



February 22, 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 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.

February 22, 2026

Usher
Lorraine Stargel

Acolyte
Ransom Lundberg

Nursery
Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl

Security
Dick Schmidt

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Bill Zavadil

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Communion Assistant
Nancy Martin

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Lorraine Stargel/Ardis Kilber

Coffee Hour
Judy Williams/Denise Alvord

Flowers
*** Lent ***

Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Lorraine Stargel

Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Jeff DeBord/Ron Heilman

March 1, 2026

Usher
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Dellilah Harvey

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Legacy and Harmony Lundberg

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Sound System
Troy Turner

Lector
Grace Reichl

Communion Assistant
Sharlene Parker

Communion Set-up/clean-up
Toni Sherman/Ardis Kilber

Coffee Hour
Carol Brennan/Toni Sherman

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Order of Worship
February 22, 2026 First Sunday in Lent
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

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

arr. C. Taylor

Praise Song

“My Tribute”

HWC 11

Verse

How can I say thanks
for the things You have done for me –
Things so undeserved, yet You give
to prove Your love for me?
The voices of a million angels
Could not express my gratitude –
All that I am and ever hope to be,
I owe it all to Thee. **(Refrain A)**

Refrain A

To God be the glory,
To God be the glory;
To God be the glory
For the things He has done. **(Refrain B)**

Refrain B

With His blood He has saved me;
With His pow'r He has raised me;
To God be the glory
For the things He has done.

Bridge

Just let me live my life;
Let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee.
And should I gain any praise,
Let it go to Calvary. **(Refrain B)**

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We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Nicene Creed

(please stand)

WE BELIEVE in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

WE BELIEVE in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.

WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Through It All”

Verse 1

I've had many tears and sorrows;
I've had questions for tomorrow;
There've been times
I didn't know right from wrong;
But in ev'ry situation
God gave blessed consolation
That my trials come
To only make me strong. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Through it all, through it all,
Oh I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God.
Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon His Word (on His Word.).

Verse 2

I've been to lots of places,
And I've seen a lot of faces,
There've been times I felt so all alone;
But in my lonely hours,
Yes, those precious lonely hours,
Jesus let me know that I was His own. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

I thank God for the mountains,
And I thank Him for the valleys,
I thank Him for the storms He brought me through
For if I'd never had a problem,
I wouldn't know that He could solve them,
I'd never know what faith in God could do. **(Refrain)**

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Prayer of the Day (all pray): **Lord God, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word and, when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (based on Psalm 130)

P: Out of the depths, we cry out to You, O Lord. O Lord hear our voice. Let Your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy. If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are to be feared.

C: O Lord, hear our cry.

P: God promises to hear our prayers and to never forsake us. Trust that our cries to God are heard by Him and that, in the name of Jesus, reconciliation will happen. Let's take some time to cry out to God, asking for forgiveness, trusting that God is waiting to hear from us.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: O Lord...

C: We wait for You, our souls wait for You, and in Your Word we put our hope. Our souls wait for You, O Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. O Lord, hear our prayer and forgive us our sins, for we know that in You there is mercy; in You there is hope; in You there is life. Hear our cries and grant us Your grace in the name of Your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: We have cried out to the Lord and the Lord has heard our prayers. O people of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love. And with Him, is full redemption. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, and by his authority, I declare unto you the complete forgiveness of all your sins. Rejoice and be glad for we have a God who loves us and wants to spend eternity with us.

C: Praise be to God. Amen.

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Romans 5:12-19 (ESV)

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the

result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 32 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: ² Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

R: ³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

R: ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C: ⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

R: ⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

C: ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

R: ⁹ Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

C: ¹⁰ Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

(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 Ruth 1:6-22 (ESV)

⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰ And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³ would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me." ¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."

¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?" ²⁰ She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹ I went away full, and the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the Lord has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"

²² So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

"Wayfarin' Stranger"

arr. C. Taylor

Offering Hymn

"Bless His Holy Name"

HWC 13

Chorus

Bless the Lord, oh my soul,
And all that is within me,
Bless His holy name.

(repeat)

Verse

He has done great things,
He has done great things,
He has done great things;
Bless His holy name. **(Chorus)**

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

HWC 323

Verse 1

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)

(Refrain)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Verse 2

Let us drink the cup together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us drink the cup together on our knees; (on our knees;)

(Refrain)

Verse 3

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)

(Refrain)

(Traditional Spiritual)

“The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power”

HWC 192

Verse 1

The blood that Jesus shed for me,

'Way back on Calvary;

The blood that gives me strength from day to day,

It will never lose its power. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

It soothes my doubt and calms my fears,

And it dries all my tears;

The blood that gives me strength from day to day,

It will never lose its power. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

It reaches to the highest mountain.

It flows to the lowest valley.

The blood that gives me strength from day to day,

It will never lose its power.

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“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

WOV 737

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Verse 2

If you cannot preach like Peter,

If you cannot pray like Paul,

You can tell the love of Jesus and say, “He died for all.”

(Refrain)

Verse 1

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,

But the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

(Refrain)

Verse 3

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;

And if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend.

(Refrain)

(Traditional Spiritual)

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

"Soon and Very Soon"

HWC 551

Verse 1

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Halleluia! Halleluia! We're going to see the King!

Verse 3

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
Halleluia! Halleluia! We're going to see the King!

Verse 2

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
Halleluia! Halleluia! We're going to see the King!
Halleluia! Halleluia!

Verse 4

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Halleluia! Halleluia! We're going to see the King!
Halleluia! Halleluia!

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P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

HWC 138

Pianist: Mary Kaye Owen

Thank you for worshipping 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 – Kindergarten to 2nd grade meet in the Youth Room
11:15 – 12:00 – 3rd grade – 5th grade meet in the Conference Room
11:15 – 11:55 – Youth meet in the Library
11:15 – 11:55 – Adults meet in the Sanctuary for Adult Sunday School
12:15 – 1:00 – Choir Rehearsal