. Aug. 31st Endowment Fund Applications Due!

Sun. Sept. 6th Worship8:00 am

Sun. Sept. 13th Worship 8:00 am
Adult Bible Study 9:00 am

Mon. Sept. 14th Women’s Group..... 6:30 pm

Upcoming . . . *Praise Party @ Zion Sat. Sept. 19th 9-11am*
1p Tues. Women’s Bible Study Lunch Tues. Sept. 22nd
1p Tues. Women’s Bible Study Begins..... Tues. Sept. 29th

WOMEN’S MINISTRY—August Outreach

School supplies collection for North Branch Area Schools.

Thank you to everyone who donated! Supplies were delivered last week to be ready for the early school start this week.

2026 Zion Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Applications —DUE TOMORROW!

In 2025 we funded over \$28,000 worth of projects, mission work, educational opportunities and concerts at both Zion Lutheran & Living Branch Churches.

Funding consideration must fall into the following categories:

Youth Activities; Youth Education; Missions; Scholarships; Community Outreach

Please submit applications by August 31st, 2026

Applications & envelopes for mailing to Zion are available in the **Endowment Fund** tray in the office.

Online Giving Available!

Find yourself missing multiple Sundays in the summer (or anytime, really)? You can continue to give through our online giving portal. You choose how much and how often you’d like to give. Simply click “LBLC Donate” on the “Giving” page of our website: www.livingbranch.org/giving.html

****Reminder to prayerfully consider a special donation to the building fund to help with the upcoming cost of updating/replacing our heating system.**

The projected project cost is \$54,000.