



March 23, 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.

March 23, 2025

Usher
Valerie Claiborne
Acolyte
Ransom Lundberg
Nursery
Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl
Security
Duane Claiborne
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Carol Brennan
Communion Assistant
Nancy Martin
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Rick and Sue Fields
Coffee Hour
Valerie Claiborne/Toni Sherman
Flowers
*** Lent – No Flowers ***
Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Lorraine Stargel
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Tony and Linda Deas/Ron Heilman

March 30, 2025

Usher
Toni Sherman
Acolyte
Delilah Harvey
Nursery
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg
Security
Bill Zavadil
Sound System
Ron Johnson
Lector
Ron Johnson
Communion Assistant
Lorraine Stargel
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Lorraine Stargel/Carol Brennan
Coffee Hour
Nancy Martin/Sarah DeBord
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Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Mike and Gayla Fenimore



Order of Worship

March 23, 2025, Third 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>)

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Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Praise Song

"The Lion And The Lamb"

Verse 1

He's coming on the clouds:
Kings and kingdoms will bow down,
And every chain will break,
As broken hearts declare His praise,
For who can stop the Lord Almighty? **(Chorus)**

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Verse 2

So open up the gates,
Make way before the King of kings.
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free,
For who can stop the Lord Almighty **(Chorus)**

Chorus

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles,
And every knee will bow before Him.
Our God is the Lamb:
The Lamb that was slain for the sins of the world.
His blood breaks the chains,
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb;
Every knee will bow before Him

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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

The Church's one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 She is His new creation
 By water and the Word.
 From heav'n He came and sought her
 To be His holy bride;
 With His own blood He bought her,
 And for her life He died.

Verse 2

Elect from every nation,
 Yet one o'er all the earth;
 Her charter of salvation:
 One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses
 With every grace endued.

Verse 3

Though with a scornful wonder
 This world sees her oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.

Verse 4

Through toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore;
 Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

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 130)

P: Out of the depths, we cry out to You, Oh Lord. Oh Lord hear our voice. Let Your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy. If You, Oh Lord, kept a record of sins, Oh Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are to be feared.

C: **Oh Lord, hear our cry.**

P: God promises to hear our prayers and to never forsake us. Trust that our cries to God are heard by Him and that, in the name of Jesus, reconciliation will happen. Let's take some time to cry out to God, asking for forgiveness, trusting that God is waiting to hear from us.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: Oh Lord...

C: **We wait for You, our souls wait for You, and in Your Word we put our hope. Our souls wait for You, Oh Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Oh Lord, hear our prayer and forgive us our sins, for we know that in You there is mercy; in You there is hope; in You there is life. Hear our cries and grant us Your grace in the name of Your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: We have cried out to the Lord and the Lord has heard our prayers. Oh people of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love. And with Him, is full redemption. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, and by his authority, I declare unto you the complete forgiveness of all your sins. Rejoice and be glad for we have a God who loves us and wants to spend eternity with us. Praise be to God, Amen.

We Hear and Read God’s Word

The first reading is from Isaiah 55:1-9 (ESV)

¹ “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight
yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul
may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and
commander for the peoples.

⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of
Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶ “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him
while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man
his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have
compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly
pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your
ways my ways, declares the Lord.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my
ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your
thoughts.

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

This reading is from Psalm 63:1-8 (ESV) (responsive)

Rader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Congregation: ²So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

R: ³ Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

C: ⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

R: ⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

C: ⁶ when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

R: ⁷ for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

C: ⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

(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 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (ESV)

¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

“At the Cross”

Offering Hymn *(please stand)*

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”

Verse 1

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Verse 2

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God **(chorus)**

Chorus

Oh, Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh, wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Verse 3

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God **(chorus)**

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“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**

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

LBW 235

Verse 1

Break now the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
As once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
My spirit waits for you, O living Word.

Verse 2

Bless your own truth, Dear Lord, to me, to me,
As when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my All in all!

Verse 3

You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Your holy Word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
Teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Verse 4

Oh, send your Spirit Lord, now unto me,
That he may touch my eyes and make me see.
Show me the truth concealed within your Word,
And in your book revealed I see my Lord.

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

"Built on a Rock"

LBW 365

Verse 1

Built on a rock the church shall stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
Bells still are chiming and calling-
Calling the young and old to rest,
Calling the souls of those distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.

Verse 2

Not in our temples made with hands
God, the Almighty, is dwelling;
High in the heav'ns his temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above
Deigns to abide with us in love,
Making our bodies his temple.

Verse 3

We are God's house of living stones,
Built for his own habitation;
He fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
Granting us life and salvation.
Were two or three to seek his face,
He in their midst would show his grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.

Verse 4

Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
Hither we come to praise his name,
Faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
Making with us his covenant,
Granting his children the kingdom.

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 1st grade meet in the Youth Room

11:15 – 12:00 – 2nd grade – 5th grade meet in the Conference Room

11:15 – 11:55 – Youth and Adults meet in the Sanctuary for Adult Sunday School