



**November 30, 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.

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.

**November 30, 2025**

**Usher**

Valerie Claiborne

**Acolyte**

Ransom Lundberg

**Nursery**

Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl

**Security**

Bill Zavadill

**Sound System**

Ron Johnson

**Lector**

Dick Schmidt

**Communion Assistant**

Nancy Martin

**Communion Set-up/clean-up**

Lorraine Stargel/Nancy Martin

**Coffee Hour**

Valerie Claiborne/Lorraine Stargel

**Flowers**

Phil and Sharon Hurd

**Tellers**

Sharlene Parker/Denise Alvord

**Julian Estates / Bonaventure**

Tony and Linda Deas/

Ron Heilman

**December 7, 2025**

**Usher**

Judy Williams

**Acolyte**

Feliz Lundberg

**Nursery**

Legacy and Harmony Lundberg

**Security**

Tony Deas

**Sound System**

Bill Zavadil

**Lector**

Denise Alvord

**Communion Assistant**

Lorraine Stargel

**Communion Set-up/clean-up**

Rick and Sue Fields

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Carol Brennan

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Toni Sherman/Sharon Johnson

**Julian Estates / Bonaventure**

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**Order of Worship**

**November 30, 2025 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**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 Phil and Sharon Hurd.

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Prelude

### "In Christ Alone"

arr. Alex-Zsolt

### Praise Song

### "Rock of My Salvation"

#### Verse

You are the Rock of my salvation,  
You are the strength of my life.  
You are my hope and my inspiration,  
Lord, unto You will I cry.

#### Chorus

I Believe in You, believe in You,  
For Your faithful love to me.  
You have been my help in time of need;  
Lord, unto You will I cleave.

*(repeat **verse** and **chorus**)*

#### Ending

You are the Rock of my salvation,  
You are the strength of my life.

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*(please stand)*

## We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles' Creed

**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

## “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

### Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
No merit of my own I claim,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. **Refrain**

### Refrain

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

### 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  
Sustain me in the raging flood;  
When all supports are washed away,  
He then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

### Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before the throne! **Refrain**

**Prayer of the Day** (all pray): **Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## Confession and Forgiveness of Sins (Lutheran Book of Worship, p. 56)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: (*Facing altar which symbolizes God's presence*): Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that 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: (*Facing the congregation, declares God's grace*): 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 the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

All: **Praise the LORD!**

Choir

“Give Thanks to the Lord”

Lloyd Larson

## We Hear and Read God's Word

### The first reading is from Isaiah 2:1-5 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the Lord  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup> and many peoples shall come, and say:  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord.

(The Word of the Lord)

**C: Thanks be to God**

### This reading is from Psalm 122 (ESV) (responsive)

R: <sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**C: <sup>2</sup> Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

R: <sup>3</sup> Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,

**C: <sup>4</sup> to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

R: <sup>5</sup> There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

**C: <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! “May they be secure who love you!**

R: <sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!”

**C: <sup>8</sup> For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, “Peace be within you!”**

R: <sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

(R: Here ends this reading)

### Advent Hymn

Hope, hope, hope — the light of Christ is hope.  
In all our darkness Christ is shining,  
Leading upward, faith refining.  
Hope, hope, hope — the light of Christ is hope.

**All: O Lord our God, Your Word to us in scripture reminds us that “hope that is seen is not hope; who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience” (Rom. 8:24). And, “faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Heb. 11:1). Implant, we pray, Your Word in our hearts; enable us by Your Holy Spirit to see and embrace the light of Your truth, mold us like clay into persons You would have us become and inspire in us the ability to embody and to share the power of hope grounded in Your Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: We, who are full with anticipation, feel hope rise up within us. And so, we light this first candle and name it “Hope”.

### **These Candles Shine with Glorious Light**

*Tune: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry." (LBW#36) Text: © 2006 Thomas F. Fischer and CreativeMusic.com.*

**This candle shines with glorious light,  
A word of *hope* to those in night,  
It brightly shines in night's dark day,  
And shows the *hope* God gives today.**

**Give *hope*, O LORD, to us this day,  
Make in our hearts a ready way.  
That Christ, our *Hope*, our King,  
may come Into our hearts and make His home.**

#### **Children's Message**

#### **Announcements**

### **The Preaching Text**

*(Please stand for the reading of the scripture lesson)*

**This reading is from Isaiah 9:1-7 (ESV).**

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

**C: Praise to you O Christ**

#### **Message**

#### **Offertory**

**"Whispering Hope"**

**arr. Gloria Roe**

#### **Offering Hymn**

**"Create In Me"**

**LBW p. 96**

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.

#### “Come, O Precious Ransom”

LBW 24

##### Verse 1

Come, O precious Ransom, come,  
Only hope for sinful mortals!  
Come, O Savior of the world;  
Open are to you all portals.  
Come, your beauty let us view;  
Anxiously we wait for you.

##### Verse 2

Enter now my waiting heart,  
Glorious King and Lord most holy.  
Dwell in me and never leave,  
Though I am but poor and lowly.  
What vast riches will be mine  
When you are my guest divine!

##### Verse 3

My hosannas and my palms  
Graciously receive, I pray you;  
Evermore, as best I can,  
Homage I will gladly pay you,  
And in faith I will embrace  
Life eternal by your grace.

##### Verse 4

Hail! Hosanna! David's Son!  
Jesus, hear our supplication!  
Let your kingdom, scepter, crown  
Bring us blessing and salvation;  
That forever we may sing:  
Hail! Hosanna to our king!

#### “Thank God and Sing Praise”

##### Chorus

Thank God and sing praise!  
Raise our voices higher!  
Proclaim Christ's Way!  
Thank God and sing praise!  
Make the circle wider!  
All who know the taste of grace!

##### Verse

God's people gathered all over the world,  
Led on in promise,  
Sent forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving all over the world,  
Sing Hallelujah! **(Chorus)**

### 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

## "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

LBW 30

### Verse 1

Come, Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

### Verse 2

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a King;  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

**Musician: 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 – 12:00 – Youth and Children practice for Christmas Program***

***12:10 – Choir Rehearsal***