



**January 11, 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 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.

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.

## January 11, 2026

**Usher**  
Judy Williams  
**Acolyte**  
Grace Reichl  
**Nursery**  
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg  
**Security**  
Dick Schmidt  
**Sound System**  
Ron Johnson  
**Lector**  
Lorraine Stargel  
**Communion Assistant**  
Toni Sherman  
**Communion Set-up/clean-up**  
Toni Sherman/Ardis Kilber  
**Coffee Hour**  
Lorraine Stargel/Heidi Sturdivant  
**Flowers**  
Tom and Denise Alvord  
**Tellers**  
Sharlene Parker  
Duane Claiborne  
**Julian Estates / Bonaventure**  
Tony and Linda Deas/Ron Heilman

## January 18, 2026

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Lorraine Stargel  
**Acolyte**  
Delilah Harvey  
**Nursery**  
Legacy Lundberg and Grace Reichl  
**Security**  
Bill Zavadil  
**Sound System**  
Troy Turner  
**Lector**  
TBD  
**Communion Assistant**  
Lorraine Stargel  
**Communion Set-up/clean-up**  
Lorraine Stargel/Nancy Martin  
**Coffee Hour**  
Judy Williams/Denise Alvord  
**Flowers**  
Mary Kaye Owen  
**Tellers**  
Toni Sherman/Linda Deas  
**Julian Estates / Bonaventure**  
Mike and Gayla Fenimore  
Ron Heilman



### Order of Worship

January 11, 2026 The Baptism of Our Lord

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 Tom and Denise Alvord  
In celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine”

arr. C. Berry

Praise Song

“Praise the Lord”

### Verse 1

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.  
Praise to Jesus Christ from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.  
Praise to Jesus Christ from whom all blessings flow.  
(Chorus)

### Verse 2

Praise His name. Praise His name.  
Praise His name and you will never be the same.  
Praise His name. Praise His name.  
Praise His name and you will never be the same.  
(Chorus)

### Chorus

Let's open up our hearts.  
Let the living water give our lives a start.  
Let's open up our hearts.  
Let the living water give our lives a start.

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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

## “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LBW 165

### Verse 1

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

### Verse 3

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye made blind by sin  
Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in pow'r in love and purity.

### Verse 2

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert and art And evermore shalt be.

### Verse 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise thy name  
In earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**Prayer of the Day (all pray): Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; 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 51)

P: We come to this moment of confession in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen!

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses.

C: Wash us from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sins.

P: You, O God, know our sin. Nothing is hidden from You. Therefore, You are justified when You speak, and You are right when You judge.

C: Make us pure, O God. Wash our slates clean. Turn from our sin and remember it no more.

P: Hide Your face from our sins. Grant us mercy, even though we are unworthy.

C: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.

P: Give us the joy of Your saving help and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.

C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses.

P: Let us take some time to confess our sins before God.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: Almighty God...

C: We have fallen short of Your glory. We have done things with which You are not well pleased. We have failed to do things that would have helped our neighbor. We confess that sin has come between You and us. We come before You now, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior to ask for Your forgiveness and a cleansing of our hearts. Hear our prayer. We want to be in a right relationship with You. Remove all those things that we allow to get in the way. We are sorry for what we have done. We humbly come before You with our confessions and thanksgiving. Amen

P: People of God, you have made confession of your sins before the Lord. Therefore, you are promised forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. So, by the authority of God our Father and Jesus Christ His only Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I boldly and confidently announce the forgiveness of all your sins. You have been washed clean and purified of your sins. Rejoice and be glad, for you are a child of God.

C: Praise be to God! Amen!

## We Hear and Read God's Word

### The first reading is Acts 10:34-43 (ESV)

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did

both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

### This reading is from Psalm 29 (ESV) (responsive)

R: 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Congregation: 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

R: 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

C: 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

R: 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

C: 6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

R: 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

C: 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

R: 9 The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

C: 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

R: 11 May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

(R Here ends this reading)

### Children's Message

### Announcements

## The Gospel Text

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel lesson)

### The Gospel according to St. Matthew 3:13-17 (ESV).

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately

he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

(R: The Gospel of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

## Message

### Offertory

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

arr. C. Berry

### Offering Hymn

“Create in Me”

(unknown)

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew a right spirit within me

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence O Lord, and take not your Holy Spirit from me

Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

## The Words of Institution

### Holy Communion

#### Communion Hymns

“The Lamb”

##### Verse 1

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

##### Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb  
Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

##### Verse 2

The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. (Chorus)

##### Verse 3

The Lamb, the Lamb,  
as wayward sheep their shepherd kill.  
So still, His will on our behalf the law to fill. (Chorus)

##### Verse 4

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.  
(Chorus)

##### Verse 5

He rose, He rose, my heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong till ev'ry heart to Him belong. (Chorus)

## "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 as you promised you came there to stay,  
I just had to pray. **(Chorus)**

### Verse 2

Your goodness so great I can't understand,  
And dear Lord, I know that all this was planned.  
I know you're here now and always will be.  
Your loved ones loosed my chains and in you I'm free,  
But Jesus, why me? **(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 every teardrop when in darkness you cried,  
And I strove to reminder you that for those tears I died."

### Verse 3

Jesus, I gave you my heart and my soul,  
I know now 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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## On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

LBW 36

### Verse 1

On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken,  
For he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!

### Verse 3

We hail you as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without your grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

### Verse 2

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

### Verse 4

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,  
And make us rise to fall no more;  
Oh, let your face upon us shine  
And fill the world with love divine.

### Verse 5

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,  
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

## 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.

**Response****“There's Something About That Name”****HWC 102**

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name.  
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim  
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,  
But there's something about that name.

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**On Our Way Rejoicing****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.

**Closing Hymn****“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”****Verse 1**

I am weak but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee. **(Chorus)**

**Chorus**

Just a closer walk with Thee  
Grant it, Jesus if you please;  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

**Verse 2**

Thru this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. **(Chorus)**

**Verse 3**

When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
On that bright eternal shore  
I will walk, dear Lord, close to Thee **(Chorus)**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> grade meet in the Youth Room  
11:15 – 12:00 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the Conference Room  
11:15 – 11:55 – Youth and Adults meet in the Sanctuary for Adult Sunday School  
12:15 – 1:15 – Choir Rehearsal**