LIVING WORD
LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE ALONE - FAITH ALONE - WORD ALONE



October 11, 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 worshiping with us this morning! We are blessed by your presence, and God is glorified. Please join us for coffee following the service.

October 11, 2026

Usher
Lorraine Stargel
Acolyte
Feliz Lundberg
Nursery
Harmony Lundberg
Security
Dennis Krumwiede
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Dick Schmidt
Communion Assistant
Nancy Martin
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Toni Sherman/Ardis Kilber
Coffee Hour
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Flowers
Lorraine Stargel
Tellers
Toni Sherman/Denise Alvord
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TBD
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Ron Johnson
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Lector
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Order of Worship

October 11, 2026 20th 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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Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Lorraine Stargel
in memory of her mother, Donna Lawrence.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude **"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"** **arr. Dean**

Praise Song **"Come Into His Presence"**

Come into His presence singing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Come into His presence singing Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.
Praise the Lord together singing worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb.
Praise the Lord together singing glory to God, glory to God, glory to God.

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 **"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** **WOV 771**

Verse 1
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. ***(Refrain)***

Refrain
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hands hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Verse 2
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ***(Refrain)***

Verse 3
Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! ***(Refrain)***

Prayer of the Day (all pray)**: Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord. Amen.**

Choir **"Agnus Dei"** *with "***How Great Thou Art"** ***Agnus Dei*****,** Michael W. Smith
How Great Thou Art*, Stuart K. Hine*

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 Philippians 4:1-9 *(ESV)*

1 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy
and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.
2 I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the
Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these
women, who have labored side by side with me in the
gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow
workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let
your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at
hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if
there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen
in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be
with you.

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

This reading is from Psalm 23*(ESV) (responsive)*

Reader: 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
Congregation: 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

R: 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
**C: 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

R: 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
**C: 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

(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 20:17-35 *(ESV)*

17 Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the
elders of the church to come to him. 18 And when they
came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole
time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, 19 serving the
Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that
happened to me through the plots of the Jews; 20 how I did
not shrink from declaring to you anything that was
profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to
house, 21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of
repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus
Christ. 22 And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem,
constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to
me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in
every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. 24 But
I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to
myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I
received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the
grace of God. 25 And now, behold, I know that none of you
among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom
will see my face again. 26 Therefore I testify to you this day
that I am innocent of the blood of all, 27 for I did not shrink
from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. 28 Pay
careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which
the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the
church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. 29 I
know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in
among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your
own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw
away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be alert,
remembering that for three years I did not cease night or
day to admonish every one with tears. 32 And now I
commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is
able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among
all those who are sanctified. 33 I coveted no one's silver or
gold or apparel. 34 You yourselves know that these hands
ministered to my necessities and to those who were with
me. 35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in
this way we must help the weak and remember the words
of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed
to give than to receive.'"

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory **"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"** **arr. Thyserson**

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

"The Lamb"

Verse 1
The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!

Chorus
Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

Verse 2
The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. (Chorus)

Verse 3
The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will
On our behalf the law to fill. (Chorus)

Verse 4
He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. (Chorus)

Verse 5
He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. (Chorus)

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"Blessed Assurance" **WOV 699**

Verse 1
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. **Refrain**

Refrain:
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2
Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**

Verse 3
Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. **Refrain**

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.

Response **"There's Something About That Name"** **HWC 102**

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 **Precious Lord, Take My Hand** **WOV 731**

Verse 1
Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

Verse 2
When my way grows drear
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

Verse 3
When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

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 – 12:00 – All Children in Youth Room
11:15 – 12:00 – Confirmation Class in the Conference Room
11:15 – 12:00 – No Adult Classes at this Time
11:15 – 12:15 – Choir Rehearsal