



May 4, 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 4, 2025

Usher

Carol Brennan

Acolyte

Delilah Harvey

Nursery

Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl

Security

Dennis Krumwiede

Sound System

Ron Johnson

Lector

Denise Alvord

Communion Assistant

Sharlene Parker

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Rick and Sue Fields

Coffee Hour

Flowers

Don and Carol Brennan

Tellers

Toni Sherman/Sharon Johnson

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

Tony and Linda Deas

Ron Heilman

May 11, 2025

Usher

Lorraine Stargel

Acolyte

Grace Reichl

Nursery

Legacy and Harmony Lundberg

Security

Dick Schmidt

Sound System

Troy Turner

Lector

Feliz Lundberg

Communion Assistant

Toni Sherman

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Toni Sherman/Ardis Kilber

Coffee Hour

TBD

Flowers

Ron and Sharon Johnson

Tellers

Sharlene Parker/Bob Martin

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

Ron and Sharon Johnson



Order of Worship

May 4, 2025 3rd Sunday of Easter

Pastor Jay Thompson

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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Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Don and Carol Brennan,
thanking Him for His many blessings.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Thou Art Worthy”

arr. Fred Bock

Praise Song

“Worthy Is the Lamb”

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,

To receive: power and riches and wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing!

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
Worthy is the Lamb!

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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.

Opening Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

LBW 328

Verse 1

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all.

Verse 2

Crown him, you martyrs of our God,
Who from his altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown him Lord of all.

Verse 3

O seed of Israel's chosen race
Now ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all.

Verse 4

Hail him, you heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call-
The God Incarnate, man divine-
And crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine-
And crown him Lord of all.

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; 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 (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: **and you 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.**

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Paul's letter to the Romans, 6:1-14 (ESV)

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with

Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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

This reading is from Psalm 31 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ¹ In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!

C: ² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily!

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

R: ³ For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

C: ⁴ you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

R: ⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

C: ⁶ I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.

R: ⁷ I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction;
you have known the distress of my soul,

C: ⁸ and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.

R: ⁹ Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

**C: ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.**

R: ¹¹ Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors,
and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

C: ¹² I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

R: ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

C: ¹⁴ But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”

R: ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

C: ¹⁶ Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

R: ¹⁷ O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you; let the wicked be put to shame;
let them go silently to Sheol.

C: ¹⁸ Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.

R: ¹⁹ Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take
refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!

**C: ²⁰ In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men;
you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.**

R: ²¹ Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city.

C: ²² I had said in my alarm, I am cut off from your sight.”

But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help.

R: ²³ Love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

C: ²⁴ Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

(Here ends this reading)

Children’s Message

Announcements

The Gospel Text

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel lesson)

The Gospel according to St. John 10:11-17 (ESV).

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know

me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.

(R: The Gospel of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

“Ivory Palaces”

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.

“Thou Art Worthy”

Verse

Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honor,
Glory and honor and power.

Chorus

For Thou hast created,
Hast all things created;
Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created,
For Thou art worthy, O Lord.

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“This Is The Feast”

LBW, Setting 2, p. 81

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

LBW 305

Verse 1

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

Verse 2

I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

Verse 3

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on his breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

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 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