

10:00 WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 23, 2018

**Prelude**

**Announcements  
Impact Minute**

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

David, Nancy, Maggie and Katie Kruger

**Opening Hymn**

*“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”*  
vs. 1,2,3,4

LBW 34

**Greeting and Response: Psalm 89:1-5**

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.**

P: Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;

**C: from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.**

P: For I am persuaded that your love is established forever;

**C: you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

P: “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

**C: I have sworn an oath to David my servant:**

P: ‘I will establish your line forever,

**C: and preserve your throne for all generations.”**

P: The heavens bear witness to your wonders, O Lord,

**C: and to your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.**

**Prayer of the Day** *“Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, and with great might help us, that whatever is hindered by our sins, may by your grace and mercy be readily accomplished; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” Amen.*

**Special Music**

*“Breathe of Heaven”*

Jessica Van Peursesem

**First Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**Verse**

*“Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet”*

**Gospel: John 1:1-5**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Sermon**

*“God in the Flesh”*

**Sermon Hymn/Offering**

*“What Child is This”*

LBW 40

**Offertory**

*“The First Noel”*

LBW 56

**Apostle’s Creed**

**Prayers of the Church and Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

*“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”*

LBW 60

P: Grow in faith!

**C: Impact the world!**

Pianist

Nanci Van Peursesem

Lector

Lil Colberg

**Flowers on the altar** are given in memory of Avis Dragstra by her grandchildren, Cailey and Brock Sime.

**Flowers on the altar** are given in honor of Virgil and Evelyn Ditte’s 70th wedding anniversary, which was December 20th.

**Sympathy and prayers** to Bobby and Mary Kinder and family on the death of Bobby’s nephew, Tyler.

Prayers for John Gustafson, Kay Strandvold, Cleo Mann, Renee (Hallberg) Noehre, Fran Kunde, Jan Witherspoon (Lenore Kalber’s mother), Craig Colberg, Darlene Eide, Lori O’Brien, Doug Colberg, Charles Scheff, Joyce Strube, and Jersey Peschong.

**Meals on Wheels Volunteers needed - December is Living Word Lutheran Church's month** to deliver Meals on Wheels. If you are able to volunteer a half hour of your time for one week or only a couple of days a week that would be greatly appreciated. Sign up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall.

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. 2019 Sign-up sheets to sponsor Radio and/or provide flowers are on the table in the fellowship hall.

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

**St. William's Care Center:** Lois Helm - 204, Phyllis Murphy – 223, Ruth Modin, Joyce Strube – 210, Ruth Walth - 217, Vera Reich

**Golden Living Care Center:** Evy Berg - 106, Clarice Durbin – 310, Ken and Kay Strandvold - 502

**Park Place:** Frank Brown - 206, Curt & Elaine Hallberg - 310, Janice Johnson - 313, Ruth Malkerson – 317, Cleo Mann 204, Eunice Trygstad – 315, and Luvilla Weber – 324, Chris Nelson

**Valley View Assisted Living** (formerly Snell's) 1405 Highview Drive – Betty Nordquist

**Rita's Home Care** - 318 E 12th Ave – Helen Dahle, Violetta Schimmel

Ken and Fran Kunde—702 S 1st St  
Clara Pederson - 520 Friendship Cir. #A3  
Darlene Eide—107 S 5th St

We welcome visitors this morning to our worship service!

If you live in the area and wish to know more about Living Word and the salvation found in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, please pick up a tote that contains a brochure with more information and a book titled "Miracles and Milestones" written by Pastor Groethe. Thanks for visiting Living Word, and come back often.

**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*

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