



December 21, 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.

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.

December 21, 2025

Usher
Lorraine Stargel
Acolyte
Ransom Lundberg
Nursery
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg
Security
Duane Claiborne
Sound System
Ron Johnson
Lector
Sharlene Parker
Communion Assistant
Bob Martin
Communion Set-up/Clean-up
Nancy Martin/Ardie Kilber
Coffee Hour
BAKE SALE!!!
Flowers
*** poinsettias ***
Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Denise Alvord
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Ron Heilman

December 28, 2025

Usher
Toni Sherman
Acolyte
Delilah Harvey
Nursery
TBD
Security
Duane Claiborne
Sound System
Bill Zavadil
Lector
Toni Sherman
Communion Assistant
Nancy Martin
Communion Set-up/Clean-up
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Order of Worship

December 21, 2025, 4th Sunday in Advent

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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Poinsettias are provided in thankfulness to God and in honor or memory of those indicated.

Giver	Sentiments	Giver	Sentiments
Tom and Denise Alvord	(family)	Lorraine Stargel	
Duane and Valerie Claiborne		Toni Sherman (Rick Beckiny, brother)	
Tony and Linda Deas		Reuben and Heidi Sturdivant (parents, grandparents)	
David and Jothi Holmes		Larry and Mary Vollmer	
Ardis Kilber		Steve and Ann Vonderau	
Dennis and Judy Krumwiede		Judy Williams	
Dan and Mary Kaye Owen		Bill and Debbi Zavadi	

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Conventry Carol”

Handchime Choir

Praise Song

“Love, Love” (2X)

Love, love, love, love,
Christians, this is your call.
Love your neighbor as yourself,
For God loves all.

(please stand)

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles' Creed

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

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

LBW 34

Verse 1

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

Verse 2

Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. **(Refrain)**

Verse 4

Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by your advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. **(Refrain)**

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen**

Choir

“Mary Did You Know?”

**Mark Lowry, Buddy Greene,
arr. Jack Schrader**

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 Romans 1:1-7 (ESV)

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring

about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷ To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

The second reading is from Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**C: ² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might and come to save us!**

R: ³ Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

C: ⁴ O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

R: ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**C: ⁶ You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

R: ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved! ¹⁷ But let your hand
be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

C: ¹⁸ Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!

R: ¹⁹ Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

(Here ends this reading)

Children and Youth Program

O Come, Little Children

O Come, little children O come, one and all;
O come to the manger in Bethlehem's stall,

And see what the Father in Heaven above
Has sent us this night in His goodness and love.

The Little Drummer Boy

Come, they told me,
(Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum)
A newborn King to see;
(Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum)
Our finest gifts we bring
(Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum)
To lay before the King,
(Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum,
rum-pum-pum-pum,
rum-pum-pum-pum)
So to honor Him
(Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum)
When we come.

Little Baby,
(Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum)
I am a poor boy too;
(Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum)
I have no gift to bring;
(Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum)
That's fit to give our King.
(Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum,
rum-pum-pum-pum,
rum-pum-pum-pum)
Shall I play for You
(Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum)
On my drum?

Mary nodded;
(Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum)
The ox and lamb kept time;
(Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum)
I played my drum for Him;
(Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum)
I played my best for Him.
(Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum,
rum-pum-pum-pum,
rum-pum-pum-pum)
Then He smiled at me,
(Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum,
Me and my drum.

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Away in a Manger

Away in a Manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S

“C” is for the Christ Child born upon this day;

“H” for herald angels in the night.

“R” means our Redeemer;

“I” means Israel;

“S” is for the star that shone so bright.

“T” is for three wise men, They who traveled far.

“M” is for the manger where He lay.

“A” is for all He stands for;

“S” means shepherds came,

And that’s why there’s a Christmas Day.

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Come On, Ring Those Bells (2X)

Come on, ring those bells, light the Christmas tree,

Jesus is the King born for you and me.

Come on, ring those bells, everybody say,

“Jesus, we remember this Your birthday.”

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Announcements

The Gospel Text

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel lesson)

The Gospel according to St. Luke 1:39-55 (ESV).

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

⁴⁶ And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all

generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

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

Advent Hymn

“Love, Love, Love”

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**Love, Love, Love we praise You, Christ, with love!
On all who come He pours His presence.
Life and love in holy essence.
Love, Love, Love we praise You, Christ, with love!**

ALL: O LORD our God, Your Word to us in scripture reminds us that in our hope in You we are not disappointed, because Your love has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. You demonstrated Your love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (*Romans 8:5, 8*). Write Your Word on our hearts, and by Your Holy Spirit guide us to love one another as you have loved us. Make us Your disciples and inspire in us the ability to embody and to share the power of Your love; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

P: We look forward with eager anticipation to God’s promise fulfilled, the promise of steadfast and never-ending love. And so we light this fourth candle and name it **“Love”**.

“These Candles Shine with Glorious Light”

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**These candles shine with glorious light,
Give peace and hope to those in night,
The Joy they bring gives hope today,
And peace through Christ, in all our ways.**

**Give love, O LORD, to us this day,
Make in our hearts a ready way.
That Christ, our Hope, our King, may show
His love and grace from heav’n above.**

Message

Offertory

“The Bell Carol”

Handchime Choir

Offering Hymn (*please stand*)

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

**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!**

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God"

Now the Feast and Celebration

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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"Emmanuel" (2X)

HWC 134

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

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"There's Something About That Name"

HWC 102

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name.
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name.

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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

“What Child Is This”

LBW 40

Verse 1

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Hast, hast to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!

Verse 2

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!

Verse 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“Pat a Pan”

Handchime Choir

Pianist, Handchime Director: Mary Kaye Owen

Choir Director: Dan Owen

Handchime Players: Valerie Claiborne, Delilah Harvey, Cheryl Hedlund, Ron Johnson, Sharon Johnson,
Dan Owen, Mary Kaye Owen, Lorraine Stargel, Toni Sherman, Heidi Sturdivant

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

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

11:05 – No Sunday School Today

11:15 – Choir Rehearsal