



March 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.

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.

March 30, 2025

Usher

Toni Sherman

Acolyte

Delilah Harvey

Nursery

Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl

Security

Bill Zavadil

Sound System

Ron Johnson

Lector

Ron Johnson

Communion Assistant

Lorraine Stargel

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Lorraine Stargel/Carol Brennan

Coffee Hour

Nancy Martin/ Sarah DeBord

Flowers

*** Lent - no flowers ***

Tellers

Toni Sherman/Denise Alvord

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

Mike and Gayla Fenimore

Ron Heilman

April 6, 2025

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Harmony Lundberg

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Rick and Sue Fields

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Jeff DeBord and Ron Heiman



Order of Worship March 30, 2025, Fourth Sunday of Lent 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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Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude "At Calvary" arr. Gloria Roe

"The Lion And The Lamb" **Praise Song**

Verse 1 Verse 2

He's coming on the clouds: So open up the gates,

Kings and kingdoms will bow down, Make way before the King of kings.

And every chain will break, The God who comes to save As broken hearts declare His praise, Is here to set the captives free,

For who can stop the Lord Almighty? (Chorus) For who can stop the Lord Almighty (Chorus)

Chorus

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah. He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles, And every knee will bow before Him. Our God is the Lamb:

The Lamb that was slain for the sins of the world.

His blood breaks the chains,

And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb;

Every knee will bow before Him

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We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Nicene Creed

(please stand)

WE BELIEVE in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

WE BELIEVE in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

And his kingdom will have no end.

WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (by special request)

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 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 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 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): God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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,
- <u>C:</u> 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!

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from 2nd Corinthians 5:16-21 (English Standard Version)

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was

reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

This reading is from Psalm 32 (ESV) (responsive)

Reader: 32 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Congregation: ² Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

R: ³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

R: ⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

- <u>C</u>: ⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- R: ⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- <u>C</u>: 8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
 - R: 9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.
- <u>C</u>: ¹⁰ Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.
 - R: 11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

(R: Here ends this reading)

Children's Message

Announcements

Welcome New Members Sarah Harvey

The Message Text

(Please stand for the reading of the scripture lesson)

This reading is from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (ESV)

3 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance:

⁵ a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory "My Jesus I Love Thee" arr. Gloria Roe

Offering Hymn

"With Grateful Joy"

With grateful joy for You, The Source of all life
We raise one voice
To You from whom all blessings flow

You are the Giver of life, You are the Lover of life
The good Sustainer of life
We live in You
We live in You

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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.

"The Old Rugged Cross" (by special request)

Verse 3

HWC 186

Verse 1

On a hill far away stood an old, rugged cross, The emblem of suffering and shame: And I love that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain. **Refrain**

Verse 2

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me: For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above To bear it to dark Calvary. Refrain

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died To pardon and sanctify me. **Refrain**

Verse 4

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, Its shame and reproach gladly bear; Then He'll call me some day to my home far away, Where His glory forever I'll share. Refrain

Refrain

So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Verse 1

Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord, Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Verse 2

Jesus, loving Shepherd Vine of the branches. Son of God Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Verse 3

Jesus, Way of salvation King of kings, Lord Of Lords, The way the truth and the Life, Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.

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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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (by special request)

HWC 43

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. *(Refrain)* Verse 2

Summer and winter, and sprint time and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *(Refrain)*

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided-Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for tomorrow and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(Refrain)*

Postlude

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

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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 1st grade meet in the Youth Room

11:15 – 12:00 – 2nd grade – 5th grade meet in the Conference Room

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