



## October 26, 2025 A Special Message to First-Time Visitors

We are delighted to have you with us today! Here are a few things you might want to know as you prepare for worship.

We love to see children at worship and welcome them in the sanctuary. There are activity bags available in the hallway for them should they become restless. We also have a nursery located in the wing opposite the sanctuary staffed by two capable, loving people.

The restrooms are located just outside the hallway leading to the sanctuary, with a wheelchair/handicap accessible restroom down the hall. If you need help finding any of these, please ask an usher.

Each row has a red pad with a form for all in attendance to complete. Please complete the form so we can provide a more personal ministry.

Prayer request cards are included for you to fill out and place in the plate when the offering is taken. The pastor will then, with your permission, share the concern and pray for your need during the prayer time.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday to all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You are invited to commune with us. The dark red liquid is wine and the lighter colored liquid is grape juice.

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! We are blessed by your presence, and God is glorified. Please join us for coffee following the service.

## October 26, 2025

**Usher** 

Carol Brennan

Acolyte

Delilah Harvey

**Nursery** 

Legacy and Harmony Lundberg

**Security** 

Duane Claiborne

**Sound System** 

Bill Zavadil

Lector

Grace Reichl

**Communion Assistant** 

Sharlene Parker

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Lorraine Stargel/Nancy Martin

**Coffee Hour** 

\*\*\* Church Potluck \*\*\*

Flowers

Larry and Mary Vollmer

**Tellers** 

Toni Sherman/Bob Martin

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

Ron Heilman

## November 2, 2025

**Usher** 

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Acolyte

Grace Reichl

Nursery

Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl

**Security** 

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**Sound System** 

Ron Johnson

Lector

Tony Deas

**Communion Assistant** 

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**Coffee Hour** 

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Order of Worship
October 26, 2025, Reformation Sunday
Pastor Eric Lundberg

LBW-Green Hymnal, HWC-Light Blue Hymnal, WOV-Dark Blue Hymnal

Please remember to silence all electronic devices upon entering the sanctuary.

Before the service we talk to God. During the service God talks to us.

After the service, we talk to each other.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

"We, God's people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ."

Living Word is affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. (https://lcmc.net)

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# Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Larry and Mary Vollmer in celebration of their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

#### **Prelude**

**Processional Hymn** 

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

LBW 165 Martin Luther

## Verse 1

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning Our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

#### Verse 2

Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before thee,
Which wert and art
And evermore shalt be.

#### Verse 3

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin
Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy;
There is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r
In love and purity.

#### Verse 4

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise thy name In earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy,
Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
Blessed Trinity!

## We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles' Creed

(please stand)

(I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

<u>I BELIEVE</u> in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

<u>I BELIEVE</u> 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.

## **Luther's Morning Prayer** (all pray)

I give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that You have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that You also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please You. Into Your hands I commend myself; my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let Your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Choir "Built on a Rock" Carl Doving, Jay Althouse

Children's Message

**Announcements** 

Hymn "A Mighty Fortress" LBW 229

#### Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious.
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe!

With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight.

On earth he has no equal.

#### Verse 2

No strength of ours can match his might!

We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight,

Whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!

Christ Jesus. Mighty Lord,

God's only Son, adored.

He holds the field victorious.

## Verse 3

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us, We tremble not, unmoved we stand. They cannot overpow'r us. Let this world's tyrant rage. In battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail. God's judgement must prevail!

One little word subdues him.

#### Verse 4

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it; For God himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

## By His Grace! (Responsive Reading)

Pastor::We are justified...

We are made right with God...

We are saved...
We are forgiven...

We are made children of God...

We are holy and precious in God's eyes...

All: By His grace! Amazing grace! How sweet the sound.

Congregation: by His grace.

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## Verse 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I'm found; Was blind, but now I see.

#### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

#### Verse 3

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

#### Verse 4

The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

## We Worship by Confessing our Sins

<u>P</u>astor: Remembering our baptism into Christ Jesus, we gather as we are to live, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. <u>C</u>ongregation: Amen.

- P: Beloved in the LORD, let us draw near with faithful hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P: Our help is in the name of the LORD. C: Who made heaven and earth.
- P: I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD. C: May God forgive the offense of my sin.
- P: (Facing altar which symbolizes God's presence): Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer,
- <u>C:</u> We confess to You that we are by nature sinners and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, pleading for and seeking Your grace for the sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

- P: Most merciful God C: You have given Your only begotten Son to die for us. Have mercy upon us, and for Jesus' sake grant us forgiveness 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, that by Your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.
- <u>P</u>: (Facing the congregation, declares God's grace): Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for Jesus' sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on Jesus' Name, He gives power to become children of God and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O LORD, unto us all. <u>C:</u> Amen. <u>All:</u> Praise the LORD!

## We Hear and Read God's Word

## The first reading is from Paul's letter to the Romans, 3:10-28 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory

of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

## This reading is from Psalm 46 (ESV) (responsive)

Reader: <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Congregation: <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

- <u>R</u>: <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- <u>C</u>: <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
  - R: 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.
    - <u>C</u>: <sup>6</sup> The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
      - R: <sup>7</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
  - C: 8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.
  - <u>R</u>: <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.
- <u>C</u>: <sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"
  - <u>R</u>: <sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
    - (R Here ends this reading)

## The Message

(Please stand for the reading of the scripture lesson)

## This reading is from the 2nd Kings, 22:3-7, 23:1-8, 23:21-25 (ESV).

<sup>3</sup> In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the Lord, saying, <sup>4</sup> "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may count the money that has been brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people. <sup>5</sup> And let it be given into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the Lord, and let them give it to the workmen who are at the house of the Lord, repairing the house <sup>6</sup> (that is, to the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons), and let them use it for buying timber and quarried stone to repair the house. <sup>7</sup> But no accounting shall be asked from them for the money that is delivered into their hand, for they deal honestly."

23 Then the king sent, and all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem were gathered to him. <sup>2</sup> And the king went up to the house of the Lord, and with him all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the priests and the prophets, all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people joined in the covenant.

<sup>4</sup> And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second order and the keepers of the threshold to bring out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron and carried their ashes to Bethel. <sup>5</sup> And he

deposed the priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to make offerings in the high places at the cities of Judah and around Jerusalem; those also who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and the moon and the constellations and all the host of the heavens. 6 And he brought out the Asherah from the house of the Lord, outside Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron and beat it to dust and cast the dust of it upon the graves of the common people. <sup>7</sup> And he broke down the houses of the male cult prostitutes who were in the house of the Lord. where the women wove hangings for the Asherah. 8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had made offerings, from Geba to Beersheba. And he broke down the high places of the gates that were at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on one's left at the gate of the city.

<sup>21</sup> And the king commanded all the people, "Keep the Passover to the Lord your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant." <sup>22</sup> For no such Passover had been kept since the days of the judges who judged Israel, or during all the days of the kings of Israel or of the kings of Judah. <sup>23</sup> But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah this Passover was kept to the Lord in Jerusalem.

<sup>24</sup> Moreover, Josiah put away the mediums and the necromancers and the household gods and the idols and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might establish the words of the law that were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord. <sup>25</sup> Before him there was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, nor did any like him arise after him.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

## Message

## Offertory

Offering Hymn "Create In Me" LBW p. 96

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, And take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, And uphold me with your free Spirit.

#### The Words of Institution

## **Holy Communion**

## **Communion Hymns**

#### "Lamb of God"

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, grant us peace.

## "Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word"

Martin Luther, LBW 230

## Verse 1

Lord keep us steadfast in Your word Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done

#### Verse 2

Lord Jesus Christ Your power make known For You are Lord of lords alone Defend Your holy church that we May sing Your praise triumphantly

#### Verse 3

O Comforter of priceless worth Send peace and unity on earth Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life

## "Lift High the Cross"

**LBW 377** 

## Refrain

Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name

## Verse 4

Come Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. **Refrain** 

#### Verse 2

Verse 1

Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain** 

#### Verse 5

Verse 3

So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain** 

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified

Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. Refrain

## **Prayers of the Church**

The Lord's Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

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.

## **Benediction** (please stand)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## On Our Way Rejoicing

## **Closing Hymn**

## "Reformation Hymn"

Verse 1

We will trust God's Word alone. Where His perfect will is known; Our traditions shift like sand While His Truth forever stands. We will live by faith alone, Clothed in merit not our own;

All we claim is Jesus Christ

And His finished sacrifice. (Chorus)

Verse 2

We are saved by grace alone Undeserved yet freely shown, No accomplishment on earth Can achieve the second birth. We will stand on Christ alone. The unyielding Cornerstone; Nations rage and devils roar,

Still He reigns forevermore! (Chorus)

## Chorus

Glory be, glory be to God alone Through the church He redeemed and made His own. He has freed us He will keep us Till we're safely home. Glory be, glory be to God alone!

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P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** 

**Pianist: Mary Kaye Owen Choir Director: Dan Owen** 

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! Please join us for:

10:45 – Church Potluck in the Fellowship Hall

11:15 – No Sunday School today

12:10 - No Choir Rehearsal today