

Living Word Lutheran Church

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 29, 2018./



Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. *John 6:11*

PASTOR: The Rev. Eric Hullstrom

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9 am at the Meridian Habitat & Community Center
(Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study available during the school year)

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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."

Motto: "Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Word Alone."

Affiliated with LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission For Christ)

ANNOUNCEMENTS / July 29-August 4, 2018

This week's activities:

Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour
Wednesday	8:00 am	LWLC Prayer for Guidance at the LWLC Office
Thursday	10:30 am	Midweek Bible Study at the LWLC Office
Friday	2:15p.m.	Hand Chimes practice at the LWLC Office (All are Welcome)

**The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Dick and Lori Schmidt
in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary.**

Today's Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down (Team 2)- Al Auge, Ron Heilman, Gary Gjerstad, Joe Burdick, Jim Gronhovd, Daryl Olson, Ron Johnson, Larry Vollmer; **Ushers**- Bonnie Socey, Ron Johnson; **Acolyte**-Viviana Vashchenko; **Lector**-Heidi Sturdivant
Communion Set-up/takedown- Jan Halverson, Yvonne Olson; **Communion Assistants**- Sharlene Parker, Carole Williams-Wood
 Mary Vollmer; **Comm. Bread**-Lonna Groce; **Sound System**-Alex Burdick; **Tellers** – Ron Anderson, Judy Krumwiede; **Coffee Hour**-
 Judy Krumwiede, Nancy Martin; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Sharlene Parker, Lorraine Stargel; **Parking Lot Duty**-Tony Deas; **Julian
Julian Estates Worship Leaders**;Ron Heilman and Jeff DeBord

LWLC FINANCIAL REPORT

Last Sunday's Offering:

Last Sunday's Attendance:

St. Paul wrote that in Christ "all things hold together"
(Colossians 1:17, NRSV). As we worship, let us
remember that only Christ can hold a person, a
church or a nation together.

Vacation time

Someone has said, "Vacation is what you take when you can't take what you've been taking any longer."

There are good reasons to take a vacation every year: spending time with friends and loved ones, experiencing physical and mental refreshment, enjoying changes in scenery and routine, and preparing for another year of productivity.

Please enjoy your vacation! Try to be faithful to the Lord by attending church while you're away, if you have the opportunity.

Just remember that during vacations and weekend getaways, you're especially missed by your friends at church. The work of the church suffers because no one can fill your place of responsibility quite like you.

God's work goes on all summer long. Your presence and gifts are needed to enable the church to be strong and vigorous throughout the entire year. When you're away, please bring or send your offering before you go.

Have a wonderful summer!

Next week's Scriptures:

Exodus 16:1-15

Psalm 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:22-35

Please silence all electronic devices, including cell phones, upon entering the sanctuary.

Living Word Lutheran Church
Order for Worship

When you hear the bell, please be seated for the announcements.

Announcements

Please sign the attendance register and pass it down the row.

***Our worship begins with the prelude as we enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Let us give thanks to him and bless his holy name!***

Prelude

Opening Hymn

“You Servants of God”

LBW #252

We Worship with Confession.

Pastor: Remembering our baptism into Christ Jesus, we gather as we are to live – in the name of the Father, and of the (†) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for personal reflection and self-examination.

P (facing altar which symbolizes God’s presence): *Most Merciful God...*

C: have mercy on us. We confess to You that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In Your compassion forgive our sin and uphold us by Your Spirit that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P: (facing the congregation declares God’s grace): With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

We are sent to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19). We begin by sharing the peace of the LORD with one another.

We Worship with the Setting from "Now the Feast and Celebration"

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P: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

Cantors: In peace, in peace, Let us pray to the...
C: ***LORD, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, LORD have mercy.***

Cantors: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to the. . .

C: ***LORD, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, LORD have mercy.***

Cantors: For Your people here, who have come to give You praise, for the strength to live Your Word, let us pray to the. . .

C: ***LORD, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, LORD have mercy.***

Cantors: Help, save and defend us, O God.

C: ***Amen.***

Now the Feast*Refrain:*

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom:
praise and glory forevermore!**

1. **Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. (Refrain)**

2. **Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ, forever. (Refrain)**

3. **For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new. (Refrain)**

P: *The LORD be with you.*

C: *And also with you.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY (we pray together):

In Your compassionate love, O God, You nourish us with the words of life and bread of blessing. Grant that Jesus may calm our fears and move our hearts to praise You, oh God, through sharing our bread with others. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

We Worship by Reading God's Word

This reading is from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, the 3rd chapter. (ESV)

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

(Here ends this reading.)

This reading is from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 145 (ESV)

(to be read responsively)

Reader: ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

Congregation: **and all your saints shall bless you!**

R: ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom

C: and tell of your power,

R: ¹² to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,

C: and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

R: ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

C: The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

R: ¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling

C: and raises up all who are bowed down.

R: ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,

C: and you give them their food in due season.

R: ¹⁶You open your hand;
C: you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

R: ¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways
C: and kind in all his works.

R: ¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him,
C: to all who call on him in truth.

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles' Creed

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.

Hymn of the Day

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

LBW #479

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter. (ESV) **C: Glory to You, O LORD**

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So, the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also, the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather

up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Eric Hullstrom

We Worship in Thanksgiving by Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

The offering is received.

The congregation stands as the ushers bring the offering forward.

As the Grains Of Wheat*Refrain:*

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread; so
may all Your people from all the ends of earth be
gathered into one in You.**

1. **As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of Your love. (*Refrain*)**
2. **Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when
all creation shares this feast with You. (*Refrain*)**

We pray together the offering prayer: P: Merciful God, **C:** everything in heaven and earth
belongs to You. We joyfully release what You have entrusted to us. May these gifts

be signs of our whole lives returned to You, dedicated to the healing and unity
of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the Church (Each petition ends with "LORD, in Your mercy"; the congregation responds, "Hear our prayer".)

We Worship by Receiving Our LORD in His Holy Meal

The Great Thanksgiving (*Spoken*):

P: *The LORD be with you.*

P: *Lift up your hearts.*

P: *Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.*

C: *And also with you.*

C: *We lift them to the LORD.*

C: *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

P: It is our duty and delight... (*Here the minister continues with the preface:*)

***Holy, holy, holy are You, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in Your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!***

The Words of Institution & The LORD's Prayer

**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.**

(Please be seated)

Holy Communion: Lutherans believe the LORD's Supper is a holy sacrament in which Christ comes to us with His grace, love, compassion, and forgiveness. The crucified and risen Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine – He promises: "This is my body... This is my blood". Therefore, the Apostle Paul says we should examine ourselves lest we eat or drink in an unworthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27ff.). Martin Luther wrote, "Anyone who does not believe these words ('this is My body given for you... this is My blood shed for you.'). is neither prepared nor worthy; for the words, 'FOR YOU' requires simply a believing heart." Therefore, all (including children who have received instruction) who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and LORD and who see His presence in the sacrament are welcome to commune with us.

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers in the water of the baptismal font and then make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of Christ's claim upon you through your baptism.

(For those with gluten allergies, we now have gluten-free wafers available for Communion on the Baptismal Font.)

Lamb of God

1. *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*
2. *Lamb of God, You break the chains of hatred and fear: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*
3. *Lamb of God, You are the way of justice and peace: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*
4. *Lamb of God, You are the way of mercy and love: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*
5. *Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.*

Communion Hymns:

<i>“Break Now the Bread of Life”</i>	LBW #235
<i>“Rise Up, O Saints of God”</i>	LBW #383
<i>“Have No Fear, Little Flock”</i>	LBW #476

P: May the grace of our LORD Jesus Christ and the gifts of His body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle

*Praise to You, O God of mercy,
Thanks be to You forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
Thanks be to You forever!*

*Strong is Your faithfulness,
Strong is Your love, rememb'ring
Your covenant of life with us.*

*From of old You loved and sought us,
Thanks be to You forever!
Truth and justice You have taught us:
Thanks be to You forever!*

*Praise to You, O God of mercy,
Thanks be to You forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
Thanks be to You forever,
Thanks be to You forever!*

The Post Communion Prayer

C: Amen.

The Benediction (Pastor)

The congregation sings the **3-fold “Amen”**

On Our Way Rejoicing!

Closing Hymn

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

LBW #520

We Worship By How We Live During the Week

P: Go in peace; serve the LORD! **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Musician: Mary Kaye Owen Choir Director: Dan Owen

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Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!

If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Book. We encourage you to pick up a ‘Welcome’ packet at the Visitor’s Table to introduce you to our church. Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us.

“REMEMBER”

**HAND CHIMES PRACTICE STARTING THIS FRIDAY AT 2:15 PM CHURCH OFFICE
AND EVERY FRIDAY IN AUGUST FROM 2:15 to 3:30 AT THE CHURCH OFFICE.
PERFORMANCE WILL BE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND.**



Women's Potluck Luncheon
Wednesday, August 8th, 11:30-3:00p.m.

Linda Schmidt's Cabin at Spanaway Lake

(Directions: Pacific Ave. to 168th St., turn right (West), 3 blocks and you're there!)

Please sign up at the Visitor's Table!!



Prayers for those who are serving our country (military, firefighters & police) and their families and keep them safe: Josh Jepsen, Chase, Seth Heard, Powell, Evan Gregory Blodgett, Ken Solbrack, Michael Elliott, Chris Berentson, Cole Lufkin (Gjerstad's grandson), Brady Woodman (Relma Burmeister's grandson), Devlin Durkin, Damien Benigno (Lydia Auge's brother); Curtis & Riley McKenzie, Jacob Ramsey (Fenimore's grandson), pray for safety and draw close to God.

Our prayers for all those in harm's way are urgently needed during this time of turmoil and strife in this country.

Prayers for those who have recently lost a loved one. Prayers of comfort for the family of John Paul Webber on his passing.

Prayers for those with cancer or long-term illness. Roger (Gary Gjerstad's brother), Dixie (Sharlene Parker's sister). Don Minnick (Harold & Clarice) Liemohn). Bob Lungberg (Bob & Nancy Martin), Aunt Glenda (Lorraine Stargel), Cousin Sandy (Lorraine Stargel). Snookie Pankrantz. Taressa (Dennis & Judy Krumwiede's daughter-in-law). Tony Horne (Bob Martin & Hal Martin), Robert Hawthorne (Jim & Mei Barker), Wanee (Sharlene Parker), Mary Anne Horiskey (Bonnie DeBord). **Harold and Clarice** Liemohn ask for prayers for friend who has been diagnosed with back cancer. Prayers for diagnosed with throat cancer, pray for doctor's discernment and successful treatment. **Carole Williams-Wood** asks for peace and strength for Pastor George Larson and his wife Norma as he goes thru cancer treatment. Prayers for **Ardene Bartness** as she travels to Minnesota to visit her sister Gladys who has had a slight stroke. **Prayers for healing and strength for those with health concerns and those facing or recovering from surgery.** Prayers for Darlene Luberts' daughter, **Suzy Davison**, is awake now but is still having health issues. Pray for **Judy & Dave Ostendorf's** daughter-in-law who has ongoing health issues. Bonnie DeBord has asked for your prayers for her brother-in-law, **Tom Thomas**, who will have open-heart surgery this week. Prayers for Jeff DeBord who is healing from an AC joint separation. **Thommy**, son of Dan and Mary Kaye Owen, who is suffering with various health issues. Jerry and Jan Halverson request prayers for friend, **Al Hokenstad**, who undergoes ankle replacement this week. Prayers for Linda Kupka's sister, **Donna**, who undergoes surgery this week. Prayers for Barb and Gary Gjerstad's grandson, **Blake**, who is home from the hospital and doing fine.

A DOLLAR BILL'S MESSAGE

Look at the back of a dollar bill. On the left circle, which is one side of the Great Seal, are the Latin words *Annuit Coeptis*, which means "He [God] favors our undertakings."

The pyramid in the left circle represents material strength and endurance. Yet the open spot near the top of the pyramid means there's more good work to be done in our country. The "eye" atop the pyramid represents the "eye of God," watching and reminding us that spiritual matters are more important than material concerns. Under the pyramid, *Novus Ordo Seclorum* refers to a "new order of the ages."

On the right circle is an eagle, our country's national emblem, symbolizing strength and victory. The shield on the eagle's breast signifies self-reliance. One of the eagle's claws holds an olive branch, representing peace. The other talon holds arrows, referring to power and protection.

The center of the bill says, "In God We Trust."