



August 2, 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.

August 2, 2026

Usher
Sharlene Parker
Acolyte
Delilah Harvey
Nursery
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg
Security
Dick Schmidt
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Denise Alvord
Communion Assistant
Dan Owen
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Toni Sherman/Lorraine Stargel
Coffee Hour
Sharlene Parker/Sharon Hurd
Flowers
Dan and Mary Kaye Owen
Tellers
Toni Sherman/Denise Alvord
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Ron and Sharon Johnson

August 9, 2026

Usher
Toni Sherman
Acolyte
Feliz Lundberg
Nursery
Legacy Lundberg
Security
Bill Zavadil
Sound System
Ron Johnson
Lector
Heidi Sturdivant
Communion Assistant
Sharlene Parker
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Rick and Sue Fields
Coffee Hour
Lorraine Stargel/Heidi Sturdivant
Flowers
TBD
Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Sharon Johnson
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Ron Heilman



Order of Worship

August 2, 2026, 10th 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 Dan and Mary Kaye Owen
in celebration of August birthdays.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Thy Word”

Smith/Grant

Praise Song

“Thy Word”

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

Verse 1

When I feel afraid,
And I think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

(Chorus)

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide
And hold me to Your side,
I will love You to the end.

(Chorus)

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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

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

HWC 274

Verse 1

Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord,
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.

Verse 2

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, My All in all.

Verse 3

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.

Verse 4

O send Thy Spirit, Lord, Now unto me,
That He may touch my eyes and make me see:
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,
And in Thy Book revealed I see the Lord.

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Matthew 14:13-21 (ESV)

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five

loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: **Thanks be to God**

This reading is from Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (ESV) (responsive)

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

C: ⁹ **The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

R: ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

C: ¹⁵ **The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

R: ¹⁶ You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C: ¹⁷ **The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.**

R: ¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

C: ¹⁹ **He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.**

R: ²⁰ The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

C: ²¹ **My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

(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 the Book of Acts 15:22-40 (ESV)

²² Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers, ²³ with the following letter: "The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the brothers who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. ²⁴ Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, ²⁵ it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, ²⁶ men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷ We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. ²⁸ For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: ²⁹ that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell."

³⁰ So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. ³¹ And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement. ³² And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words. ³³ And after they had spent some time, they were sent off in peace by the brothers to those who had sent them. ³⁵ But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

³⁶ And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." ³⁷ Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. ³⁸ But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. ³⁹ And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, ⁴⁰ but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.

(R: The Word of the Lord)
C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Lemmel

Offering Hymn

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord”

LBW p. 86

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”

LBW p 92

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.

“This Is The Feast”

LBW, Setting 2, pp. 81-82

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
Tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord
Rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises
And leads his people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

“God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

LBW 281

Verse 1

God, who made the earth and heaven:
Darkness and light;
You the day for work have given,
For rest the night.
May your angel guards defend us,
Slumber sweet your mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us
All through the night.

Verse 2

And, when morn again shall call us
To run life's way,
May we still, whate'er befall us,
Your will obey.
From the pow'r of evil hide us,
In the narrow pathway guide us,
Never be your smile denied us
All through the day.

Verse 3

Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
And, when we die,
May we in your mighty keeping
All peaceful lie.
When the last dread call shall wake us,
Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us
With you on high.

Verse 4

Holy Father, throned in heaven,
All holy Son,
Holy Spirit, freely given,
Blest Three in one:
Grant us grace, we now implore you,
Till we lay our crowns before you
And in worthier strains adore you
While ages run.

Postlude

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Pianist: Mary Kaye Owen

Choir Director: Dan Owen

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!
Following the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour.*