

10:00 WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
Sunday, December 31, 2017

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

**Opening Hymn**

*“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”*

LBW 60

**Greeting and Response: Psalm 136:1-6**

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: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**C: for his mercy endures forever.**

P: Give thanks to the God of gods,

**C: for his mercy endures forever.**

P: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**C: for his mercy endures forever.**

P: who only does great wonders,

**C: for his mercy endures forever.**

P: who by wisdom made the heavens,

**C: for his mercy endures forever.**

P: who spread out the earth upon the waters,

**C: for his mercy endures forever.**

**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.*

**Hymn of Response**

*“The Bells of Christmas”*

vs. 1,2,5,6

LBW 62

**First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as bright-

ness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7**

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**Verse**

*“Lord to Whom Shall We Go”*

**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**

*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

LBW 55

**Offertory**

**Apostle's Creed**

**Prayers of the Church**

*“Create in Me”*

Lord's Prayer  
Benediction  
Closing Hymn

*"The First Noel"*

LBW 56

P: Grow in Faith  
C: **Impact the World**

Pianist Judy Sprung  
Lector Marcia Heinje

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

Thank you to Carl Fiskness for leading worship today.

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.

**Bible Reading Challenge.** Pastor Kent will be taking anyone who has finished reading John through Jude since November 9th or didn't attend the first lunch at Pizza Ranch on January 11th at 6:30 PM or January 20th at 11:30. Please let Pam know which day you will be attending.

Pastor Kent will be doing a Bible study **Rediscovering Christian Faith** during Adult Education starting January 7th.

Pastor Kent and Kay have a matching Fridge and Stove that they would like to give to someone that is in need of these items. Let Pastor Kent or Pam if you or someone you know is in need of these items.

Fundraiser for John and Lois Hostettler on Sunday, January 14th at Living Word Lutheran Church from 11 to 1. Serving Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Chips and bars or cookies.

We are looking for people help with the fundraiser. We will need bars or cookies and also people to help in the kitchen with serving and cleanup. Please let Pam or Carol Weber know if you are willing to help with any of these items.

**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*

**In case of an emergency call  
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TODAY            No Sunday School  
                     9:00    Coffee Fellowship  
                     10:00    Worship

MONDAY        **Happy New Year! - Office closed**

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

SUNDAY        8:45    Sunday School  
                     8:45    Adult Education - Rediscovering Christian Faith  
                     9:00    Coffee Fellowship  
                     10:00    Worship/Communion

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, Ken and Kay Strandvold

**Park Place:** Frank Brown - 206, Pat Johnson—307, Curt & Elaine Hallberg -  
310, Chris Nelson, Janice Johnson - 313, and Luvilla Weber – 324, Ruth  
Malkerson - 317, Gene and Cleo Mann - 204

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  
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Ken and Fran Kunde—702 S 1st St

**February Servant Team** will meet on **Sunday, January 21st** 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:**

Carol Aden

Bernie & Tina Balling

Warren & Janice Beck

Roger Christensen

Randy & Lori Dockter

Carol Grimley

Gordon Johnson

Mark Keeton

Susan Keeton

Jim & Karen Kiefer

Aaron & Teresa Meister

Terry & Heidi Meister

Chuck & Marla Myklegard

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