



August 31, 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.

We have a "Welcome" packet for you with more information about Living Word Lutheran Church.

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 31, 2025

Usher
Toni Sherman
Acolyte
Feliz Lundberg
Nursery
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg
Security
Dennis Krumwiede
Sound System
Ron Johnson
Lector
Jeff DeBord
Communion Assistant
Sharlene Parker
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Lorraine Stargel/Ardis Kilber
Coffee Hour
Carol Brennan/Valerie Claiborne
Flowers
Lorraine Stargel
Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Bob Martin
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Ron Heilman

September 7, 2025

Usher
TBD
Acolyte
TBD
Nursery
TBD
Security
Bill Zavadil
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
TBD
Communion Assistant
Ron Johnson
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Rick and Sue Fields
Coffee Hour
Sharlene Parker/Toni Sherman
Flowers
Dan and Mary Kaye Owen
Tellers
TBD
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Tony and Linda Deas



Order of Worship

August 31, 2025, 12th 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.”

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

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Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Lorraine Stargel
In loving memory of her parents.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

Praise Song

"Praise to You, O God of Mercy"

WOV 790

Verse 1

Praise to you, O God of mercy!
Thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
Thanks be to you forever!

Verse 2

From of old you loved and sought us!
Thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us:
Thanks be to you forever! **(Chorus)**

Chorus

Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.

Verse 3

Praise to you, O God of mercy!
Thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
Thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!

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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

WOV 771

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hands hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Verse 2

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins (Lutheran Book of Worship, p. 56)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: (*Facing altar which symbolizes God's presence*): Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: (*Facing the congregation, declares God's grace*): In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

All: **Praise the LORD!**

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Proverbs 25:6-7 (ESV)

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷ for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: **Thanks be to God**

This reading is from Psalm 112 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ¹ Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments!

C: ² **His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

R: ³ Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

C: ⁴ **Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

R: ⁵ It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.

C: ⁶ **For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.**

R: ⁷ He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

C: ⁸ **His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

R: ⁹ He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.

C: ¹⁰ **The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away;
the desire of the wicked will perish!**

(R Here ends this reading)

Children's Message

Announcements

The Message

(Please stand for the reading of the scripture lesson)

This reading is from the Book of Acts 9:1-19 (ESV)

¹ But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you

may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”
18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes,
and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;

19 and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he
was with the disciples at Damascus.

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

Message

Offertory

“All For Jesus”

arr. Fred Bock

Offering Hymn

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

WOV 798

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me
Bless God’s holy name.

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

“Have Mercy

Verse 1

In our arrogance and pride
We come to You
In our weakness and our guilt
We look to You **(chorus)**

Chorus

O Lord our Lord
Have mercy
O Lord our Lord
Have mercy

Verse 2

In our trouble and our pain
We come to You
In our darkness and our grief
We look to You **(chorus)**

Verse 3

Mighty God of love and power
We come to You
You are here and You are now
We look to You **(chorus)**

“Blessed Assurance”

WOV 699

Verse 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. **Refrain**

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**

Verse 3

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. **Refrain**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

LBW 370

Verse 1

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind
Is like to that above.

Verse 2

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

Verse 3

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

Verse 4

From sorrows, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LBW 439

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear-
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged-
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge-
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
You will find a solace there.

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 following the worship service.***

10:45 – Refreshment Time (Coffee Hour) in the Fellowship Hall