



March 1, 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 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 worshiping with us this morning! We are blessed by your presence, and God is glorified. Please join us for coffee following the service.

March 1, 2026

**Usher**  
Feliz Lundberg  
**Acolyte**  
Delilah Harvey  
**Nursery**  
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg  
**Security**  
Bill Zavadil  
**Sound System**  
Troy Turner  
**Lector**  
Grace Reichl  
**Communion Assistant**  
Sharlene Parker  
**Communion Set-up/clean-up**  
Toni Sherman/Ardis Kilber  
**Coffee Hour**  
Sharon Hurd/Toni Sherman  
**Flowers**  
\*\*\* Lent \*\*\*  
**Tellers**  
Sharlene Parker/Denise Alvord  
**Julian Estates / Bonaventure**  
Ron Heilman

March 8, 2026

**Usher**  
Sharlene Parker  
**Acolyte**  
Feliz Lundberg  
**Nursery**  
Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl  
**Security**  
Duane Claiborne  
**Sound System**  
Ron Johnson  
**Lector**  
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**Communion Assistant**  
Dan Owen  
**Communion Set-up/clean-up**  
Lorraine Stargel/Nancy Martin  
**Coffee Hour**  
Valerie Claiborne/Sarah Harvey  
**Flowers**  
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Sharlene Parker/Linda Deas  
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Ron and Sharon Johnson



**Order of Worship**  
March 1, 2026, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in 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.”

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**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Prelude**

**“Safe Am I”**

**arr. Fred Bock**

**Praise Song**

**“This Is the Day” (2X)**

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made,  
that the Lord hath made.  
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it,  
and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord hath made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

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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.

**Verse 1**

A mighty fortress is our God,  
 A sword and shield victorious.  
 He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
 And wins salvation glorious.  
 The old satanic foe  
 Has sworn to work us woe!  
 With craft and dreadful might  
 He arms himself to fight.  
 On earth he has no equal.

**Verse 2**

No strength of ours can match his might!  
 We would be lost, rejected.  
 But now a champion comes to fight,  
 Whom God himself elected.  
 You ask who this may be?  
 The Lord of hosts is he!  
 Christ Jesus. Mighty Lord,  
 God's only Son, adored.  
 He holds the field victorious.

**Verse 3**

Though hordes of devils fill the land  
 All threat'ning to devour us,  
 We tremble not, unmoved we stand.  
 They cannot overpower us.  
 Let this world's tyrant rage.  
 In battle we'll engage!  
 His might is doomed to fail.  
 God's judgement must prevail!  
 One little word subdues him.

**Verse 4**

God's Word forever shall abide,  
 No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
 For God himself fights by our side  
 With weapons of the Spirit.  
 Were they to take our house,  
 Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
 Though life be wrenched away,  
 They cannot win the day.  
 The Kingdom's ours forever!

**Prayer of the Day** (all pray): **Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**We Worship by Confessing our Sins (from Lutheran Worship, Divine Service)**

Pastor: 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 a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring 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 transgressions to the LORD. C: **Who forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: (Facing altar which symbolizes God's presence):

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore, we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his 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, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting 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 his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name he gives power to become the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O LORD, unto us all. **C: Amen.**

**Special Music**

**"Ancient Words"**

**Cheryl Hedlund, Sharon Johnson**

## We Hear and Read God's Word

### The first reading is from John 3:1-17 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

(The Word of the Lord)

**C: Thanks be to God**

### This reading is from Psalm 121 (ESV) (responsive)

Rader: <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

**Congregation: <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

R: <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

R: <sup>5</sup> The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

**C: <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

R: <sup>7</sup> The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**C: <sup>8</sup> The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

(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 Ruth 2:1-13 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. <sup>2</sup> And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

<sup>3</sup> So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. <sup>4</sup> And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" And they answered, "The Lord bless you." <sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" <sup>6</sup> And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab." <sup>7</sup> She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."

<sup>8</sup> Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep

close to my young women. <sup>9</sup> Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn." <sup>10</sup> Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" <sup>11</sup> But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. <sup>12</sup> The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" <sup>13</sup> Then she said, "I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants."

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

## Message

## Offertory

"In Times Like These"

arr. Fred Bock

## 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.

##### **“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”**

**LBW 200**

##### **Verse 1**

For the bread which you have broken,  
For the wine which you have poured,  
For the words which you have spoken,  
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.

##### **Verse 3**

With the saints who now adore you  
Seated at our Father’s board.  
May the Church still waiting for you  
Keep love’s tie unbroken, Lord.

##### **Verse 2**

By this promise that you love us,  
By your gift of peace restored,  
By your call to heav’n above us,  
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

##### **Verse 4**

In your service, Lord, defend us;  
In our hearts keep watch and ward,  
In the world to which you send us  
Let your kingdom come, O Lord.

##### **Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus**

**LBW 219**

Come with us, O blessed Jesus, with us evermore to be.  
And, in leaving now thine altar, let us nevermore leave thee!  
Let thy bright celestial chorus never cease the heav’nly strain;  
But in us, thy loving children, come, bring peace, good will to men.

### 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

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

LBW 509

#### Verse 1

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle, see His banners go! (**Refrain**)

#### Verse 2

Like a mighty army moves the church of God;  
Let us boldly follow where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided; all one body we:  
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity. (**Refrain**)

#### Verse 3

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the church of Jesus constant will remain;  
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail.  
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.  
(**Refrain**)

#### Verse 4

Onward, then, you faithful, join our happy throng;  
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.  
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King.  
We through countless ages with the angels sing:  
(**Refrain**)

#### Refrain

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

### Postlude

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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade meet in the Youth Room***

***11:15 – 12:00 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the Conference Room***

***11:15 – 11:55 – Youth meet in the Library***

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

***12:15 – 1:00 – Choir Rehearsal***