LIVING WORD
LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE ALONE - FAITH ALONE - WORD ALONE



November 15, 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 worshiping 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
Harmony Lundberg
Security
Ron Johnson
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Harmony Lundberg
Communion Assistant
Nancy Martin
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Nancy Martin/Ardis Kilber
Coffee Hour
Valerie Claiborne
Flowers
Ardis Kilber
Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Denise Alvord
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Jeff DeBord/Ron Heilman

November 22, 2026

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Acolyte
Ransom Lundberg
Nursery
Harmony Lundberg
Security
TBD
Sound System
Ron Johnson
Lector
Lorraine Stargel
Communion Assistant
Lorraine Stargel
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Sharon Johnson/TBD
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Order of Worship

November 15, 25th 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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Flowers today are given by Ardis Kilber to the glory of God, and in celebration of November birthdays.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude **"This Is the Day"** **arr. Fred Bock**

Praise Song **"Come Now Is The Time To Worship"**

Chorus
Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

Verse 1
One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now. **(Chorus)**

Verse 2
Willingly we choose to surrender our lives,
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength,
We gladly choose You now. **(Chorus)**

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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 **"Now the Feast and Celebration"** **WOV 789**

Refrain
Now the feast and celebration,
All of creation sings for joy
To the God of life and love and freedom;
Praise and glory forevermore!

Verse 1
Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
Whose blood has freed and united us
To be one great people of God. ***(Refrain)***

Verse 2
Power and riches, wisdom and might,
All honor and glory to Christ forever. ***(Refrain)***

Verse 3
For God has come to dwell with us,
To make us people of God;
To make all things new. ***(Refrain)***

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Prayer of the Day (all pray)**: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We Worship by Confessing our Sins

Pastor: 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. **Congregation: 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,
C: 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.**

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 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. **C: Amen.** **All: Praise the LORD!**

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *(ESV)*

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you
have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you
yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying,
"There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will
come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant
woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in
darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.
5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We
are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not
sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.
7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get
drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day,
let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and
love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has
not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through
our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether
we are awake or asleep we might live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another
up, just as you are doing.

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

This reading is from Psalm 90:1-12 *(ESV) (responsive)*

Reader: 1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Congregation: 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

R: 3 You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

C: 4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

R: 5 You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

C: 6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

R: 7 For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

C: 8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

R: 9 For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

C: 10 The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

R: 11 Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

C: 12 So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

(R: Here ends this reading)

Children's Message

Announcements

The Gospel Lesson

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel lesson)

The Gospel reading according to St. Matthew 5:1-12 *(ESV)*

1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

(R: The Gospel of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory **"At Calvary"** **arr. Roe**

Offering Hymn **"As the Grains of Wheat"** **WOV 705**

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

Verse 1

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. ***Refrain***

Verse 2

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. ***Refrain***

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns "**Lamb of God"** ***Now the Feast and Celebration***

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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"For Those Tears I Died"

Verse 1
You said you'd come and share all my sorrows;
You said you'd be there for all my tomorrows.
I came so close to sending you away,
But just as you promised you came there to stay,
I just had to pray. **(Chorus)**

Chorus
And Jesus said,
"Come to the water, stand by my side.
I know you are thirsty, You won't be denied.
I felt every teardrop when in darkness you cried,
And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died."

Verse 2
Your goodness so great I can't understand,
And dear Lord, I know that all this was planned.
I know you're here now and always will be.
Your love loosed my chains and in you I'm free,
But Jesus, why me? **(Chorus)**

Verse 3
Jesus, I gave you my heart and my soul,
I know now without God I'd never be whole.
Savior, you opened all the right doors,
And I thank you and praise you from earth's humble shores,
Take me, I'm yours. **(Chrous)**

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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

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 **"Praise to You, O God of Mercy"** **WOV 790**

Verse 1
Praise to you, O God of mercy!
Thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
Thanks be to you forever!

Verse 2
From of old you loved and sought us!
Thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us:
Thanks be to you forever! ***(Chorus)***

Chorus
Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.

Verse 3
Praise to you, O God of mercy!
Thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
Thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!

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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