



December 28, 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.

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.

December 28, 2025

Usher

Toni Sherman

Acolyte

Feliz Lundberg

Nursery

Legacy and Harmony Lundberg

Security

Ron Johnson

Sound System

Bill Zavadil

Lector

Toni Sherman

Communion Assistant

Nancy Martin

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Lorraine Stargel/Nancy Martin

Coffee Hour

Heidi Sturdivant/Sarah Harvey

Flowers

*** poinsettias ***

Tellers

Toni Sherman/Bob Martin

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

Sharlene Parker/Ron Heilman

January 4, 2026

Usher

TBD

Acolyte

TBD

Nursery

Legacy Lundberg and Grace Reichl

Security

Dennis Krumwiede

Sound System

Troy Turner

Lector

TBD

Communion Assistant

Ron Johnson

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Rick and Sue Fields

Coffee Hour

Sharlene Parker/Sharon Hurd

Flowers

TBD

Tellers

Toni Sherman/Sharon Johnson

Julian Estates / Bonaventure

Ron Heilman



Order of Worship

December 28, 2025, 1st 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

“Mary Did You Know?”

Lowry/Greene

Hymn

“The Birthday of a King”

HWC 162

Verse 1

In the little village of Bethlehem,
There lay a child one day,
And the sky was bright with a holy light
O'er the place where Jesus lay. **Refrain**

Verse 2

'Twas a humble birthplace, but oh,
How much God gave to us that day,
From the manger bed what a path has led,
What a perfect holy way. **Refrain**

Refrain

Alleluia! O how the angels sang
Alleluia! How it rang!
And the sky was bright with a holy light
'Twas the birthday of a King.

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.

“Hark The Herald Angels Sing”

LBW 60

Verse 1

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Verse 3

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and now 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, 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. Praise be to God, Amen.

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Hebrews 2:10-18 (ESV)

¹⁰ For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹² saying,

"I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

¹³ And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Behold, I and the children God has given me."

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 148 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

**C: ² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!**

R: ³ Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

**C: ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

R: ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.

**C: ⁶ And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

R: ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

C: ⁸ fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

R: ⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

C: ¹⁰ Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

R: ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**C: ¹² Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

R: ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**C: ¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.**

All: Praise the LORD!

(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 Isaiah 11:1-10 (ESV).

¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
² And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
And faithfulness the belt of his loins.
⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,

and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's
den.
⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal
for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his
resting place shall be glorious.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

“No Room”

JW Peterson

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.

“Jesus, Thou Art Holy”

Verse 1

Jesus, thou art holy, the holy Son of God,
The holy Son of God, the holy Son of God;
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name, Je – sus.

Verse 2

Jesus, thou art worthy, worthy to be praised,
Worthy to be praised, worthy to be praised;
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name, Je – sus.

Verse 3

Jesus, thou art Savior, Savior of the world,
Savior of the world, Savior of the world;
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name, Je – sus.

Verse 4

Jesus, thou art master, master of heart,
Master of heart, master of heart;
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name,
Alleluia to Thy name, Je – sus.,

“Alleluia”

HWC 91

Verse 1

Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 2

He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior,
He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior,
He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior,
He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior!

Verse 3

He is worthy, He is worthy,
He is worthy, He is worthy,
He is worthy, He is worthy,
He is worthy, He is worthy!

Verse 4

I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
I will praise Him, I will praise Him!

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“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

Jesus, loving shepherd,
Vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful counselor
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Verse 3

Jesus, Way of salvation,
King of kings, Lord of Lords,
The way the truth, and the Life,
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.

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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

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

HWC 138

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

Verse 2

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth. **(Refrain)**

Verse 1

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. **(Refrain)**

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Pianist: Mary Kaye 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 Today