



The stoning of Stephen Acts 7-8:3

May 3, 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.

May 3, 2026

Usher
Valerie Claiborne
Acolyte
Feliz Lundberg
Nursery
Legacy Lundberg
Security
Ron Johnson
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Heidi Sturdivant
Communion Assistant
Dan Owen
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Nancy Martin/Ardis Kilber
Coffee Hour
Heidi Sturdivant/Denise Alvord
Flowers
TBD
Tellers
Toni Sherman/Sharon Johnson
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Ron Heilman

May 10, 2026

Usher
Toni Sherman
Acolyte
Ransom Lundberg
Nursery
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg
Security
Dick Schmidt
Sound System
Ron Johnson
Lector
Denise Alvord
Communion Assistant
Sharlene Parker
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Sharon Johnson/Nancy Martin
Coffee Hour
Carol Brennan/Toni Sherman
Flowers
Ron and Sharon Johnson
Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Duane Claiborne
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Ron Heilman



Order of Worship
May 3, 2026, Fifth Sunday of Easter
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

“Let All Things Now Living”

arr. C. Berry

Praise Song

“In The Lord Alone”

Verse 1

In the Lord, the Lord alone
Are righteousness and strength.
The height and breadth
And length of love is found in Him.
In the Lord, the Lord alone
Are righteousness and strength.
In the Lord, in the Lord alone.

Verse 2

In the Lord, the Lord alone
Are life and health and peace.
His mercies and His loving kindness
Never cease.
In the Lord, the Lord alone
Are life and health and peace.
In the Lord, in the Lord alone.

Verse 3

In the Lord, the Lord alone
Is ev'rything I need.
The Son of Man now reigning high
Will intercede.
In the Lord, the Lord alone
Is ev'rything I need.
In the Lord, in the Lord alone.

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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

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives!”

LBW 352

Verse 1

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet
sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head!

Verse 4

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

Verse 7

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

Verse 2

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above;
He lives to rule his Church in love.

Verse 5

He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

Verse 8

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

We Worship by Confessing our Sins (from Lutheran Worship, Divine Service)

Pastor: 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 a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring 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 transgressions to the LORD. C: **Who forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: (Facing altar which symbolizes God's presence):

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore, we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his 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, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting 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 his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name he gives power to become the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O LORD, unto us all. C: **Amen.**

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from 1 Peter 2:2-10 (ESV)

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him
will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

This reading is from Psalm 31:1-5,15-16 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ¹ In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!

C: ² **Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!**

R: ³ For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

C: ⁴ **you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

R: ⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

C: ¹⁵ **My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!**

R: ¹⁶ Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

(**R:** Here ends this reading)

Children's Message

Announcements

The Preaching Text

(Please stand for the reading of the epistle lesson)

This reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians 3:1-11 (ESV)

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked,

when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

(**R:** The Word of the Lord)

C: **Praise to you O Christ**

Message

Offertory

"There Is a Fountain"

arr. C. Berry

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit.

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.

“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

Verse 1

I love your kingdom, Lord,
The place of your abode;
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood.

Verse 3

Beyond my highest joy
I prize its heav'nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,
Its hymns of love and praise.

Verse 2

I love your Church, O God!
Its walls before you stand,
Dear as the apple of your eye
And graven on your hand.

Verse 4

Sure as your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

“Thine Is the Glory”

Verse 1

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Verse 2

Lo, Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom;
Let his Church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

Verse 3

No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

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

"He Lives"

HWC 220

Verse 1

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives
today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

Verse 2

In all the world around me, I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. **(Refrain)**

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 – 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