



March 8, 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 worshiping with us this morning! We are blessed by your presence, and God is glorified. Please join us for coffee following the service.

March 8, 2026

Usher
Sharlene Parker
Acolyte
Feliz Lundberg
Nursery
Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl
Security
Duane Claiborne
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Toni Sherman
Communion Assistant
Dan Owen
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Lorraine Stargel/Nancy Martin
Coffee Hour
Valerie Claiborne/Sarah Harvey
Flowers
*** Lent ***
Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Linda Deas
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Ron and Sharon Johnson

March 15, 2026

Usher
Lorraine Stargel
Acolyte
Grace Reichl
Nursery
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg
Security
Ron Johnson
Sound System
Bill Zavadil
Lector
Feliz Lundberg
Communion Assistant
Sharlene Parker
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Toni Sherman/Ardis Kilber
Coffee Hour
Sharlene Parker/Sharon Hurd
Flowers
*** Lent ***
Tellers
Toni Sherman/Lorraine Stargel
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Tony and Linda Deas/Ron Heilman



Order of Worship
March 8, 2026, 3rd 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.”

Living Word is affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. (<https://lcmc.net>)

Contact Us

Pastor (253) 370-4651 (mobile)
Pastor.Eric.LWL@outlook.com

Office (253) 846-1276
office@LivingWordLutheranChurch.org

Website: <https://LivingWordLutheranChurch.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LWLCGraham>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@LivingWordLutheranChurchGraham>

Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Thursday
Dan’s Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Tuesday – Thursday (206) 719-7884
10515 269th Street East, Graham, WA 98338

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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)**

CCLI Song # 2430948, Brian Doerksen, © 1998 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire) (Admin. by Integrity Music), For use solely with the SongSelect® [Terms of Use](#). All rights reserved. www.ccli.com, CCLI License # 3226184

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.

Verse 1

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning Our song shall rise to thee.
 Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

Verse 2

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns
 Around the glassy sea;
 Cherubim and seraphim Falling down before thee,
 Which wert and art And evermore shalt be.

Verse 3

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
 Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see,
 Only Thou art holy; There is none beside thee,
 Perfect in pow'r In love and purity.

Verse 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise thy name
 In earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; 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 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!**

Special Music

“Ancient Words”

We Hear and Read God’s Word

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

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died

for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: **Thanks be to God**

This reading is from Psalm 95 (ESV) (responsive)

Rader: ¹ Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Congregation: ² **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

R: ³ For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

C: ⁴ **In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

R: ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

C: ⁶ **Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

R: ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice,

C: ⁸ **do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

R: ⁹ when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

C: ¹⁰ **For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart,
and they have not known my ways.”**

R: ¹¹ Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.”

(R: Here ends this reading)

(Please stand for the reading of the scripture lesson)

The Preaching Text

This reading is from the Book of Ruth 2:14-23 (ESV)

¹⁴ And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. ¹⁵ When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. ¹⁶ And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her."

¹⁷ So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. ¹⁸ And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied. ¹⁹ And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did

you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz." ²⁰ And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers." ²¹ And Ruth the Moabite said, "Besides, he said to me, 'You shall keep close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.'" ²² And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, lest in another field you be assaulted." ²³ So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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

“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.

“In The Cross Of Christ I Glory”

LBW 104

Verse 1

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

Verse 2

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Verse 3

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

Verse 4

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

“Jesus, The Very Thought Of You”

LBW 316

Verse 1

Jesus, the very thought of you
Fills us with sweet delight;
But sweeter far your face to view
And rest within your light.

Verse 2

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than your blest name,
O Savior of us all!

Verse 3

O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul,
O Joy of all the meek,
How kind you are to those who fall!
How good to those who seek!

Verse 4

O Jesus, be our joy today;
Help us to prize your love;
Grant us at last to hear you say:
"Come, share my home above."

Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

Prayers of the Church

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

Closing Hymn

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

LBW 467

Verse 1

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

Verse 2

O Savior, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

Verse 3

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

Verse 4

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
All trav'lers guard in danger's hour
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Pianist: Mary Kaye Owen

Choir Director: Dan 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 – 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