



May 11, 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 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
Judy Williams/Denise Alvord
Flowers
Ron and Sharon Johnson
Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Bob Martin
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May 18, 2025

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Mike and Gayla Fenimore
Ron Heilman



Order of Worship

May 11, 2025, 4th Sunday of Easter

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."

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 in honor of
May birthdays and all mothers by Ron and Sharon Johnson.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Something Beautiful”

Gaither

Praise Song

“The Sweetest Name of All”

Tom Coomes

Verse 1

Jesus, You're the sweetest name of all.
Jesus, You always hear me when I call,
Oh, Jesus, You pick me up each time I fall,
You're the sweetest, the sweetest name of all.

Verse 2

Jesus, how I love to praise Your name.
Jesus, You're still the first, the last, the same.
Oh Jesus, You died and took away my shame,
You're the sweetest, the sweetest name of all.

Verse 3

Jesus, You're the soon and coming King.
Jesus, we need the love that You can bring.
Oh, Jesus, we lift our voices up and sing,
You're the sweetest, the sweetest name of all.

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

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

HWC 462

Verse 1

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us; Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us; Thine we are.

Verse 2

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Verse 3

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

Verse 4

Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early, let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our spirits fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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

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. O God, We come before You now 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 Revelation 7:9-17 (English Standard Version)

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me,

"These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 23 (ESV) (responsive)

Reader: ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Congregation: ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

R: ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C: ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

R: ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

(Here ends this reading)

Children's Program

"Jesus Loves the Little Ones Like Me, Me, Me"

"The Ten Commandments"

"God is Good to Me"

Announcements

The Message Text

(Please stand for the reading of the scripture lesson)

This reading is from Exodus 2:1-10 (ESV)

¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. ⁴ And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. ⁵ Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child, and

behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

"Gentle Shepherd"

Gaither

Offering Hymn

"With Grateful Joy"

With grateful joy for You, The Source of all life
We raise one voice
To You from whom all blessings flow

You are the Giver of life, You are the Lover of life
The good Sustainer of life
We live in You
We live in You

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The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

"The Lamb"

Verse 1

The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

Verse 2

The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will
On our behalf the law to fill. **(Chorus)**

Verse 4

He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. **(Chorus)**

Verse 5

He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **(Chorus)**

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"Redeemed"

HWC 521

Verse 1

Redeemed, how I loved to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever I am. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

Redeemed and so happy in Jesus,
No language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence
With me doth continually dwell. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of Him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
His love is the theme of my song.

Verse 4

I know I shall see in His beauty
The King in whose law I delight;
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps,
And giveth me songs in the night.

Refrain

Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever, I am.

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.

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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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

"Because He Lives"

HWC 213

Verse 1

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,
 He came to love, heal, and forgive;
 He lived and died to buy my pardon,
 An empty grave is there to prove
 My Savior lives. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
 Because He lives all fear is gone;
 Because I know He holds the future,
 And life is worth the living
 Just because He lives.

Verse 2

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
 And feel the pride, and joy he gives;
 But greater still the calm assurance,
 This child can face uncertain days
 Because He lives. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

And then one day I'll cross the river,
 I'll fight life's final war with pain;
 And then as death gives way to victory,
 I'll see the lights of glory
 And I'll know He lives. **(Refrain)**

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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