



October 4, 2026

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 to the right as you enter the building and before the sanctuary, with a wheelchair-accessible handicap restroom down the hall past the hallway doors leading inside the sanctuary. 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.

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Usher
Sharlene Parker
Acolyte
Delilah Harvey
Nursery
Legacy Lundberg
Security
Tony Deas
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Harmony Lundberg
Communion Assistant
Toni Sherman
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Rick and Sue Fields
Coffee Hour
Sarah Harvey
Flowers
TBD
Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Sharon Johnson
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Ron Heilman

October 11, 2026

Usher
Lorraine Stargel
Acolyte
Feliz Lundberg
Nursery
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg
Security
Dennis Krumwiede
Sound System
Ron Johnson
Lector
Dick Schmidt
Communion Assistant
Nancy Martin
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Toni Sherman/Ardis Kilber
Coffee Hour
Lorraine Stargel
Flowers
Lorraine Stargel
Tellers
Toni Sherman/Denise Alvord
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Sharlene Parker/Ron Heilman



Order of Worship

October 4, 2026, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

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.”

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Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Amazing Love”

arr. Carol Tornquist

Praise Song

“Amazing Love”

Graham Kendrick

Chorus (2X)

Amazing love, O what sacrifice, the Son of God, giv'n for me;
My debt He pays and my death He dies, that I might live, that I might live.

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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.

I BELIEVE 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.

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.

Opening Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LBW 551

*Accompaniment performed by
Alyssa Shull*

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful we adore thee
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
Praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

Verse 2

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine!

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Worship by Confessing our Sins (from Lutheran Worship, Divine Service)

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

P: Beloved in the LORD, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring 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 transgressions to the LORD. C: **Who forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: (Facing altar which symbolizes God's presence):

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore, we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his 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, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: (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 his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name he gives power to become the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O LORD, unto us all. C: **Amen.**

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Philippians 3:4b-14 (ESV)

⁴ If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that

depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

(The Word of the Lord) C: **Thanks be to God**

This reading is from Psalm 80:7-15 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

C: ⁸ **You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

R: ⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

C: ¹⁰ **The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.**

R: ¹¹ It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

C: ¹² **Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

R: ¹³ The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

C: ¹⁴ **Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,**

R: ¹⁵ the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

(R: Here ends this reading)

Children's Message

Announcements

The Preaching Text

(Please stand for the reading of the scripture lesson)

This reading is from the Book of Acts 19:21-41 (ESV)

²¹ Now after these events Paul resolved in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome."

²² And having sent into Macedonia two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

²³ About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way. ²⁴ For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen. ²⁵ These he gathered together, with the workmen in similar trades, and said, "Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth. ²⁶ And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods. ²⁷ And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be counted as nothing, and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom all Asia and the world worship."

²⁸ When they heard this they were enraged and were crying out, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" ²⁹ So the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul's companions in travel. ³⁰ But when Paul wished to go in among the crowd, the disciples would not let him. ³¹ And even some of the Asiarchs, who were friends of his, sent to him and were urging him not to venture into the theater. ³² Now some cried out one thing, some another, for the assembly was in confusion, and most of them did not know why they had come together. ³³ Some of the crowd prompted Alexander, whom the Jews had put forward. And Alexander, motioning with his hand, wanted to make a defense to the crowd. ³⁴ But when they recognized that he was a Jew, for about two hours they all cried out with one voice, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

³⁵ And when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, "Men of Ephesus, who is there who does not know

that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the great Artemis, and of the sacred stone that fell from the sky?

³⁶ Seeing then that these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rash. ³⁷ For you have brought these men here who are neither sacrilegious nor blasphemers of our goddess. ³⁸ If therefore Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a complaint against anyone,

the courts are open, and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another. ³⁹ But if you seek anything further, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. ⁴⁰ For we really are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since there is no cause that we can give to justify this commotion." ⁴¹ And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

arr. Carol Tornquist

Offering Hymn *(please stand)*

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*Accompaniment performed by
Adela Hemingway*

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

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.

"Amazing Love"

Graham Kendrick

Verse 1

My Lord, what love is this
that pays so dearly;
That I, the guilty one
may go free. **(Chorus)**

Verse 2

And so they watched Him die,
despised, rejected;
But O the blood He shed
flowed for me. **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

And now this love of Christ
shall flow like rivers;
Come wash your guilt away,
live again. **(Chorus)**

Chorus

Amazing love, O what sacrifice, the Son of God, giv'n for me;
My debt He pays and my death He dies, that I might live, that I might live.

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benediction *(please stand)*

Doxology

*Accompaniment performed by
Adela Hemingway*

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

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

LBW 343

*Accompaniment performed by
Mireille Pham*

Verse 1

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you art mighty;
Hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Verse 2

Open now the crystal fountain
Where the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Shield me with your mighty arm,
Shield me with your mighty arm.

Verse 3

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Pianist: Mary Kaye Owen

***Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! Please join us for
Coffee Hour and Sunday School following the worship service.***

10:45 – Refreshment Time (Coffee Hour) in the Fellowship Hall

11:05 – 11:15 – Gather in the sanctuary for Sunday School Opening Exercises

11:15 – 12:00 – All Children in Youth Room

11:15 – 12:00 – Confirmation Class in the Conference Room

11:15 – 12:00 – No Adult Classes at this Time

11:15 – 12:15 – Choir Rehearsal