



May 18, 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.

May 18, 2025

Usher

Valerie Claiborne

Acolyte

Harmony Lundberg

Nursery

Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl

Security

Duane Claiborne

Sound System

Bill Zavadil

Lector

Lorraine Stargel

Communion Assistant

Ron Johnson

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Nancy /Lorraine Stargel

Coffee Hour

Sharlene Parker/Toni Sherman

Flowers

Bill and Debbi Zavadil

Tellers

Toni Sherman/Linda Deas

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

Gayla Fenimore/Ron Heilman

May 25, 2025

Usher

Toni Sherman

Acolyte

Feliz Lundberg

Nursery

Legacy and Harmony Lundberg

Security

Bill Zavadil

Sound System

Ron Johnson

Lector

Toni Sherman

Communion Assistant

Sharlene Parker

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Nancy Martin/Ardis Kilber

Coffee Hour

Carol Brennan/Valerie Claiborne

Flowers

*** Veteran's Day ***

Tellers

Sharlene Parker/Lorraine Stargel

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

Jeff DeBord/Ron Heilman



Order of Worship

May 18, 2025, 5th Sunday of Easter

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 Bill and Debbi Zavadil in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary, and for all anniversaries and birthdays in May.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“God of Wonders”

arr. Carol Tornquist

Praise Song

“Majesty”

Verse

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne unto His own;
His anthem raise.

Bridge

So exalt, lift up on high
The name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus, the King.

Tag

Majesty, worship His majesty;
Jesus who died,
Now glorified,
King of all kings.

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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

For the beauty of the earth,
 For the beauty of the skies,
 For the love which from our birth,
 Over and around us lies: **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
 This our sacrifice of praise.

Verse 2

For the wonder of each hour
 Of the day and of the night,
 Hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
 Sun and moon and stars of light: **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

For the joy of ear and eye,
 For the heart and mind's delight,
 For the mystic harmony
 Linking sense to sound and sight: **(Refrain)**

Verse 4

For the joy of human love,
 Brother, sister, parent, child,
 Friends on earth and friends above;
 For all gentle thoughts and mild: **(Refrain)**

Verse 5

For yourself, best gift divine
 To the world so freely giv'n;
 Agent of God's grand design,
 Peace on earth and joy in heav'n: **(Refrain)**

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; 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

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 Revelation 21:1-6 (ESV)

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor

crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment."

The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 148 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

C: ² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

R: ³ Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

C: ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

R: ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

C: ⁶ And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

R: ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

C: ⁸ fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

R: ⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

C: ¹⁰ Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

R: ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

C: ¹² Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

R: ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**C: ¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

(R: Here ends this reading)

Children's Message

Announcements

The Message Text

(Please stand for the reading of the epistle lesson)

This reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Titus 2:1-10 (ESV).

¹ But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. ² Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. ³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. ⁶ Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-

controlled. ⁷ Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, ⁸ and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. ⁹ Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, ¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

"How Great Is Our God"

arr. Carol Tornquist

Offering Hymn

"As the Grains of Wheat"

WOV 705

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

Verse 1

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. ***Refrain***

Verse 2

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. ***Refrain***

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

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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"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**LBW 104****Verse 1**

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

Verse 2

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Verse 3

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

Verse 4

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

"The Sweetest Name of All"**Verse 1**

Jesus, You're the sweetest name of all.
Jesus, You always hear me when I call,
Oh, Jesus, You pick me up each time I fall,
You're the sweetest, the sweetest name of all.

Verse 2

Jesus, how I love to praise Your name.
Jesus, You're still the first, the last, the same.
Oh Jesus, You died and took away my shame,
You're the sweetest, the sweetest name of all.

Verse 3

Jesus, You're the soon and coming King.
Jesus, we need the love that You can bring.
Oh, Jesus, we lift our voices up and sing,
You're the sweetest, the sweetest name of all.

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

"Praise the Lord! O Heavens"

LBW 540

Verse 1

Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, adore him;
Praise him angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him;
Praise him, gleaming stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws, which never shall be broken
For their guidance he has made.

Verse 2

Praise the Lord, for he is gracious;
Never shall his promise fail.
God has made his saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
Heav'n and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name!

Postlude

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Pianist: Mary Kaye Owen

Choir Director: Dan Owen

***Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! Please join us for
Coffee Hour following the worship service.***

10:45 – Refreshment Time (Coffee Hour) in the Fellowship Hall

11:05 – No Sunday School until this fall

11:15 – Choir Rehearsal