



September 14, 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.

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Usher

Toni Sherman

Acolyte

Ransom Lundberg

Nursery

Legacy and Harmony Lundberg

Security

Duane Claiborne

Sound System

Ron Johnson

Lector

Ron Johnson

Communion Assistant

Lorraine Stargel

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Lorraine Stargel/Nancy Martin

Coffee Hour

*** Church Picnic ***

Flowers

Toni Sherman

Tellers

Sharlene Parker/Bob Martin

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

Mike and Gayla Fenimore

Ron Heilman

September 21, 2025

Usher

Sharlene Parker

Acolyte

Delilah Harvey

Nursery

Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl

Security

Dick Schmidt

Sound System

Troy Turner

Lector

Toni Sherman

Communion Assistant

Carol Brennan

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Carol Brennan/Ardis Kilber

Coffee Hour

Nancy Martin/Sarah Harvey

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Sharlene Parker/Linda Deas

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

Jeff DeBord/Ron Heilman



Order of Worship

September 14, 2025, 14th 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 to the glory of God by Toni Sherman.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“The Child in Each of Us – Part 2”

arr. M. Ham

Praise Song

“Praise Him, Praise Him”

Verse 1

Praise Him, praise him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.
Praise Him, praise him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.

Verse 3

Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.
Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.

Verse 2

Love Him, love Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.
Love Him, love Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.

Verse 4

Serve Him, serve Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.
Serve Him, serve Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.

Verse 5

Crown Him, crown Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.
Crown Him, crown Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.

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

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

HWC 463

Verse 1

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand –
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light –
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

Verse 2

When my way grows drear
Precious Lord, linger near –
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall –
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen.**

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (based on Psalm 51)

P: We come to this moment of confession in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen!**

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses. **C: Wash us from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sins.**

P: You, O God, know our sin. Nothing is hidden from You. Therefore, You are justified when You speak, and You are right when You judge.

C: Make us pure, O God. Wash our slates clean. Turn from our sin and remember it no more.

P: Hide Your face from our sins. Grant us mercy, even though we are unworthy.

C: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.

P: Give us the joy of Your saving help and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.

C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses.

P: Let us take some time to confess our sins before God.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: Almighty God...

C: We have fallen short of Your glory. We have done things with which You are not well pleased. We have failed to do things that would have helped our neighbor. We confess that sin has come between You and us. We come before You now, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior to ask for Your forgiveness and a cleansing of our hearts. Hear our prayer. We want to be in a right relationship with You. Remove all those things that we allow to get in the way. We are sorry for what we have done. We humbly come before You with our confessions and thanksgiving. Amen

P: People of God, you have made confession of your sins before the Lord. Therefore, you are promised forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. So, by the authority of God our Father and Jesus Christ His only Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I boldly and confidently announce the forgiveness of all your sins. You have been washed clean and purified of your sins. Rejoice and be glad, for you are a child of God.

C: Praise be to God! Amen!

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Exodus 32:7-14 (ESV)

⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. ⁸ They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel,

who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁹ And the Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you."

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this

disaster against your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴ And the Lord relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 51 (ESV) (responsive)

Reader: ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Congregation: ² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

R: ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

C: ⁴ **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

R: ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

C: ⁶ **Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

R: ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

C: ⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

R: ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

C: ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

(R Here ends this reading)

Children’s Message

Announcements

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel lesson)

The Gospel according to St. Luke 8:26-39 (ESV).

²⁶ Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” ²⁹ For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?”

And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³² Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. ³⁴ When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶ And those who had seen it

told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him

away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

(R: The Gospel of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

“The Child in Each of Us – Part 1”

arr. M. Ham

Offering Hymn

“Create in Me”

(unknown)

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God,
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, Oh God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence O Lord,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

“The Lamb”

Verse 1

The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

Verse 2

The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. (Chorus)

Verse 3

The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will
On our behalf the law to fill. (Chorus)

Verse 4

He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. (Chorus)

Verse 5

He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. (Chorus)

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

LBW 474

Verse 1

Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge ne'er was given.

Verse 2

God His own doth tend and nourish,
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them,
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Verse 3

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows, all He knoweth

Verse 4

Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

“Jesus Loves Me”

HWC 579

Verse 1

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong. *(Refrain)*

Refrain

Yes Jesus loves me!
Yes Jesus loves me!
Yes Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Verse 2

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in. *(Refrain)*

Verse 3

Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
He's prepared a home for me,
And some day his face I'll see. *(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.

Response

“There's Something About That Name”

HWC 102

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name.
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name.

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

Go My Children, with My Blessing

WOV 721

Verse 1

Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing -You are my own.

Verse 2

Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Verse 3

Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

Verse 4

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace

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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
food and fellowship after the service with our congregational picnic.***

10:45 – Church Picnic