



**December 7, 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 7, 2025**

**Usher**  
Judy Williams  
**Acolyte**  
Feliz Lundberg  
**Nursery**  
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg  
**Security**  
Dick Schmidt  
**Sound System**  
Bill Zavadil  
**Lector**  
Denise Alvord  
**Communion Assistant**  
Nancy Martin  
**Communion Set-up/clean-up**  
Rick and Sue Fields  
**Coffee Hour**  
Judy Williams/Denise Alvord  
**Flowers**  
\*\*\* poinsettias \*\*\*  
**Tellers**  
Toni Sherman/Sharon Johnson  
**Julian Estates Worship Leaders**  
Ron Heilman

**December 14, 2025**

**Usher**  
Sharlene Parker  
**Acolyte**  
Ransom Lundberg  
**Nursery**  
Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl  
**Security**  
Tony Deas  
**Sound System**  
Bill Zavadil  
**Lector**  
Carol Brennan  
**Communion Assistant**  
Carol Brennan  
**Communion Set-up/clean-up**  
Carol Brennan/Lorraine Stargel  
**Coffee Hour**  
Nancy Martin/Toni Sherman  
**Flowers**  
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**Tellers**  
Sharlene Parker/Linda Deas  
**Julian Estates / Bonaventure**  
Jeff DeBord/Ron Heilman



### **Order of Worship**

**December 7, 2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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## Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Wonderful Peace”

arr. C. Tornquist

Praise Song

“How Majestic Is Your Name” (2X)

HWC 30

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, we praise your name.  
O Lord, we magnify your name:  
Prince of Peace, mighty God;  
O Lord God Almighty.

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*(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

“It Is Well with My Soul”

HWC 493

#### Verse 1

When peace like a river attendeth my way;  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
“It is well, It is well with my soul.”

**(Refrain)**

#### Verse 2

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

**(Refrain)**

#### Verse 3

My sin- O, the bliss of this glorious thought,  
My sin- not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

**(Refrain)**

#### Verse 4

And, Lord, haste the day, when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
“Even so”- it is well with my soul.

**(Refrain)**

#### Refrain

It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

**Prayer of the Day** (all pray): **Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming, give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; 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 51)

P: We come to this moment of confession in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen!**

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses.

**C: Wash us from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sins.**

P: You, O God, know our sin. Nothing is hidden from You. Therefore, You are justified when You speak, and You are right when You judge.

**C: Make us pure, O God. Wash our slates clean. Turn from our sin and remember it no more.**

P: Hide Your face from our sins. Grant us mercy, even though we are unworthy.

**C: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.**

P: Give us the joy of Your saving help and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses.**

P: Let us take some time to confess our sins before God.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: Almighty God...

**C: We have fallen short of Your glory. We have done things with which You are not well pleased. We have failed to do things that would have helped our neighbor. We confess that sin has come between You and us. We come before You now, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior to ask for Your forgiveness and a cleansing of our hearts. Hear our prayer. We want to be in a right relationship with You. Remove all those things that we allow to get in the way. We are sorry for what we have done. We humbly come before You with our confessions and thanksgiving. Amen**

P: People of God, you have made confession of your sins before the Lord. Therefore, you are promised forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. So, by the authority of God our Father and Jesus Christ His only Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I boldly and confidently announce the forgiveness of all your sins. You have been washed clean and purified of your sins. Rejoice and be glad, for you are a child of God.

**C: Praise be to God! Amen!**

## We Hear and Read God's Word

### The first reading is from Romans 15:4-13 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore

welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,

and sing to your name.”  
<sup>10</sup> And again it says,  
 “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”  
<sup>11</sup> And again,  
 “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
 and let all the peoples extol him.”  
<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,  
 even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
 in him will the Gentiles hope.”  
<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in  
 believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may  
 abound in hope.

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

**This reading is from Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (ESV)** (to be read responsively)

R: <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!  
**C**: <sup>2</sup> **May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!**  
R: <sup>3</sup> Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!  
**C**: <sup>4</sup> **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance  
 to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!**  
R: <sup>5</sup> May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!  
**C**: <sup>6</sup> **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!**  
R: <sup>7</sup> In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!  
**C**: <sup>18</sup> **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.**  
R: <sup>19</sup> Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!  
 (R: Here ends this reading)

## Children’s Message

## Announcements

## The Preaching Text

*(Please stand for the reading of the epistle lesson)*

**This reading is from St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians 4:1-9 (ESV).**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy  
 and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.  
<sup>2</sup> I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the  
 Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these  
 women, who have labored side by side with me in the  
 gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow  
 workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let  
 your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at  
 hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything  
 by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your  
 requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God,  
 which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts  
 and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

<sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

**C: Praise to you O Christ**

## Advent Hymn

**“Peace, Peace, Peace”**

**Peace, Peace, Peace,—  
The gift of Christ is peace.  
We walk with God, our past forgiven;  
All in Him is life and heaven.  
Peace, peace, peace—  
The gift of Christ is peace.**

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**P:** On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the second candle as an act of preparation, and we call it “**Peace**”.

**“These Candles Shine With Glorious Light”**

**These candles shine with glorious light,  
Give peace and hope to those in night,  
They brightly shine in night’s dark day,  
Give peace and hope for us today.**

**Give peace, O LORD, to us this day,  
Make in our hearts a ready way.  
That Christ, our King of Peace, may come  
Into our hearts and make His home**

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## Message

### Offertory

**“Carol of the Bells”**

**performed by Feliz Lundberg**

### Offering Hymn

**“He Is Our Peace”**

#### Verse

He is our peace  
Who has broken down ev'ry wall  
He is our peace He is our peace  
(REPEAT)

#### Chorus

Cast all your cares on Him  
For He cares for you  
He is our peace He is our peace  
(REPEAT)

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## 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.

### “Peace, Perfect Peace”

HWC 487

#### Verse 1

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?  
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

#### Verse 4

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?  
Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.

#### Verse 2

Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?  
To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.

#### Verse 5

Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?  
Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.

#### Verse 3

Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round?  
On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.

#### Verse 6

It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
And Jesus, call us to heav'n's perfect peace.

### “His Name Is Life”

HWC 114

His name is Master,  
Savior, Lion of Judah,  
Blessed Prince of Peace.  
Shepherd, Fortress,  
Rock of Salvation,  
Lamb of God is He.  
Son of David, King of the Ages,  
Eternal Life, Holy Lord of Glory,  
His name is Life.

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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

### "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

HWC 135

#### Verse 1

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around,  
And glory shone around.

#### Verse 3

"To you, in David's town this day,  
Is born of David's line,  
The Savior who is Christ the Lord,  
And this shall be the sign:  
And this shall be the sing:

#### Verse 2

"Fear not!" said he; for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled minds,  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind,  
To you and all mankind.

#### Verse 4

"The heav'nly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid;  
And in a manger laid.

#### Verse 5

"All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace:  
Good will henceforth from heav'n to men,  
Begin and never cease, begin and never cease."

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

### Postlude

**Musician: Mary Kaye 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 – Youth and children practice for Christmas Program  
11:15 – 12:00 – Kindergarten to 1<sup>st</sup> grade meet in the Youth Room  
11:15 – 12:00 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the Conference Room  
11:15 – 11:55 – Youth meet in the Library or the Sanctuary  
11:15 – 11:55 – Adults meet in the Sanctuary for Adult Sunday School  
12:10 – 1:00 – Choir Rehearsal***