

10:00 WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
FEBRUARY 18, 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**

*“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”*

LBW 99

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 25:1-10**

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: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;

**C: let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

P: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

**C: they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

P: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

**C: teach me your paths.**

P: Lead me in your truth and teach me,

**C: for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.**

P: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

**C: for they have been from of old.**

P: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

**C: according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

P: Good and upright is the LORD;

**C: therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

P: He leads the humble in what is right,

**C: and teaches the humble his way.**

P: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

**C: for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**Prayer of the Day** *“Lord God, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word and, when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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**

*“Shout to the Lord”*

BOB 198

**Children’s Message**

*“Feed My Lambs”* chorus only

BOB 55

**First Reading: Genesis 22:1-18**

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

**Second Reading: James 1:12-18**

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when



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## Living Word's Calendar

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TODAY (2/18) 9:00 Sunday School  
9:00 Coffee Fellowship  
9:00 March Servant Team meets  
10:00 Worship  
5:00 LWLW Soup Supper/Speakers Pastor Melanie & Roger Reiners on their trip to Israel

MONDAY Church & Office Closed

TUESDAY 9:00 Faith Circle  
9:00 Love Circle

WEDNESDAY 3:30 Confirmation  
3:30 Dynamic Disciples  
5:30 Lenten meal  
6:30 Lenten Service

THURSDAY Newsletter items due  
9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship

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9:00 Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 Worship

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## Announcements

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**Prayers** for John Gustafson, Marilyn Stemsrud, Shirley Kindt, Dave Hepper, Kelly Peterson, Dan Kalber, Dick Hansen, Elyse Reede, Tom Dorry, Kelsey Little (Jamie & Hope Pekelder's niece), Brad Zahn.

**Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by the Maas family in honor of Glenn & Joanne Nelson's anniversary, which was February 15.

**Reminder** - LWLW will be having a soup supper tonight at 5:00. Speakers will be Pastor Melanie & Roger Reiners. They will be speaking about their trip to Israel.

We have had calls for Dave Hepper's address:  
Dave Hepper  
48096 Sunshine Road  
Big Stone City, SD 57216



## Mark your calendars

**February 18**—5:00 Family Soup Supper—Speakers Reiners on Israel Trip  
**February 21**—5:30 Lenten meal; 6:30 Lenten worship service  
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**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 February** will be collected for the Call to Freedom. The **February 11 Noisy Change Offering** was \$366.16, making the total for the month of February **\$400.82**.



### February Noisy Change—What is Call to Freedom?

Human trafficking is the illegal trade of human beings for the purposes of forced labor or sex trafficking. As the world’s fastest growing criminal industry, it affects every corner of the globe---including the state of South Dakota. Call to Freedom follows the values of Jesus Christ by valuing individual dignity, focusing on each person’s needs, encouraging victims and their communities to avoid further trafficking and exploitation, and by providing a care team that supplies consistent, reliable support.

## Servant Team

**March Servant Team** will meet **Sunday, February 18** 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

Anderson, Paul & Jen  
 Balling, Bernie & Tina  
 \*\*Beck, Warren & Janice  
 Brook, Larry & Peggy  
 Dornbusch, Kevin & Renae  
 Kalber, Daniel & Lenore  
 Keeton, Susan  
 \*\*Larson, Bruce & Linda

Loeschke, Mark & Darla  
 Ramsey, Tim & Rena  
 Sandvig, Brian & Janel  
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 Sime, Kent & Susan  
 Steltz, Joel  
 Veen, Charles & Nadine  
 Weinkauff, Deven & Jessica

## 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.

## Shut-ins

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

## Radio Broadcast

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