

10:00 WORSHIP
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY/BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 7, 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

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

LBW 82

Greeting and Response—Psalm 72:1-11

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: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

C: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C: worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

P: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

C: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

P: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

C: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

P: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

C: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

P: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,

C: and Sirion like a young wild ox.

P: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

P: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth

C: and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

P: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

C: the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

P: May the LORD give strength to his people!

C: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Prayer of the Day *“Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” Amen.*

Praise Song

“Glorify Thy Name”

BOB 66

Children’s Message

“Feed My Lambs” chorus only

BOB 55

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-15

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so.

Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Living Word's Calendar

TODAY (1/7) 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship/Communion

TUESDAY 9:00 Quilting

WEDNESDAY 3:30 Confirmation
3:30 Dynamic Disciples

THURSDAY 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship
1:30 Impact

SUNDAY 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship/Noisy Change (water purification in Vietnam)
11:00 Chapel Communion

Announcements

Prayers for Marilyn Stemsrud, Shirley Kindt, Sue Hippen, Deb Buttke, Dave Hepper, Kelly Peterson, Dan Kalber, Dick Hansen, Marsha Meister, Karen Hallquist, Elyse Reede, Barb Kloster, Tom Dorry, Kelsey Little (Jamie & Hope Pekelder's niece), Brad Zahn.

Sympathy and Prayers to the family of Bob Crist, who passed away December 31.

Radio Broadcast is given in honor of Gene & Susan Vostad and Jay & Sally Maze.

Flowers on the Altar are given by Roger & Melanie Reiner's, in honor of their 20th Wedding Anniversary, which was on January 3.

2023 Giving Statements are ready and can be picked up on the table in the fellowship hall.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 14—Ash Wednesday

February 21—5:30 Lenten meal, 6:30 Lenten worship

Noisy Change

The **Noisy Change Offerings for December** will be collected for Jordan and Lexie Hins who are serving college age students in the Middle East. Jordan is a MHS graduate and is the son of Kirby and Rita Hins of Milbank. His mission work and his personal expenses are supported only by the donations that he receives from generous donors. Jordan is associated with CRU Ministries formally known as Campus Crusade for Christ.

The **December 31 Noisy Change Offering** collected for Jordan and Lexie Hins was \$63.01, making the total for the month of December **\$4,093.42**.

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.

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 will meet **Sunday, January 21** during coffee fellowship at 9:00. **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

Capp, Robert & Susan

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Grimley, Carol

Hansen, Richard & Sandra

Hansen, Roger & Stephanie

Kasuske, Greg & Lori

Lewno, Adam & Jessica

Meister, Gary & Marsha

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: Gordon Johnson, Marilyn Stemsrud, Chris Nelson, Carol Forster

Darcie’s Home Care: 1405 Highview Dr—Ann Sandbakken

Their own homes: Orlean Lardy