



**January 4, 2026**  
**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.

January 4, 2026

**Usher**  
Valerie Claiborne

**Acolyte**

*TBD*

**Nursery**

*TBD*

**Security**

Dennis Krumwiede

**Sound System**

Troy Turner

**Lector**

Ron Johnson

**Communion Assistant**

Ron Johnson

**Communion Set-up/clean-up**

Rick and Sue Fields

**Coffee Hour**

Sharlene Parker/Sharon Hurd

**Flowers**

\*\*\* poinsettias \*\*\*

**Tellers**

Toni Sherman/Sharon Johnson

**Julian Estates / Bonaventure**

Ron Heilman

January 11, 2026

**Usher**

Judy Williams

**Acolyte**

*TBD*

**Nursery**

*TBD*

**Security**

Dick Schmidt

**Sound System**

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**Lector**

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Toni Sherman

**Coffee Hour**

Lorraine Stargel/Heidi Sturdivant

**Flowers**

*TBD*

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Sharlene Parker/Duane Claiborne

**Julian Estates / Bonaventure**

Tony and Linda Deas/Ron Heilman



**Order of Worship**

January 4, 2026, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

**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

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”

arr. M. Bober

Praise Song

“Day After Day”

Verse 1

Day after day after day,  
You have been faithful to me.  
Day after day after day, I've known Your grace.  
Day after day, week after week, year after year;  
I will declare Your glory,  
I will declare Your greatness,  
I will praise Your name.

Verse 2

Day after day after day,  
You are my Savior, my Friend.  
Day after day after day, I'm not alone.  
Day after day, week after week, year after year;  
You will be right beside me,  
You will be here to guide me,  
I will praise Your name.

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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.

Opening Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

HWC 145

Verse 1

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!  
(Refrain)

Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
(Refrain)

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

Verse 3

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
(Refrain)

**Prayer of the Day** (all pray): Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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: Who 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 Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will,

according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

This reading is from Psalm 147:12-20 (ESV) (responsive)

Reader: <sup>12</sup> Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

Congregation: <sup>13</sup> For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

R: <sup>14</sup> He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat.

C: <sup>15</sup> He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

R: <sup>16</sup> He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

C: <sup>17</sup> He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs; who can stand before his cold?

R: <sup>18</sup> He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.

C: <sup>19</sup> He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel.

R: <sup>20</sup> He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his rules. Praise the Lord!

(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 the epistle of St. James 5:7-12 (ESV).

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Behold, we

consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

<sup>12</sup> But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

## Message

### Offertory

“Welcome to Our World”

arr. M. Bober

## Offering Hymn

## “A Nativity Prayer”

O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day. A - men.

TEXT: Phillips Brooks

MUSIC: William David Young

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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.

#### “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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## El Shaddai (2X)

HWC 36

El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El Elyon na Adonai;  
Age to age You're still the same  
By the power of the name.

El Shaddai, El Shaddai, Erkahmka na Adonai;  
We will praise and lift You High, El Shaddai.

Translations:

El Shaddai: God Almighty	na Adonai: O Lord
El Elyon: The Most High God	Erkahmka: we will love You

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## “Bless His Holy Name” (2X)

HWC 13

### Chorus

Bless the Lord, oh my soul,  
And all that is within me,  
Bless His holy name.  
*(repeat)*

### Verse

He has done great things,  
He has done great things,  
He has done great things;  
Bless His holy name. **(Chorus)**

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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'ly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## On Our Way Rejoicing

### Closing Hymn

#### Verse 1

Day by day and with each passing moment,  
Strength I find to meet my trials here;  
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,  
I've no cause for worry or for fear.  
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure  
Gives unto each day what He deems best-  
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,  
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

### "Day by Day"

HWC 56

#### Verse 2

Ev'ry day the Lord Himself is near me  
With a special mercy for each hour;  
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,  
He whose name is Counsellor and Pow'r.  
The protection of His child and treasure  
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;  
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure,"  
This the pledge to me He made.

#### Verse 3

Help me then in ev'ry tribulation  
So to trust Your promises, O Lord,  
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation  
Offered me within Your holy Word.  
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,  
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,  
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,  
Till I reach the promised land.

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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**

**11:05 – No Sunday School Today**

**11:15 – No Choir Rehearsal**