



The Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 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 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

May 4, 2025

Usher
TBD
Acolyte
Delilah Harvey
Nursery
Legacy Lundberg/Grace Reichl
Security
Dennis Krumwiede
Sound System
Ron Johnson
Lector
Lorraine Stargel
Communion Assistant
TBD
Communion Set-up/clean-up
TBD
Coffee Hour
TBD
Flowers
Bob and Nancy Martin
Tellers
Toni Sherman/Sharon Johnson
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Tony and Linda Deas



Order of Worship

April 27, 2025, 2nd 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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Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. Mark Hayes

Praise Song

“Praise the Lord”

Praise the Lord, He can work thru 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.

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

“To God Be the Glory”

HWC 66

Verse 1

To God be the glory – great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory –
Great things he hath done!

Verse 2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Great things He hath taught us,
Great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **(Refrain)**

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; 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 130)

P: Out of the depths, we cry out to You, Oh Lord. Oh Lord hear our voice. Let Your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy. If You, Oh Lord, kept a record of sins, Oh Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are to be feared.

C: Oh Lord, hear our cry.

P: God promises to hear our prayers and to never forsake us. Trust that our cries to God are heard by Him and that, in the name of Jesus, reconciliation will happen. Let's take some time to cry out to God, asking for forgiveness, trusting that God is waiting to hear from us.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: Oh Lord...

C: We wait for You, our souls wait for You, and in Your Word we put our hope. Our souls wait for You, Oh Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Oh Lord, hear our prayer and forgive us our sins, for we know that in You there is mercy; in You there is hope; in You there is life. Hear our cries and grant us Your grace in the name of Your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: We have cried out to the Lord and the Lord has heard our prayers. Oh people of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love. And with Him, is full redemption. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, and by his authority, I declare unto you the complete forgiveness of all your sins. Rejoice and be glad for we have a God who loves us and wants to spend eternity with us. Praise be to God, Amen.

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Acts 5:27-32 (ESV)

²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 150 (ESV) (responsive)

Reader: ¹ Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

Congregation: ² Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

R: ³ Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

C: ⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

R: ⁵ Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

C: ⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

(Here ends this reading)

Children's Message

Announcements

The Message Text

This reading is from St. Paul's letter to Titus 1:1-16 (ESV).

1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, **2** in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began **3** and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

5 This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— **6** if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. **7** For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, **8** but hospitable, a lover of good,

self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. **9** He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

10 For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.

11 They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. **12** One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, **14** not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth. **15** To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. **16** They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

"The Praise Song"

arr. K Renfro

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

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.

“Praise the Name of Jesus” (2X)

HWC 93

Praise the name of Jesus,
Praise the name of Jesus.
He's my Rock, He's my Fortress,
He's my Deliverer, In Him will I trust.
Praise the name of Jesus

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“In Remembrance”

HWC 322

Verse 1

In remembrance of Me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of Me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of Me,
pray for the time when God's own will is done.

Bridge

Take, eat, and be comforted;
Drink and remember too,
That this is My body and precious blood shed for you,
shed for you.

Verse 2

In remembrance of Me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of Me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of Me,
open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Verse 3

In remembrance of Me, search the truth.
In remembrance of Me, always love.
In remembrance of Me,
don't look above, but in your heart look for God.

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.

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

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

HWC 106

Verse 1

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long: **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Praise Him! praise Him! tell of his excellent greatness;
Praise Him! praise Him! ever in joyful song!

Verse 2

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled and died;
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! hail Him! Jesus the crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows;
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong: **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong: **(Refrain)**

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 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 – 11:25– Kindergarten through 5th grade rehearse in Youth Room for Mother's Day

11:25 – 11:55– Kindergarten to 1st grade meet in the Youth Room

11:25 – 11:55– 2nd grade – 5th grade meet in the Conference Room

11:25 – 12:05– Youth/Teens go to Starbucks with Mary Kaye

11:15 – 11:55 –Adults meet in the Sanctuary for Adult Sunday School