



May 10, 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.

May 10, 2026

Usher
Toni Sherman
Acolyte
Ransom Luindberg
Nursery
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg
Security
Dick Schmidt
Sound System
Bill Zavadil
Lector
Denise Alvord
Communion Assistant
Sharlene Parker
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Sharon Johnson/Nancy Martin
Coffee Hour
Toni Sherman/Valerie Claiborne
Flowers
Ron and Sharon Johnson
Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Duane Claiborne
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Ron Heilman

May 17, 2026

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Delilah Harvey
Nursery
Legacy Lundberg
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Duane Claiborne
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Ron Johnson
Lector
Cheryl Hedlund
Communion Assistant
Sharlene Parker
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Tony and Linda Deas/Ron Heilman



Order of Worship
May 10, 2026, Sixth 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.”

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Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Ron and Sharon Johnson
in celebration of May birthdays.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude

“Open Up Your Heart and Let the Sunshine In”

S. Hamblen, arr. F. Bock

Praise Song

“Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”

Verse 1

Praise Him, praise him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.
Praise Him, praise him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.

Verse 2

Love Him, love Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.
Love Him, love Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.

Verse 3

Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.
Thank Him, thank Him, all ye little children;
God is love, God is love.

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

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

LBW 474

Verse 1

Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge ne'er was given.

From all evil things He spares them,
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Verse 3

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows, all He knoweth

Verse 2

God His own doth tend and nourish,
In His holy courts they flourish.

Verse 4

Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;

His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

Prayer of the Day (all pray): O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; 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 51)

P: We come to this moment of confession in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen!**

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses.

C: Wash us from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sins.

P: You, O God, know our sin. Nothing is hidden from You. Therefore, You are justified when You speak, and You are right when You judge.

C: Make us pure, O God. Wash our slates clean. Turn from our sin and remember it no more.

P: Hide Your face from our sins. Grant us mercy, even though we are unworthy.

C: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.

P: Give us the joy of Your saving help and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.

C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses.

P: Let us take some time to confess our sins before God.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: Almighty God...

C: We have fallen short of Your glory. We have done things with which You are not well pleased. We have failed to do things that would have helped our neighbor. We confess that sin has come between You and us. We come before You now, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior to ask for Your forgiveness and a cleansing of our hearts. Hear our prayer. We want to be in a right relationship with You. Remove all those things that we allow to get in the way. We are sorry for what we have done. We humbly come before You with our confessions and thanksgiving. Amen

P: People of God, you have made confession of your sins before the Lord. Therefore, you are promised forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. So, by the authority of God our Father and Jesus Christ His only Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I boldly and confidently announce the forgiveness of all your sins. You have been washed clean and purified of your sins. Rejoice and be glad, for you are a child of God.

C: Praise be to God! Amen!

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Acts 17:22-31 (ESV)

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very

religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription:

'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for

"In him we live and move and have our being";
even some of your own poets have said,
"For we are indeed his offspring."

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 66:8-20 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ⁸ Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

C: ⁹ who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

R: ¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

C: ¹¹ You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

R: ¹² you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

C: ¹³ I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,

R: ¹⁴ that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

**C: ¹⁵ I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

R: ¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

C: ¹⁷ I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

R: ¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

C: ¹⁹ But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

R: ²⁰ Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed
his steadfast love from me!

(R: Here ends this reading)

Children's Time

"Father Abraham"

"Oh Be Careful"

performed by Ransom Lundberg
accompaniment performed by Feliz Lundberg

Verse 1

Oh, be careful little eyes what you see,
Oh, be careful little eyes what you see;
For the Father up above,
Is looking down in love,
Oh be careful little eyes what you see.

Verse 2

Oh, be careful little hands what you do,
Oh, be careful little hands what you do;
For the Father up above,
Is looking down in love,
Oh, be careful, little hands what you do.

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

trio performed by Deliliah Harvey, Feliz and Ransom Lundberg

Announcements

The Preaching Text

(Please stand for the reading of the scripture lesson)

This reading is from the Book of Judges 2:2-23 (ESV)

² 'and you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall break down their altars.' But you have not obeyed my voice. What is this you have done? ³ So now I say, I will not drive them out before you, but they shall become thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you." ⁴ As soon as the angel of the Lord spoke these words to all the people of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept. ⁵ And they called the name of that place Bochim. And they sacrificed there to the Lord.

⁶ When Joshua dismissed the people, the people of Israel went each to his inheritance to take possession of the land. ⁷ And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the Lord had done for Israel. ⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of 110 years. ⁹ And they buried him within the boundaries of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of the mountain of Gaash. ¹⁰ And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel.

¹¹ And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals. ¹² And they abandoned the Lord, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the Lord to anger. ¹³ They abandoned the Lord and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth. ¹⁴ So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who

plundered them. And he sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies. ¹⁵ Whenever they marched out, the hand of the Lord was against them for harm, as the Lord had warned, and as the Lord had sworn to them. And they were in terrible distress.

¹⁶ Then the Lord raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. ¹⁷ Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they whored after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the Lord, and they did not do so.

¹⁸ Whenever the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge, and he saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For the Lord was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them. ¹⁹ But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways. ²⁰ So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he said, "Because this people have transgressed my covenant that I commanded their fathers and have not obeyed my voice, ²¹ I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations that Joshua left when he died, ²² in order to test Israel by them, whether they will take care to walk in the way of the Lord as their fathers did, or not." ²³ So the Lord left those nations, not driving them out quickly, and he did not give them into the hand of Joshua.

(R: The Word of the Lord) C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

“The Lord Lives”

**composed and performed by
Feliz Lundberg**

Offering Hymn

“Create in Me”

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence O Lord, and take not your Holy Spirit from me;
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

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.

Strengthen for Service, Lord

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Verse 1

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
That holy things have taken;
And let the ears that heard your Word
To falsehood never waken.

Verse 2

The tongues that sang your holy name
Now purge of all deception;
Keep bright the eyes that saw your love
And sharpen their perception.

Verse 3

And may the feet that walked your courts
Be never lured to wander;
But lead the faithful nourished here
To journey on in splendor.

Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus

LBW 219

Come with us, O blessed Jesus, with us evermore to be.
And, in leaving now thine altar, let us nevermore leave thee!
Let thy bright celestial chorus never cease the heav'nly strain;
But in us, thy loving children, come, bring peace, good will to men.

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.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name.
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name.

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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

“Give Me Oil In My Lamp”

accompaniment performed by
Delilah Harvey

Verse 1

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning till the break of day. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

Make me a fisher of men keep me seeking,
Make me a fisher of men, I pray;
Make me a fisher of men, keep me seeking,
Seeking souls till Jesus comes again **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

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! 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 – Choir Rehearsal***