

10:00 WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 28, 2024

Prelude

Announcements

Please stand

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Opening Hymn

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LBW 364

Greeting and Response—Psalm 111

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: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

C: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

P: Great are the works of the LORD,

C: studied by all who delight in them.

P: Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

C: and his righteousness endures forever.

P: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

C: the LORD is gracious and merciful.

P: He provides food for those who fear him;

C: he remembers his covenant forever.

P: He has shown his people the power of his works,

C: in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

P: The works of his hands are faithful and just;

C: all his precepts are trustworthy;

P: they are established forever and ever,

C: to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

P: He sent redemption to his people;

C: he has commanded his covenant forever.

P: Holy and awesome is his name!

C: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

P: all those who practice it have a good understanding.

C: His praise endures forever!

Prayer of the Day *“O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.*

Praise Song

“10,000 Reasons”

Skit - “Leave Your Shoes at Church” by Marcia Heinje and Brenda Seehafer

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Please stand

Verse

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Mark, the 1st chapter (vs. 21-28).

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Sermon Hymn

“He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!”

LBW 501

Please stand

Apostle’s Creed

LBW p. 65

Offering Hymn

“Create In Me”

LBW p. 75

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

LBW p. 71

Please stand

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LBW 90

P: Go into all the world.

C: **Go to be a blessing!**

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Living Word's Calendar

TODAY (1/28) 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship

WEDNESDAY 3:30 Confirmation
3:30 Dynamic Disciples

THURSDAY 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship

SUNDAY 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship - **Sunday School kids will sing**

Announcements

Prayers for Tim DeJong, Marilyn Stemsrud, Shirley Kindt, Susan Hippen, Deb Buttke, Dave Hepper, Kelly Peterson, Dan Kalber, Dick Hansen, Elyse Reede, Tom Dorry, Kelsey Little (Jamie & Hope Pekelder's niece), Brad Zahn.

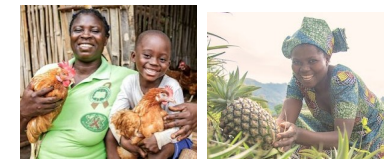
Musicians Wanted - We would very much like to start a Praise Band. We have a great set of drums and would welcome other instruments, too. Prayerfully consider adding to the music ministry of Living Word. Please call the church office if you would be willing to share your talents.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING SUPPORTS

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

The Sunday School offering for this 2023-24 year is dedicated for the purchase of animals which will change the lives of people throughout the world who do not have the self-sustaining things they need for daily living. The gift of any of the following will enrich the lives of people throughout the world:

Complete ARK	\$5,000
Joy to the World	1,500
Heifer	500
Goat or Sheep	120
Honeybees	30
Flock of Chicks	20



If you would like to have further information as to what is included in each gift, information can be found with the display in the narthex.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 14—Ash Wednesday
February 18—5:00 Family Soup Supper—Reiners Israel Trip
February 21—5:30 Lenten meal; 6:30 Lenten worship service
April 11, 12, 13 - Pictures will be taken for the new church directory

REMINDER: February is “Leave your shoes at Church Month”
Bring your used shoes in good condition to the church and leave them in the designated box. Shoes will go to Sierra Leone and Orphan Grain Train.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Plans are being made for a new Church Directory this Spring. VPD Studio will again be taking the pictures on April 11, 12 and 13. Please check your schedule for a time that will be best for you and your family. The opportunity to register will be available soon.



Dynamic Disciples

If you would like to order a **Dynamic Disciple** t-shirt or sweatshirt, please fill out the form on the table in the fellowship hall and return the form and your money to the office by February 18.

Noisy Change

The **Noisy Change Offerings for January** will be collected for the water purification systems in Vietnam. The **January 21 Noisy Change Offering** was \$3,030.20, making the total for the month of January **\$3,492.94**.

Visitors

Welcome 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. 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. Thanks for visiting Living Word, and come back often.

Servant Team

February Servant Team. Servant teams help usher, greet, furnish and/or serve treats for coffee fellowship, help with weddings if scheduled during the month, and help and/or furnish for funerals that may occur 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 be easily accomplished throughout the year. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please prayerfully consider being a 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-chairs

Berger, Jeff & Julie
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Pekelder, Jamie & Hope
Peschong, Troy & Tamra
Prisinger, Dale & Linda
Randleman, Craig & Carolyn
Remund, Norman & Linda
Schmidt, Marlin & Shirley
Yaeger, Robert & Gretta

Shut-ins

Living Word Lutheran Church shut-ins would welcome a visit or phone call.
St. William’s Care Center: Lois Helm, Rita Raffety
Avantara: Elaine Hallberg, Lane Lindquist
Wellshire Park Place: Marilyn Stemsrud, Carol Forster
Darcie’s Home Care: 1405 Highview Dr—Ann Sandbakken
Their own homes: Orlean Lardy

Radio Broadcast

Prayerfully consider sponsoring a **Radio Broadcast** of our church service on KMSD. The service is broadcast at 8:00 AM on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$65. Signup sheets for sponsoring a radio broadcast and/or providing flowers are on the table in the fellowship hall.