

10:00 WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
Sunday, December 17, 2017

**PRELUDE** – Living Word youth

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Pastor Kent

**OPENING HYMN** – “*Joy to the World*” (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

Verse 1: Joy to the World, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive its King.  
Let ev’ry heart, prepare Him room.  
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

Verse 2: Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 4: He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove.  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES** - Ethan Sullivan, Ben Kasuske, Josh Keeton, Jack Sandvig

**READING**– *Luke 2: 1-7* Jacob Sandvig

**SONG** “*Love’s Pure Light*”- Elyse Reede, Isabella Anderson, Ella Sandvig, Katie Kruger

Verse 1 Love’s pure light came down tonight, love so pure so free.  
Little baby God in flesh, love came down to me.

Verse 2 Gentle shepherds bowed in awe, worshiping their King.  
Wise men traveled from afar, as all of heaven sing.

Gloria, in Excelsis Deo, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo.

Verse 3 Mother Mary holds her child, wondering what might be.  
Angels watching from afar, as all of heaven sings.

Verse 4 Love’s pure light came down tonight, love so pure so free.  
Little baby God in flesh, love came down to me.

**READING** – *Luke 2: 8-12* Trevor Nolting

**SONG** - “*Light of the Stable*”

Verse 1 Hail, Hail to the newborn King let our voices sing Him our praises.  
Hail, Hail to the guiding light that brought us tonight to our Savior.

Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, Hallelujah! Halle Hallelujah! Halle, Hallelujah!

Verse 2 Come now let it shine so bright to the knowing light of the stable.  
Feel close to the child so dear cast aside your fear and be thankful.

Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, Hallelujah! Halle Hallelujah! Halle, Hallelujah!

**A CHRISTMAS POEM** – Grades K – 1

**THE COLORS OF CHRISTMAS** – Grades 3-4

**READING** – *Luke 2:13-14* Siri Bien

“**G-L-O-R-I-A**” – Puppets: Cailey Sime, Shaylee Pekelder, Katie Kruger, Devon Balling, Lily Trapp, Kay Groethe

**MESSAGE**- Pastor Kent

**READING** – *Luke 2:15-16* Alec Bien

**OFFERING** – “*Mary Did you Know?*” Aiden Boerger and Lily Trapp

**OFFERING SONG** – “Emmanuel”

Emmanuel, Emmanuel. His name is called Emmanuel  
God with us, revealed in us. His name is called Emmanuel

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**  
**LORD’S PRAYER**

**CANDY CANE MESSAGE** – Grade 5

**READING** – *Luke 2: 17-20* Lily Trapp

**SONG** - “*Hope Was Born This Night*”

Verse 1 Tonight I can see a star shine and its splendor fills up the sky  
It’s the same that appeared and the wisemen revered.  
When Hope was born this night.

Verse 2 Out upon the snowy fields, there’s a silent peace that heals  
And it echoes the grace of our Savior’s embrace  
When Hope was born this night.  
**GLORY** to God in the highest, **PEACE** on earth, **GOODWILL** towards men.  
Let all of the world sing the chorus of **JOY** because **HOPE** was born this night.

- Verse 3 I can hear the Christmas bells ringing, as softly a church choir sings  
It's the song used to praise the ancient of days when Hope was this night.
- Verse 4 There are angels in this place, and my heart resounds in the praise  
Like a shepherd so scared I'll rejoice and declare that Hope was born this night.  
Glory to God in the highest...

GLORIA...GLORIA...GLORIA...GLORIA...GLORIA...GLORIA...GLORIA...GLORIA!!!!!!

**DON'T FORGET JESUS** – Grades 6-8

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN** – *“Go Tell it on the Mountain”*

- Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.
- Verse 1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *(To Refrain)*
- Verse 2 Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *(To Refrain)*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!!**

**Mary** – Maggie Kruger

**Joseph** – Bergan Nolting

**Elizabeth** – Cailey Sime

**Shepherds**- Brock Sime, Dylan Meister,  
Drew Anderson, Tyler Heinje, Ryan Keeton,  
Sean Keeton, Josh Keeton, Ben Kasuske,  
Jack Sandvig, Ethan Sullivan and Gabe Beckman

**Wiseman** – Hunter Reede, Mason Meister,  
Will Pekelder

**Angels** – Hailey Heinje, Bailey Nolting, Cali Weber, Tayton Reede, Isabella Anderson, Katie Kruger,  
Elyse Reede, Ella Sandvig, Shaylee Pekelder

**Readers** – Jacob Sandvig, Trevor Nolting, Siri Bien,  
Alec Bien, Lily Trapp

**Ushers** – Matt Christensen, Jacob Sandvig,  
Trevor Nolting

**Puppets**-Devon Balling, Lily Trapp,  
Shaylee Pekelder, Cailey Sime, Katie Kruger

**Soloists** – Isabella Anderson, Elyse Reede,  
Ella Sandvig, Katie Kruger, Aiden Boerger,  
Lily Trapp

**Visitors** please sign our guest book located in the fellowship hall. Thank you for worshipping with us at Living Word Lutheran Church. We hope your worship experience is a blessing.  
*"May the Lord bless you and keep you." Numbers 6:24*

TODAY	<b>Sunday School Christmas Program</b>
	8:45 Sunday School
	9:00 Coffee Fellowship
	9:00 January Servant Team meets
	10:00 Worship/SS Christmas Program
	2:00 - 4:00 Christmas Open House at Pastor Kent & Kay's 505 Kerrydon Drive
MONDAY	5:30 CBS Leaders
	7:00 Community Bible Study
TUESDAY	5:30 Sr. High Christmas Party at Pastor Kent & Kay's
WEDNESDAY	9:00 Searcher's Bible study
	3:30 Confirmation/Jr. High Youth Group
	6:15 Choir
THURSDAY	9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship - Open to the Public
FRIDAY	<b>January Newsletter</b>
SUNDAY	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
	No Sunday School
	9:00 Coffee Fellowship
	10:00 Worship
	4:30 Candlelight Service/Communion

**Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Carlyle and Eunice Trygstad in honor of their 18th Wedding Anniversary on December 18th.

**Prayers for** Sarah Young, Marvel Black, Jan Witherspoon (Lenore Kalber's mother) Betty Kloster, Jersey Peschong, Dick Forster and Pastor Jean Marc.

Would you like to provide a poinsettia to help decorate the church. If you would like your poinsettia back after Christmas please put your name on it.

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## **Christmas Schedule of Events**

December 24...Worship 10:00

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services at 4:30PM

Prayerfully consider sponsoring a **Radio Broadcast** of our church service on KMSD. The service is broadcast on KMSD at 8:00 AM on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$65. 2018. Sign up sheet to sponsor Radio and/or provide flowers is on the table in the fellowship hall.

One of Living Word Women's fundraisers is making Rada Cutlery available here. The organization receives 40% from each order. Besides Cutlery they have a variety of other items including Cook Books, various Kitchen Utensils, Stoneware for baking and Mixes for Dips, Sauces and Soups. Their products make great gifts. Catalogs are available to look at in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Shirley Zahn to order products. Rada Cutlery is an Iowa company and there is not a long wait for orders to be received.

During the month of December the Mission Project for Living Word women's organization is the Mitten Tree. Gloves, mittens and hats for local children and adults may be donated and placed on the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. When the items are actually donated, an ornament will be hung on the tree for each item that is removed.

Living Word Lutheran Church shut ins would welcome a visit or phone call.

**St. William's Care Center:** Ruth Modin, Lois Helm - 204, Phyllis Murphy - 223

**Golden Living Care Center:** Marvel Black, Evy Berg - 106, Clarice Durbin - 310

**Park Place:** Frank Brown - 206, Pat Johnson—307, Curt & Elaine Hallberg - 310, Chris Nelson, Janice Johnson - 313, and Luvilla Weber – 324, Ruth Malkerson - 317

Clara Pederson – 520 Friendship Circle #A3

Betty Nordquist - 1520 3rd Ave SW, Willow Creek #9, Watertown, SD -  
605-878-2344

Rosie Naeve - 901 14th Ave NE #406, Watertown, SD  
605-878-0114

Ken and Kay Strandvold - 1103 Washington Drive

Ken and Fran Kunde—702 S 1st St

**January Servant Team** met today **Sunday, December 17th** during Coffee Fellowship at 9:00. **Servant teams help with ushering, greeting, furnish and/or serve treats for coffee fellowship, help with weddings if scheduled during the month and help and/or furnish for funerals that maybe during the month. If every member, who is able, volunteers for at least one area of service during their month, the work of the church will easily be accomplished throughout the year. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please prayerfully consider being co-chairman for your Servant team.**  
*“When a person trusts Jesus Christ for salvation, he or she is made a member of the body of Christ”* ([1 Corinthians 12:27](#))

**Co-chairman:** Gloria Cooley

Ardell Barck  
Marty and Deb Buttke  
Helen Dahle  
Dick and Carol Forster  
Terry Forster  
Curt & Elaine Hallberg  
Karen Hallquist  
Chuck and Sally Heinje

Dan and Lenore Kalber  
Brad and Cheryl Leonard  
Ruth Malkerson  
Larry and Pat Olson  
Troy and Tamra Peschong  
Bud Remund  
Carlyle and Eunice Trygstad

### **Attention: On Line Shoppers!**

**The Grant County Christian Service Council is requesting that shoppers who use an internet shopping site please go to : [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) - for their purchases. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon that you may already know with the added benefit of supporting charitable organizations. When you sign up, you can choose - Grant County Christian Service Council as the organization that you would like donations to go to. AmazonSmile will then send 0.5% of the price of your purchases to the Christian Service Council. This money will be used to help Grant County citizens in need. Thank You!**

Parish Nurse Program of Parkview United Methodist Church and American Lutheran Church of Milbank, the Parkview church will again be hosting a **Blue Christmas Service** on Thursday, December 21st at 7 PM. Realizing that many people struggle with sadness and loss especially at this time of the year, you are invited to attend a service of healing created in a sacred space.

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