



Psalm 8:4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

September 21, 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.

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Usher
Sharlene Parker
Acolyte
Delilah Harvey
Nursery
Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl
Security
Dick Schmidt
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Toni Sherman
Communion Assistant
Carol Brennan
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Lorraine Stargel/Ardis Kilber
Coffee Hour
Nancy Martin/Sarah Harvey
Flowers
Carol Brennan
Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Linda Deas
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Jeff DeBord/Ron Heilman

September 28, 2025

Usher
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Acolyte
Grace Reichl
Nursery
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg
Security
Tony Deas
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Lorraine Stargel
Communion Assistant
Nancy Martin
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Nancy Martin/Ardis Kilber
Coffee Hour
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Lena Duggan
Tellers
Toni Sherman/Lorraine Stargel
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Ron and Sharon Johnson



Order of Worship

September 21, 2025, 15th 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 the Brennan family
in memory of Don's 88th birthday.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

"Wonderful Words of Life"

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.

Verse 1

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured –
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. **Refrain**

Verse 2

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater – yes, grace untold –
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross. **Refrain**

Verse 3

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide –
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide –
Whiter than snow you may be today. **Refrain**

Verse 4

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive? **Refrain**

Refrain

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within,
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Worship by Confessing our Sins

Pastor: Remembering our baptism into Christ Jesus, we gather as we are to live, 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 faithful hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, asking 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 sins unto the LORD. **C: May God forgive the offense of my sin.**

P: (*Facing altar which symbolizes God's presence*): Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer,

C: We confess to You that we are by nature sinners and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, pleading for and seeking Your grace for the sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: Most merciful God **C: You have given Your only begotten Son to die for us. Have mercy upon us, and for Jesus' 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, that by Your grace we may come to eternal 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 Jesus' sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on Jesus' Name, He gives power to become children of God and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O LORD, unto us all. C: Amen. All: Praise the LORD!

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Amos 8:4-7 (English Standard Version)

4 Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, 5 saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great	and deal deceitfully with false balances, 6 that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" 7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.
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(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 113 (ESV) (responsive)

Rader: ¹ Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

Congregation: ² **Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!**

R: ³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

C: ⁴ **The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!**

R: ⁵ Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

C: ⁶ **who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

R: ⁷ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

C: ⁸ **to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

R: ⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

(R Here ends this reading)

Children's Message

Announcements

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel lesson)

The Gospel according to St. Luke 8:26-39 (ESV).

²⁶ Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹ For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³² Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons

came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. ³⁴ When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶ And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

(R: The Gospel of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

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

"Lamb of God"

Now the Feast and Celebration

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Come Celebrate Jesus

HWC 324

Chorus (2X)

Come celebrate Jesus,
Come celebrate Jesus,
The bread and the wine,
The moment in time.
Come celebrate Jesus,
The Spirit that frees us,
His table has been laid,
Come now and celebrate Him.

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"Eat This Bread" (2X)

WOV 709

Eat this bread; drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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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

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

HWC 106

Verse 1

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long: **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Praise Him! praise Him! tell of his excellent greatness;
Praise Him! praise Him! ever in joyful song!

Verse 2

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled and died;
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! hail Him! Jesus the crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows;
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong: **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong: **(Refrain)**

Postlude

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Pianist: 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 – 6^h grade meet in the Conference Room

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