



March 22, 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 worshipping with us this morning! We are blessed by your presence, and God is glorified. Please join us for coffee following the service.

March 22, 2026

Usher
Judy Williams
Acolyte
Ransom Lundberg
Nursery
Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl
Security
Tony Deas
Sound System
Ron Johnson
Lector
Harmony Lundberg
Communion Assistant
Lorraine Stargel
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Nancy Martin/Lorraine Stargel
Coffee Hour
Lorraine Stargel/Heidi Sturdivant
Flowers
*** Lent ***
Tellers
Toni Sherman/Denise Alvord
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Mike and Gayla Fenimore
Ron Heilman

March 29, 2026

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Valerie Claiborne
Acolyte
Delilah Harvey
Nursery
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg
Security
Dennis Krumwiede
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Linda Deas
Communion Assistant
Nancy Martin
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Nancy Martin/Ardis Kilber
Coffee Hour
Judy Williams/Denise Alvord
Flowers
TBD
Tellers
Toni Sherman/Sharon Johnson
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Jeff DeBord/Ron Heilman



Order of Worship
March 22, 2026, Fifth 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

“Hymn Of Heaven”

Praise Song

“Hymn Of Heaven”

Verse 1

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven,
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets;
To look upon the one who bled to save me,
And walk with Him for all eternity. **(Chorus 1)**

Chorus 1

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him.
There will be a day
When death will be no more.
Standing face to face
With him, who died and rose again.
Holy, holy is the Lord.

Verse 2

And ev'ry prayer, we prayed in desperation;
The songs of faith
We sang through doubt and fear.
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears. **(Chorus 1)**

Verse 3

And on that day we join the resurrection,
And stand beside the heroes of the faith.
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Forever He shall reign. **(Chorus 1)(Chorus 2)**

Chorus 2

So, let it be today
We shout the hymn of Heaven.
With angels and the Saints
We raise a mighty roar.
Glory to our God
Who gave us life beyond the grave.
Holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy is the Lord.

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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

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope. **(Chorus)**

"Living Hope"

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.

(REPEAT)

Jesus, Yours is the victory! Whoa. **(Chorus)**

Ending

Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Oh God, You are my living hope.

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Prayer of the Day (all pray): Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (based on Psalm 130)

P: Out of the depths, we cry out to You, O Lord. O Lord hear our voice. Let Your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy. If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are to be feared.

C: O Lord, hear our cry.

P: God promises to hear our prayers and to never forsake us. Trust that our cries to God are heard by Him and that, in the name of Jesus, reconciliation will happen. Let's take some time to cry out to God, asking for forgiveness, trusting that God is waiting to hear from us.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: O Lord...

C: We wait for You, our souls wait for You, and in Your Word we put our hope. Our souls wait for You, O Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. O Lord, hear our prayer and forgive us our sins, for we know that in You there is mercy; in You there is hope; in You there is life. Hear our cries and grant us Your grace in the name of Your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: We have cried out to the Lord and the Lord has heard our prayers. O people of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love. And with Him, is full redemption. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, and by his authority, I declare unto you the complete forgiveness of all your sins. Rejoice and be glad for we have a God who loves us and wants to spend eternity with us.

C: Praise be to God. Amen.

Special Music

"Ancient Words"

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Ezekiel 37:1-14 (ESV)

¹ The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there

was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."

¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.'

¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 130 (ESV) (responsive)

Reader: ¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

Congregation: ² O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

Reader: ³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

Congregation: ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Reader: ⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, And in his word I hope;

**Congregation: ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.**

Reader: ⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

Congregation: ⁸ And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

(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 4:1-16 (ESV)

¹ Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. ² And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. ³ Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. ⁴ So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will redeem it." ⁵ Then Boaz said, "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance." ⁶ Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it." ⁷ Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. ⁸ So when the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," he drew off his sandal. ⁹ Then Boaz said to the elders and all

the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. ¹⁰ Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day." ¹¹ Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, ¹² and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the Lord will give you by this young woman."

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him." ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse.

(R: The Word of the Lord) **C: Praise to you O Christ**

Message

Offering Hymn

“Create in Me”

(unknown)

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

“Jesus Paid It All”

Verse 1

And I hear the Savior say,
“Thy strength indeed is small!
“Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in me thine all in all.” **(Chorus)**

Chorus

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow.

Verse 2

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change a leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone. **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save”
My lips shall still repeat. **(Chorus)**

“Worthy Is The Lamb”

Verse 1

Thank You for the cross, Lord.
Thank You for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame,
In love You came and gave amazing grace. **(Chorus)**

Verse 2

Thank You for this love, Lord.
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow,
Now all I know, Your forgiveness and embrace. **(Chorus)**

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious.
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God.
The darling of heaven, crucified.
Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.

Holy Forever

Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb,
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Your name is the highest,
Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.

And the angels cry, "Holy."
All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.

Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

And the angels cry, "Holy."
All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.

Hear Your people sing, "Holy,"
To the King of Kings, "Holy."
You will always be Holy, Holy forever.

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Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
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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

Verse 1

For the different ways we see You
For all the ways You move
All the colors and expressions
Oh the beauty of Your Church
What a masterful reflection
When we are unified
Truly celebrate each other
And let go of our pride

Pre-Chorus

That You would have a spotless bride

Chorus

Oh praise the Father praise the Son
Holy Spirit make us one
Every nation tribe and tongue
This is our cry Your Kingdom come

Verse 2

We surrender our agendas
Our preferences our plans
Would You help us work together
To be Your feet and hands
Our heart is just to know You
To show them who You are
The Gospel's still the answer
For every searching heart

"The Church"

Bridge

Brothers sisters under the banner of Your Name
Mothers fathers under the banner of Your Name
All Your children all for the glory of Your Name

Verse 3

Every story of revival
Every miracle we've seen
It's a glimpse of what is coming
So by faith help us believe
And we know the day is coming
When we will see Your face
Every knee will bow before You
And every heart will say

Tag

Lord hear our cry Your will be done
This is our cry Your Kingdom come

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P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Pianist: Naomi Lundberg

***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 2nd grade meet in the Youth Room

11:15 – 12:00 – 3rd grade – 5th 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