LIVING WORD
LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE ALONE - FAITH ALONE - WORD ALONE



September 13, 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.

September 13, 2026

Usher
Sharlene Parker
Acolyte
Delilah Harvey
Nursery
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg
Security
Dick Schmidt
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Dan Owen
Communion Assistant
Toni Sherman
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Toni Sherman
Coffee Hour
Toni Sherman
Flowers
Steve and Ann Vonderau
Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Denise Alvord
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Ron and Sharon Johnson

September 20, 2026

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Acolyte
Feliz Lundberg
Nursery
Legacy Lundberg
Security
Bill Zavadil
Sound System
Ron Johnson
Lector
Toni Sherman
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Sharlene Parker
Communion Set-up/clean-up
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Order of Worship

September 20, 2026, 16th 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 Steve and Ann Vonderau
In celebration of their Wedding anniversary.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude **"Wonderful Peace"** **arr. Gloria Roe**

Praise Song **"He Is Our Peace"**

Verse
He is our peace
Who has broken down ev'ry wall
He is our peace He is our peace
(REPEAT)

Chorus
Cast all your cares on Him
For He cares for you
He is our peace He is our peace
(REPEAT)

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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 **"It Is Well with My Soul"** **HWC 493**

Verse 1
When peace like a river attendeth my way;
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, It is well with my soul."
(Refrain)

Verse 2
Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
(Refrain)

Verse 3
My sin – O, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin – not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(Refrain)

Verse 4
And, Lord, haste the day, when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so"- it is well with my soul.
(Refrain)

Refrain
It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Prayer of the Day (all pray)**: Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we do ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Matthew 18:21-36 *(ESV)*

21 Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often
will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many
as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you
seven times, but seventy-seven times.

23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to
a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.
24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who
owed him ten thousand talents. 25 And since he could not
pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and
children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So
the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience
with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for
him, the master of that servant released him and forgave
him the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he
found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred
denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying,
'Pay what you owe.' 29 So his fellow servant fell down and
pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay
you.' 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he
should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw what
had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they
went and reported to their master all that had taken place.
32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You
wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you
pleaded with me. 33 And should not you have had mercy on
your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in
anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should
pay all his debt. 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to
every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from
your heart."

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

This reading is from Psalm 103:8-13 (*ESV) (responsive)*

Reader: 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Congregation: 9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

R: 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
C: 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

R: 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
C: 13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

(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 18:12-28 *(ESV)*

12 But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews
made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the
tribunal, 13 saying, "This man is persuading people to
worship God contrary to the law." 14 But when Paul was
about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were
a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would
have reason to accept your complaint. 15 But since it is a
matter of questions about words and names and your own
law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these
things." 16 And he drove them from the tribunal. 17 And they
all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat
him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to
any of this.

18 After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took
leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him
Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for
he was under a vow. 19 And they came to Ephesus, and he
left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and
reasoned with the Jews. 20 When they asked him to stay for
a longer period, he declined. 21 But on taking leave of them
he said, "I will return to you if God wills," and he set sail
from Ephesus.

22 When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and
greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch. 23 After
spending some time there, he departed and went from one
place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia,
strengthening all the disciples.

24 Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria,
came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in
the Scriptures. 25 He had been instructed in the way of the
Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught
accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew
only the baptism of John. 26 He began to speak boldly in the
synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they
took him aside and explained to him the way of God more
accurately. 27 And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the
brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to
welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those
who through grace had believed, 28 for he powerfully
refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that
the Christ was Jesus.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory **"I Must Tell Jesus"** **arr. Gloria Roe**

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.

"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.

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.

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 3

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

Come Celebrate Jesus **HWC 324**

Chorus (2X)

Come celebrate Jesus, come celebrate Jesus,
The bread and the wine, the moment in time.
Come celebrate Jesus, the Spirit that frees us,
His table has been laid, come now and celebrate Him.

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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.

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 **"Sweet By and By"** **HWC 553**

Verse 1
There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar,
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there. ***Refrain***

Refrain
In the sweet (In the sweet) by and by (by and by,)
We shall meet on that beautiful share; (by and by,)
In the sweet (In the sweet) by and by, (by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

Verse 2
We shall sing on the beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest;
And our spirits shall sorrow no more—
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest. ***Refrain***

Verse 3
To our bountiful Father above
We will offer our tribute of praise,
For the glorious gift of His love
And the blessings that hallow our days. ***Refrain***

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.