

10:00 WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 30, 2018

Prelude

**Announcements
Impact Minute**

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Opening Hymn

“Joy to the World”

LBW 39

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 *“Grant, almighty God, that the joyous birth of your Son in human flesh may set us free from the old bondage of sin; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” Amen.*

Praise Song

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

First Reading: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

The LORD said to Moses, “Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. “When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the

firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Verse

“Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn/Offering

“Feed My Lambs”

BOB 55

Offertory

“Emmanuel”

BOB 44

Apostle's Creed

**Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer
Benediction**

Closing Hymn

"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

LBW 50

P: Grow in faith!

C: **Impact the world!**

Pianist Judy Sprung
Lector Joanne Schmig

Flowers on the altar are given in honor of Chuck and Sally Heinje's in honor of their 12th wedding anniversary which is today.

Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Dick Forster by his family.

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.

Thank you to Pastor Paul Short from Food for the Poor, for his message. Pastor Paul Short was born and raised in Katy, Texas. After high school graduation and attending University of Texas, he served a four-year tour in U S Air Force. He attended Concordia University, Austin, and graduated from University of Houston in 1970 and from Concordia Theological Seminary; Springfield, IL, in 1974. He has served seven parishes in his 40+ years of ministry with his most recent being St Andrew Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau, MO, from where he retired (or "refired") from full time ministry. Since retirement he served as Intentional Interim Sr Pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran; Carrollton, Texas. Along with serving as a Speaker for Food For the Poor, Pastor Short is a certified leadership/life coach with the John Maxwell Team. He and Jeanne, having met at Concordia, Austin, were married June 13, 1970. They have 3 Sons, Justin, Kevin and Nathan and 6 Grandchildren, Ethan, Emily, Adeline, Tucker, Reece and Rowan. Pastor Short and Jeanne have recently moved from Cape Girardeau, MO, where they lived for 21½ years. They now reside in their home state of Texas and Pastor Short's hometown of Katy, where he is serving as a part time Assistant Pastor at his home church, Memorial Lutheran. He enjoys bicycling, physical fitness, woodworking, traveling and spending time with Jeanne and their family.

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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SUNDAY NO Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship

MONDAY **New Year's Eve**
Office will be open 9 to 4

TUESDAY **New Year's Day**
Church office closed

WEDNESDAY 9:00 Searcher's Bible study
No Confirmation
No Puppet Practice
6:30 Choir

THURSDAY 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship—Open to the public
3:00 Circle Bible study at St. William's Care Center

SUNDAY 8:45 Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship/Communion

Special Congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 13th after worship**, in regards to increasing the budget for Impact the World.

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—252

Golden Living Care Center: Evy Berg - 106, Clarice Durbin – 310, Ken and Kay Strandvold - 502, Cleo Mann 405

Park Place: Frank Brown - 206, Curt & Elaine Hallberg - 310, Janice Johnson - 313, Ruth Malkerson – 317, 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
Charles Scheff—901 S 3rd St.

February Servant Team will meet on **Sunday, January 20th** 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:

Dale and Lisa Aker
Paul and Jen Anderson
Roger Christensen
Michelle Fraasch
Greg and Lori Kasuske
Janice Letze
Jay and Sally Maze

Orgene and Karen McCrea
Chuck and Marla Myklegard
Jamie and Hope Pekelder
Moe and Rochelle Reede
Bud Remund
Gene and Sue Vostad