



**July 26, 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 to the right as you enter the building and before the sanctuary, with a wheelchair-accessible handicap restroom down the hall past the hallway doors leading inside the sanctuary. 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.

**July 26, 2026**

**Usher**

Feliz Lundberg

**Acolyte**

Ransom Lundberg

**Nursery**

Legacy Lundberg

**Security**

Ron Johnson

**Sound System**

Bill Zavadil

**Lector**

Harmony Lundberg

**Communion Assistant**

Lorraine Stargel

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

Lorraine Stargel/Toni Sherman

**Coffee Hour**

Valerie Claiborne/Sarah Harvey

**Flowers**

TBD

**Tellers**

Toni Sherman/Linda Deas

**Julian Estates / Bonaventure**

Sharlene Parker/Ron Heilman

**August 2, 2026**

**Usher**

TBD

**Acolyte**

Delilah Harvey

**Nursery**

Legacy and Harmony Lundberg

**Security**

TBD

**Sound System**

Troy Turner

**Lector**

TBD

**Communion Assistant**

Dan Owen

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

Toni Sherman/Lorraine Stargel

**Coffee Hour**

Sharlene Parker/Sharon Hurd

**Flowers**

Dan and Mary Kaye Owen

**Tellers**

Toni Sherman/TBD

**Julian Estates / Bonaventure**

Ron and Sharon Johnson



**Order of Worship**

**July 26, 2026, Ninth 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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## Welcome and Opening Prayer

### Prelude

“Mary, Did You Know?”

arr. Tornquist

### Praise Song

“O Come, Let Us Adore Him”

HWC 82

#### Verse 1

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

#### Verse 3

We'll give Him all the glory,  
We'll give Him all the glory,  
We'll give Him all the glory,  
Christ the Lord.

#### Verse 2

We'll praise His name forever,  
We'll praise His name forever,  
We'll praise His name forever,  
Christ the Lord.

#### Verse 4

For He alone is worthy,  
For He alone is worthy,  
For He alone is worthy,  
Christ the Lord.

## 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

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

HWC 172

#### Verse 1

Tell me the story of Jesus,  
Write on my heart every word;  
Tell me the story most precious,  
Sweetest that ever was heard.  
Tell how the angels in chorus  
Sang as they welcomed His birth,  
“Glory to God in the highest!  
Peace and good tidings to earth.”

#### Chorus

#### Verse 2

Fasting alone in the desert,  
Tell of the days that are past,  
How for our sins He was tempted,  
Yet was triumphant at last.  
Tell of the years of His labor,  
Tell of the sorrow He bore,  
He was despised and afflicted,  
Homeless, rejected and poor.

#### Chorus

#### Verse 3

Tell of the cross where they nailed Him,  
Writhing in anguish and pain;  
Tell of the grave where they laid Him,  
Tell how He liveth again.  
Love in that story so tender,  
Clearer than ever I see:  
Stay, let me weep while you whisper,  
Love paid the ransom for me.

#### Chorus

#### Chorus

Tell me the story of Jesus, Write on my heart every word;  
Tell me the story most precious, Sweetest that ever was heard.

**Prayer of the Day** (all pray): **Pour out upon us, O Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (based on Psalm 130)**

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

**C:** O 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:** O Lord...

**C:** We wait for You, our souls wait for You, and in Your Word we put our hope. Our souls wait for You, O Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. O 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. O 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.

**C:** Praise be to God. Amen.

### **We Hear and Read God's Word**

**The first reading is from Romans 8:26-39 (ESV)**

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also

with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

<sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**This reading is from Psalm 119 (ESV) (responsive)**

R: <sup>129</sup> Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

**C: <sup>130</sup> The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.**

R: <sup>131</sup> I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments.

**C: <sup>132</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.**

R: <sup>133</sup> Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

**C: <sup>134</sup> Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.**

R: <sup>135</sup> Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

**C: <sup>136</sup> My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.**

(R: Here ends this reading)

**Children's Message**

**Announcements**

**The Preaching Text**

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

**This reading is from the Book of Acts 15:1-21(ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

<sup>2</sup> And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. <sup>3</sup> So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers.

<sup>4</sup> When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. <sup>5</sup> But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses."

<sup>6</sup> The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. <sup>7</sup> And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. <sup>8</sup> And God, who knows the heart, bore

witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, <sup>9</sup> and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. <sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? <sup>11</sup> But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

<sup>12</sup> And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

<sup>13</sup> After they finished speaking, James replied, "Brothers, listen to me. <sup>14</sup> Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. <sup>15</sup> And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,

<sup>16</sup> "After this I will return,  
and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen;  
I will rebuild its ruins,  
and I will restore it,

<sup>17</sup> that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord,  
and all the Gentiles who are called by my name,

says the Lord, who makes these things <sup>18</sup> known from of old.'

<sup>19</sup> Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, <sup>20</sup> but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from

sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood. <sup>21</sup> For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues."

(R: The Word of the Lord)

**C: Praise to you O Christ**

## Message

## Offertory

### "In The Garden"

Offering Hymn *(please stand)*

### "In the Garden"

LBW 425

#### Refrain

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known.

## The Words of Institution

## Holy Communion

## Communion Hymns

### "Jesus Paid It All"

HWC 210

#### Verse 1

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small!  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all." **Refrain**

#### Verse 2

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r. and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone. **Refrain**

#### Verse 3

For nothing good have I  
Whereby Thy grace to claim –  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. **Refrain**

#### Verse 4

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save,"  
My lips shall still repeat.. **Refrain**

#### Refrain:

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain –  
He washed it white as snow.

**“Jesus, Name Above All Names”**

**HWC 112**

Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

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**“Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You”**

**HWC 98**

**Verse 1**

Jesus, we just want to thank You,  
Jesus, we just want to thank You,  
Jesus, we just want to thank You,  
Thank You for being so good.

**Verse 2**

Jesus, we just want to praise You,  
Jesus, we just want to praise You,  
Jesus, we just want to praise You,  
Praise You for being so good.

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**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

### "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LBW 151

#### Verse 1

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

#### Verse 2

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our Heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

#### Verse 3

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

#### Verse 4

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

### Postlude

Pianist: Mary Kaye Owen

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!  
Following the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour.*

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

**11:05 – No Sunday School until this fall**

**11:15 – No Choir Rehearsal until this fall**