



August 9, 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 to the right as you enter the building and before the sanctuary, with a wheelchair-accessible handicap restroom down the hall past the hallway doors leading inside the sanctuary. 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.

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Usher

Toni Sherman

Acolyte

Feliz Lundberg

Nursery

Legacy Lundberg

Security

Bill Zavadil

Sound System

Ron Johnson

Lector

Heidi Sturdivant

Communion Assistant

Sharlene Parker

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Rick and Sue Fields

Coffee Hour

Denise Alvord/Sarah Harvey

Flowers

Steve and Ann Vonderau

Tellers

Sharlene Parker/Sharon Johnson

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

Ron Heilman

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Usher

Valerie Claiborne

Acolyte

Ransom Lundberg

Nursery

Legacy and Harmony Lundberg

Security

Duane Claiborne

Sound System

Bill Zavadil

Lector

Cheryl Hedlund

Communion Assistant

Nancy Martin

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Nancy Martin/Ardis Kilber

Coffee Hour

Lorraine Stargel

Flowers

Dennis and Judy Krumwiede

Tellers

Toni Sherman/Duane Claiborne

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Ron Heilman



Order of Worship

August 9, 2026, 11th 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."

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Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Steve and Ann Vonderau in celebration of Steve's birthday.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

"Praise Ye the Lord!"

RJ Hughes

Praise Song

"Thou Art Worthy"

Verse

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord—
To receive glory, glory and honor,
Glory and honor and pow'r.

Chorus

For Thou hast created,
Hast all things created,
Thou hast created all things,
And for Thy pleasure they are created,
Thou art worthy, O Lord.

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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

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

LBW 248

(translated by Catherine Winkworth)

Verse 1

Dearest Jesus, at your word
We have come again to hear you;
Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
And in glowing faith be near you
As the promises here given
Draw us wholly up to heaven.

Verse 3

Radiance of God's glory bright,
Light of light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send your blessed light;
Help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
That our prayers and songs may please you,
As with grateful hearts we praise you.

Verse 2

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks the night,
Filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living
Come but by your gracious giving.

Verse 4

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to you and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most:
Your blest Gospel's consolation,
While we here on earth await you,
Till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins (based on Psalm 19)

P: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

C: The decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple.

P: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.

C: The commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes.

P: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

C: The ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

P: They are more precious than gold,

C: Than much pure gold;

P: They are sweeter than honey,

C: Than honey from the comb.

P: But who can detect their errors? Forgive our hidden faults, Oh Lord.

C: Keep Your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over us. Then we shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

P: Oh Lord hear our prayer and our confession and cries to You...

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess 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: 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 children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Matthew 14:22-33 (ESV)

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

This reading is from Psalm 85:8-13 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ⁸ Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

Congregation: ⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

R: ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

C: ¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

R: ¹² Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

C: ¹³ Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

(R: 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 Acts 16:1-15, the 1st chapter (ESV)

¹ Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. ² He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. ³ Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴ As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

⁶ And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷ And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. ⁸ So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and

saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offering Hymn

“Create in Me”

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”

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.

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

LBW 197

(translated by Catherine Winkworth)

Verse 1

O living bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given, have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, with praises overflows!

Verse 3

You gave me all I wanted, this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted, the cup of endless joy.
My Lord,
I do not merit the favor you have shown,
And all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.

Verse 2

My Lord, you here have led me, within your holiest place,
And here yourself have fed me,
with treasures of your grace;
For you have freely given what earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.

Verse 4

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened,
with heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened, to serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit to leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit, where joys unmingled flow.

“Praise the Name of Jesus”

Praise the name of Jesus,
Praise the name of Jesus:
He's my Rock, He's my Fortress,
He's my Deliverer, In Him will I trust.
Praise the name of Jesus

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

"Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word"

LBW 230

(translated by Catherine Winkworth)

Verse 1

Lord keep us steadfast in Your word
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done

Verse 2

Lord Jesus Christ Your power make known
For You are Lord of lords alone
Defend Your holy church that we
May sing Your praise triumphantly

Verse 3

O Comforter of priceless worth
Send peace and unity on earth
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life

Postlude

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Pianist: Mary Kaye Owen

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!
Following the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour.