



September 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.

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.

**September 7, 2025**

**Usher**  
Judy Williams  
**Acolyte**  
Feliz Lundberg  
**Nursery**  
Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl  
**Security**  
Bill Zavadi  
**Sound System**  
Troy Turner  
**Lector**  
Feliz Lundberg  
**Communion Assistant**  
Ron Johnson  
**Communion Set-up/clean-up**  
Rick and Sue Fields  
**Coffee Hour**  
Sharlene Parker/Toni Sherman  
**Flowers**  
Dan and Mary Kaye Owen  
**Tellers**  
Toni Sherman/Sharon Johnson  
**Julian Estates / Bonaventure**  
Tony and Linda Deas

**September 14, 2025**

**Usher**  
Valerie Claiborne  
**Acolyte**  
Ransom Lundberg  
**Nursery**  
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg  
**Security**  
Duane Claiborne  
**Sound System**  
Ron Johnson  
**Lector**  
Ron Johnson  
**Communion Assistant**  
Lorraine Stargel  
**Communion Set-up/clean-up**  
Lorraine Stargel/Nancy Martin  
**Coffee Hour**  
Judy Williams/Denise Alvord  
**Flowers**  
Toni Sherman  
**Tellers**  
Sharlene Parker/Bob Martin  
**Julian Estates / Bonaventure**  
Mike and Gayla Fenimore  
Ron Heilman



**Order of Worship**

**September 7, 2025, Thirteenth Sunday of 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 Dan and Mary Kaye Owen in celebration of their anniversary on September 9.

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Thy Word”

arr. Lee Evans

Praise Song

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

### Chorus

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God.  
Come.

### Verse 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives,  
Willingly our knees will bow.  
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength,  
We gladly choose You now. **(Chorus)**

### Verse 1

One day every tongue will confess You are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still, the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now. **(Chorus)**

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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.

**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.

**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 and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**We Worship by Confessing our Sins (from Lutheran Worship, Divine Service)**

Pastor: 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 a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring 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 transgressions to the LORD, **C: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: (Facing altar which symbolizes God's presence):

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his 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, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting 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 his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name he gives power to become the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O LORD, unto us all. **C: Amen.**

## We Hear and Read God's Word

### The first reading is from Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall

not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

(The Word of the Lord)

**C: Thanks be to God**

### This reading is from Psalm 1 (ESV) (responsive)

Rader: <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**Congregation: <sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

R: <sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

**C: <sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

R: <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**C: <sup>6</sup> for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

(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 Acts 9:19-31 (ESV).**

<sup>19</sup> and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.

<sup>20</sup> And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." <sup>21</sup> And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup> But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

<sup>23</sup> When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, <sup>24</sup> but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, <sup>25</sup> but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

<sup>26</sup> And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. <sup>27</sup> But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. <sup>28</sup> So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. <sup>29</sup> And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him. <sup>30</sup> And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

<sup>31</sup> So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

**C: Praise to you O Christ**

### Message

### Offertory

**"Find Us Faithful"**

**arr. Lee Evans**

### Offering Hymn

**"Create In Me"**

**LBW p. 96**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
And uphold me with your free Spirit.

### 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.

### “O Living Bread from Heaven”

LBW 197

#### 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.

### “Let Us Break Bread Together”

LBW 212

#### Verse 1

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees;  
(Refrain)

#### Refrain

When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

#### Verse 2

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
(Refrain)

#### Verse 3

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
(Refrain)

## 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

## "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LBW 352

### Verse 1

I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head!

### Verse 2

He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives exalted, throned above;  
He lives to rule his Church in love.

### Verse 7

He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

### Verse 8

He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
What joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

## 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 following the worship service.*

*10:45 – Refreshment Time (Coffee Hour) in the Fellowship Hall*