



April 6, 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.

April 6, 2025

Usher
Judy Williams
Acolyte
Harmony Lundberg
Nursery
Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl
Security
Dennis Krumwiede
Sound System
Bill Zavadil
Lector
Harmony Lundberg
Communion Assistant
Bob Martin
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Rick and Sue Fields
Coffee Hour
Heidi Sturdivant/Lorraine Stargel
Flowers
*** Lent – no flowers ***
Tellers
Toni Sherman/Sharon Johnson
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Jeff DeBord and Ron Heilman

April 13, 2025

Usher
Carol Brennan
Acolyte
Grace Reichl
Nursery
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg
Security
Ron Johnson
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Dick Schmidt
Communion Assistant
Toni Sherman
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Toni Sherman/Ardis Kilber
Coffee Hour
Judy Williams/Denise Alvord
Flowers
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Order of Worship

April 6, 2025, 5th 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

"Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

arr. Mark Hayes

Praise Song

"Goodness of God"

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God **(Chorus)**

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God **(Chorus)**

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me **(Chorus)**

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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.

Opening Hymn

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” (by special request)

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)**

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Prayer of the Day (all pray): **Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; 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: **and you 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.

Special Music

"Ancient Words"

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Isaiah 43:16-21 (ESV)

- ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.
¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 126 (ESV) (responsive)

Reader: ¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Congregation: ² Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

R: ³ The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

C: ⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!

R: ⁵ Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

C: ⁶ He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

(Here ends this reading)

Children's Message

Announcements

The Message Text

This reading is from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (ESV)

3 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

“We Are an Offering”

arr. Mark Hayes

Offering Hymn

“Create In Me”

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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.

“For Those Tears I Died”

Verse 1

You said You'd come and share all my sorrows,
You said You'd be there for all my tomorrows;
I came so close to sending You away,
But just like You promised You came there to stay;
I just had to pray! **(Chorus)**

Chorus

And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by My side;
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied;
I felt ev'ry teardrop when in darkness you cried,
And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died."

Verse 2

Your goodness so great I can't understand,
but, dear Lord, I know now that all this was planned;
I know You're here now, and always will be,
Your love loosed my chains and in You I'm free;
But Jesus, why me? **(Chorus))**

Verse 3

Jesus, I give You my heart and my soul,
I know that without God I'd never be whole;
Savior, You opened all the right doors,
And I thank You and praise You from earth's humble
shores; Take me, I'm Yours. **(Chorus)**

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“The Solid Rock”

HWC 404

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. **(Refrain)**

Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand –
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

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

"If My People Will Pray"

If my people which are called by My name
Shall humble themselves,
Shall humble themselves and pray;
If my people which are called by My name
Shall seek My face and turn from their wicked ways;

If my people which are called by My name
Shall humble themselves,
Shall humble themselves and pray,
I will forgive their sin, I will forgive their sin,
I will forgive their sin, ...and heal their land.

Then will I hear from heaven,
Then will I hear from heaven,
Then will I hear and will forgive,
Forgive their sin,

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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 – Contemporary Service for Youth and Adults in the Sanctuary