



**April 20, 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.

**April 20, 2025**

**Usher**  
Lorraine Stargel  
**Acolyte**  
Feliz Lundberg  
**Nursery**  
Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl  
**Security**  
Bill Zavadil  
**Sound System**  
Troy Turner  
**Lector**  
Dan Owen  
**Communion Assistant**  
Lorraine Stargel  
**Communion Set-up/clean-up**  
Lorraine Stargel /Ardis Kilber  
**Coffee Hour**  
TBD  
**Flowers**  
\*\*\* Easter Lilies \*\*\*  
**Tellers**  
Sharlene Parker/Lorraine Stargel  
**Julian Estates / Bonaventure**  
Ron Heilman

**April 27, 2025**

**Usher**  
Judy Williams  
**Acolyte**  
Ransom Lundberg  
**Nursery**  
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg  
**Security**  
Dennis Krumwiede  
**Sound System**  
Bill Zavadil  
**Lector**  
Judy Williams  
**Communion Assistant**  
Carol Brennan  
**Communion Set-up/clean-up**  
Nancy Martin/Carol Brennan  
**Coffee Hour**  
Carol Brennan/Valerie Claiborne  
**Flowers**  
TBD  
**Tellers**  
Toni Sherman/Linda Deas  
**Julian Estates / Bonaventure**  
Sharlene Parker/Ron Heilman



### **Order of Worship**

**April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday**

**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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## Thank you to all who donated Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary today

Larry and Mary Vollmer	In memory of son, Richard Vollmer
Dan and Mary Kaye Owen	In memory of LWLC saints who have gone before us
Lorraine Stargel	In memory of Trevor Farnsworth, Kayla Smith, Harold & Donna Lawrence
Duane and Valerie Claiborne	In memory of family members
Dennis and Judy Krumwiede	In memory of parents
Bill and Debbi Zavadil	In memory of family
Jothi Holmes	
Bob and Nancy Martin	In memory of family members
Rick and Sue Fields	In memory of Morgan Olson
Tony and Linda Deas	In memory of parents
Ardis Kilber	In memory of Martin Kilber and Tracy Kilber
Owen and Mary Loshbough	In memory of parents
Toni Sherman	In memory of sister-in-law Patty Hurst
Judy Williams	In memory of parents
Tom and Denise Alvord	In memory of parents
Steve and Ann Vonderau	In memory of Alice and Trish

### Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude (LWLC Handchimes)

“Easter Song”

Anne Herring,  
Arr. for hand chimes by Mary Kaye Owen

*(please stand)*

Opening Hymn and Procession

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

LBW 108

## **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.

**Prayer of the Day** (all pray): **O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may**

live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Choir

“Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!”

Larry Shackley

### 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 Acts 10:34-43 (ESV)

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God

was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the

prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

(The Word of the Lord)

**C: Thanks be to God**

**This reading is from Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 (ESV) (to be read responsively)**

**R:** <sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

**C:** <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

**R:** <sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

**C:** <sup>15</sup> Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,

**R:** <sup>16</sup> the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

**C:** <sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**R:** <sup>18</sup> The Lord has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

**C:** <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**R:** <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**C:** <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**R:** <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**C:** <sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**R:** <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(Here ends this reading)

## Children's Message

## Announcements

### The Gospel Text

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

**The Gospel according to St. Matthew 28:1-10 (ESV).**

**28** Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place

where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

(R: The Gospel of the Lord)

**C: Praise to you O Christ**

**Message**

**Offertory**

**“Softly and Tenderly”**

arr. John A. Behnke  
LWLC Hand Chimes

**Offering Hymn**

**“As the Grains of Wheat”**

**WOV 705**

***Refrain***

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.

***Verse 1***

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. ***Refrain***

***Verse 2***

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you. ***Refrain***

**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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**Verse 1**

Break now the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,  
As once you broke the loaves beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;  
My spirit waits for you, O living Word.

**Verse 2**

Bless your own truth, Dear Lord, to me, to me,  
As when you blessed the bread by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
And I shall find my peace, my All in all!

**Verse 3**

You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me,  
Your holy Word the truth that rescues me.  
Give me to eat and live with you above;  
Teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

**Verse 4**

Oh, send your Spirit Lord, now unto me,  
That he may touch my eyes and make me see.  
Show me the truth concealed within your Word,  
And in your book revealed I see my Lord.

**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,

**On Our Way Rejoicing**

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**Closing Hymn**

**“He Lives”**

**HWC 220**

**Verse 1**

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer  
And just the time I need Him He's always near. **(Refrain)**

**Refrain**

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives),  
Christ Jesus lives today  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.

**Verse 2**

In all the world around me I see His loving care  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair  
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast  
The day of His appearing will come at last. **(Refrain)**

**Verse 3**

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find  
None other is so loving, so good and kind. **(Refrain)**

**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***

***11:15 – No Sunday School Today***