



September 20, 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

Valerie Claiborne

Acolyte

Feliz Lundberg

Nursery

Legacy Lundberg

Security

Bill Zavadil

Sound System

Ron Johnson

Lector

Toni Sherman

Communion Assistant

Sharlene Parker

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Sharon Johnson/Ardis Kilber

Coffee Hour

Denise Alvord

Flowers

Phil and Sharon Hurd

Tellers

Sharlene Parker/Sharon Johnson

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

Tony and Linda Deas/Ron Heilman

September 27, 2026

Usher

Feliz Lundberg

Acolyte

Ransom Lundberg

Nursery

Legacy and Harmony Lundberg

Security

Duane Claiborne

Sound System

Bill Zavadil

Lector

Judy Williams

Communion Assistant

Nancy Martin

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Nancy Martin/Ardis Kilber

Coffee Hour

Valerie Claiborne

Flowers

TBD

Tellers

Sharlene Parker/Lorraine Stargel

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

Mike and Gayla Fenimore

Ron Heilman



Order of Worship

September 20, 2026, 17th 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 Phil and Sharon Hurd
In memory of Sharon's daughter, Kim.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

"God Gave the Song"

arr. Fred Bock

Praise Song

"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)**

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.

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.

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Matthew 20:1-16 (ESV)

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the

first.' ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 145:1-8 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ¹ I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

C: ² Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

R: ³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

C: ⁴ One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

R: ⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

C: ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

R: ⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

C: ⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

(R: Here ends this reading)

Sunday School Introductions and Installation of Teachers

Announcements

The Preaching Text

(Please stand for the reading of the scripture lesson)

This reading is from the Book of Acts 19:1-10 (ESV)

¹ And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. ² And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³ And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began

speaking in tongues and prophesying. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

⁸ And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. ⁹ But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰ This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

duet by **Delilah Harvey** and
Mary Kaye Owen

Offering Hymn

"With Grateful Joy"

With grateful joy for You, The Source of all life
We raise one voice
To You from whom all blessings flow

You are the Giver of life, You are the Lover of life
The good Sustainer of life
We live in You
We live in You

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The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Verse 1

Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 2

He's my Savior, He's my Savior,
 He's my Savior, He's my Savior,
 He's my Savior, He's my Savior,
 He's my Savior, He's my Savior!

Verse 3

He is worthy, He is worthy,
 He is worthy, He is worthy,
 He is worthy, He is worthy,
 He is worthy, He is worthy!

Verse 4

I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
 I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
 I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
 I will praise Him, I will praise Him!

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“Emmanuel” (2X)**HWC 134**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
 God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

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“Jesus Loves the Little Children”**Verse 1**

Jesus loves the little children.
 All the children of the world,
 Red, brown, yellow, black, and white,
 They are precious in His sight,
 Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Verse 2

Jesus is the Shepherd true.
 And He'll always stand by you.
 He's a Savior great and strong.
 And He'll shield you from the wrong.
 For He loves the little children of the world.

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

"Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam"

Verse 1

Jesus wants me for a sunbeam,
To shine for Him each day;
In ev'ry way try to please Him,
At home, at school, at play. **(Chorus)**

Verse 2

Jesus wants me to be loving,
And kind to all I see;
Showing how pleasant and happy
His little one can be. **(Chorus)**

Chorus

A sunbeam, a sunbeam,
Jesus wants me for a sunbeam;
A sunbeam, a sunbeam,
I'll be a sunbeam for Him.

Postlude

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

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