



November 16, 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.

#### November 16, 2025

Usher

Lorraine Stargel

**Acolyte** 

Ransom Lundberg

Nursery

Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl

Security

Ron Johnson

**Sound System** 

Bill Zavadil

Lector

Linda Deas

**Communion Assistant** 

Sharlene Parker

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Toni Sherman/Ardis Kilber

**Coffee Hour** 

Nancy Martin/Sarah Harvey

**Flowers** 

Tony and Linda Deas

**Tellers** 

Sharlene Parker/Linda Deas

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

Jeff DeBord/Ron Heilman

#### November 23, 2025

Usher

Toni Sherman

Acolyte

Delilah Harvey

Nursery

Legacy and Harmony Lundberg

Security

Tony Deas
Sound System

Troy Turner

Lector

Heidi Sturdivant

**Communion Assistant** 

Sharlene Parker

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Lorraine Stargel/Ardis Kilber

**Coffee Hour** 

Sharlene Parker/Carol Brennan

**Flowers** 

Lena Duggan

**Tellers** 

Toni Sherman/Bob Martin

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

Ron and Sharon Johnson



# Order of Worship November 16, 2025, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Tony and Linda Deas in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings.

## **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Prelude "All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises" arr. Carol Tornquist

Praise Song "Praise The Lord"

Praise the Lord, He can work through those who praise Him.

Praise the Lord, For our God inhabits praise.

Praise the Lord, For the chains that seem to bind you

Serve only to remind you That they drop powerless behind you

When you praise Him.

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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.

<u>I BELIEVE</u> 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.

<u>I BELIEVE</u> 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 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

#### Verse 1

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

#### Verse 2

Praise him for his grace and favor To our forebears in distress. Praise him, still the same forever, Slow to chide and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

#### Verse 3

Tenderly he shields and spares us; Well our feeble frame he knows. In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows. **LBW 549** 

#### Verse 4

Angels help us to adore him, Who behold him face to face. Sun and moon bow down before him; All who dwell in time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. Prayer of the Day (all pray): Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# We Worship by Confessing our Sins

<u>Pastor</u>: 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,
- <u>C:</u> 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.
- <u>P</u>: (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. <u>C:</u> Amen. <u>All:</u> Praise the LORD!

## We Hear and Read God's Word

## The first reading is from Malachi 4:1-2 (ESV)

- 1 "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.
- <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

## This reading is from Psalm 98 (ESV) (responsive)

Reader: ¹ Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Congregation ² The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

R: <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

- **C** 4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
  - <u>R</u>: <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! <u>C</u> <sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!
    - R: 7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!
    - C 8 Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together

R: <sup>9</sup> before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

(R Here ends this reading)

# Children's Message

#### **Announcements**

# The Message

(Please stand for the reading of the scripture lesson)

This reading is from the Book of Daniel, 5:13-31 (ESV).

<sup>13</sup> Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, "You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought from Judah. <sup>14</sup> I have heard of you that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you. <sup>15</sup> Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me to read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not show the interpretation of the matter. <sup>16</sup> But I have heard that you can give interpretations and solve problems. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

<sup>17</sup> Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation. <sup>18</sup> O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship and greatness and glory and majesty. <sup>19</sup> And because of the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whom he would, he killed, and whom he would, he kept alive; whom he would, he raised up, and whom he would, he humbled. <sup>20</sup> But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him. <sup>21</sup> He was driven from among the children of mankind, and his mind was made like that of a beast, and his dwelling

was with the wild donkeys. He was fed grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until he knew that the Most High God rules the kingdom of mankind and sets over it whom he will. <sup>22</sup> And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, <sup>23</sup> but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored.

<sup>24</sup> "Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed. <sup>25</sup> And this is the writing that was

inscribed: Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin. <sup>26</sup> This is the interpretation of the matter: Mene, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; <sup>27</sup> Tekel, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting; <sup>28</sup> Peres, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

<sup>29</sup> Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed with purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made about him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed.
 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

## Message

Offertory "Come and Praise the Lord our King"

arr. Hustad

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** 

"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.

#### Verse 1

O living bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given,
have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
with praises overflows!

#### Verse 2

My Lord, you here have led me,
within your holiest place,
And here yourself have fed me,
with treasures of your grace;
For you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven
that now I shall not die.

#### Verse 3

You gave me all I wanted,
this food can death destroy.

And you have freely granted,
the cup of endless joy.

My Lord, I do not merit
the favor you have shown,

And all my soul and spirit bow
down before your throne.

#### Verse 4

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened,
with heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
to serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit
to leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit,
where joys unmingled flow.

### "Now the Silence"

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Now the silence, now the peace,
Now the empty hands uplifted;
Now the kneeling, now the plea,
Now the Father's arms In welcome;
Now the hearing, now the power,
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring;
Now the body, now the blood,
Now the joyful celebration;
Now the wedding, now the songs,
Now the heart forgiven, leaping;
Now the spirit's visitation,
Now the Son's epiphany;
Now the Father's blessing,
Now, now, now.

# **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**

# "Joy Unspeakable"

#### Verse 1

I have found His grace is all complete, He supplieth ev'ry need; While I sit and learn at Jesus' feet.

While I sit and learn at Jesus' feet,
I am free, yes free indeed. (Chorus)

#### Verse 2

I have found the pleasure I once craved, It is joy and peace within;
What a wondrous blessing! I am saved
From the awful gulf of sin. (Chorus)

# Verse 3

I have found that hope so bright and clear, Living in the realm of grace; Oh, the Savior's presence is so near, I can see His smiling face. **(Chorus)** 

#### Verse 4

I have found the joy no tongue can tell, How its waves of glory roll! It is like a great o'erflowing well, Springing up within my soul. **(Chorus)** 

#### Chorus

It is joy unspeakable and full of glory, Full of glory, full of glory, It is joy unspeakable and full of glory, Oh, the half has never yet been told.

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P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

#### **Postlude**

**Pianist: 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 – Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Program

11:15 – 12:00 – Kindergarten to 1st 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 and Adults meet in the Sanctuary for Adult Sunday School