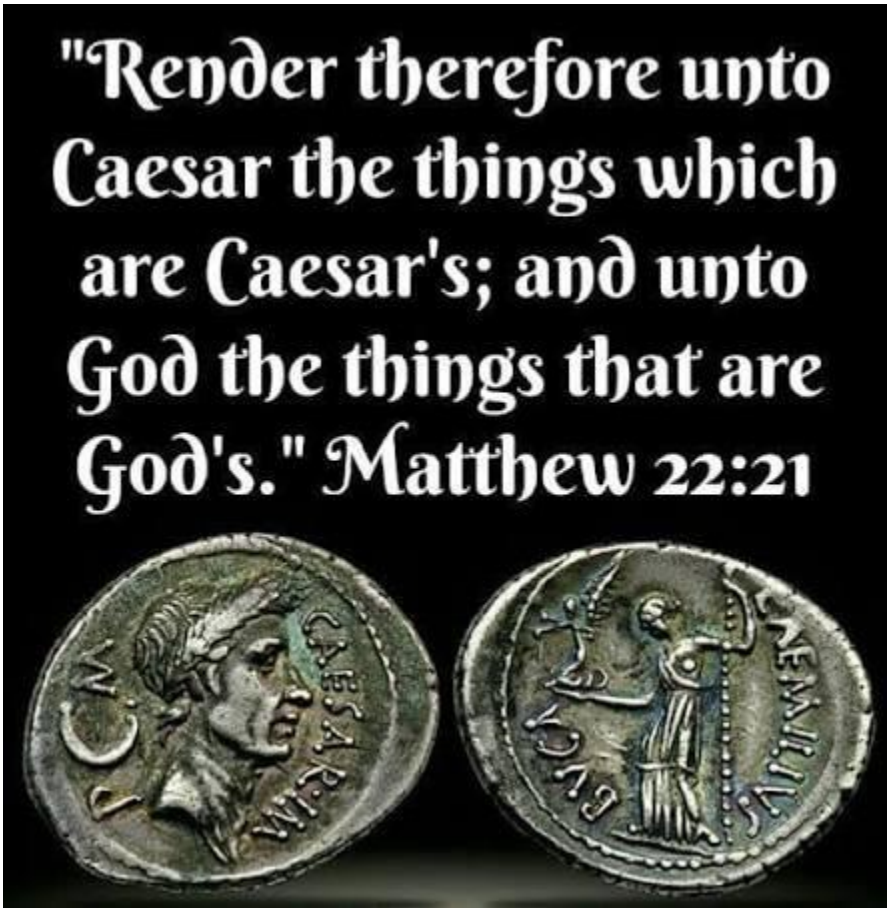
LIVING WORD
LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE ALONE - FAITH ALONE - WORD ALONE



October 18, 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 to the right as you enter the building and before the sanctuary, with a wheelchair-accessible handicap restroom down the hall past the hallway doors leading inside the sanctuary. 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.

October 18, 2026

Usher
Valerie Claiborne
Acolyte
TBD
Nursery
TBD
Security
Ron Johnson
Sound System
Bill Zavadil
Lector
Heidi Sturdivant
Communion Assistant
Sharlene Parker
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Nancy Martin/Ardis Kilber
Coffee Hour
Sharlene Parker
Flowers
Larry and Mary Vollmer
Tellers
Toni Sherman/Duane Claiborne
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Ron Heilman

October 25, 2026

Usher
Judy Williams
Acolyte
Delilah Varvey
Nursery
Harmony Lundberg
Security
Dick Schmidt
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Linda Deas
Communion Assistant
Ron Johnson
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Sharon Johnson/Ardis Kilber
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Order of Worship

October 18, 2026, 21st Sunday after Pentecost

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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Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Larry and Mary Vollmer in celebration of their 67th wedding anniversary.

Welcome, Announcements, and Opening Prayer **Ron Johnson**

Prelude **"Of Foreign Lands and People"** *R. Schumann*

Praise Song **"He Has Made Me Glad"**

Verse
I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!"
I will rejoice for He has made me glad. (**Chorus)**

Chorus
He has made me glad, he has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad he has made me glad
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

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

(please stand) **Denise Alvord**

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 **"Holy, Holy, Holy"** **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)**: Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Worship by Confessing our Sins

Leader (**Denise Alvord**): 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.**

L: 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.

L: Our help is in the name of the LORD. **C: Who made heaven and earth.**

L: I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD. **C: May God forgive the offense of my sin.**

L: *(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>

L: 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.**

L: (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

Lector: Heidi Sturdivant

The first reading is from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 *(ESV)*

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. 9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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

This reading is from Psalm 96 (*ESV) (responsive)*

Reader: 1 Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Congregation: 2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

R: 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
C: 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

R: 5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
C: 6 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

R: 7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
C: 8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

R: 9 Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!
C: 10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

R: 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
C: 12 let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

R: 13 before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

(R: Here ends this reading)

The Preaching Text

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel lesson)
The Gospel according to St. Matthew 22:15-22 *(ESV)*

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. 16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 21 They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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

Message **Tony Deas**

Offertory **"Invention No. 14"** *J.S. Bach*

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 **Dick Schmidt**

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns **"Nothing But The Blood of Jesus"**

Verse 1
What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2
For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus **(Refrain)**

Verse 3
Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. **(Refrain)**

Verse 4
This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. **(Refrain)**

(Refrain)
Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

"Glorify Thy Name"

Verse 1
Father, we love You
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Verse 2
Jesus, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Verse 3
Spirit, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Prayers of the Church **Dick Schmidt**

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)* **Ron Johnson**

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 **"Jesus, Thou Art Holy"**

Verse 1
Jesus, thou art holy, the holy Son of God,
The holy Son of God, The holy Son of God;
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name, Je – sus.

Verse 2
Jesus, thou art worthy, worthy to be praised,
Worthy to be praised, worthy to be praised;
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name, Je – sus.

Verse 3
Jesus, thou art Savior, Savior of the world,
Savior of the world, Savior of the world;
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name, Je – sus.

Verse 4
Jesus, thou art master, master of my heart,
Master of my heart, master of my heart;
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name, Je – sus.,

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD! **C: Thanks be to God!**

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
11:15 – 12:00 – All Children in Youth Room
11:15 – 12:00 – No Confirmation Class today
11:15 – 12:00 – No Choir Rehearsal today
11:15 – 12:00 – No Adult Classes today

Postlude

Pianist: Adela Hemingway