

10:00 WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 4, 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

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LBW 230

Greeting and Response—Psalm 117:1-11

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: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

C: for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

P: The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

C: he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

P: He heals the brokenhearted

C: and binds up their wounds.

P: He determines the number of the stars;

C: he gives to all of them their names.

P: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

C: his understanding is beyond measure.

P: The LORD lifts up the humble;

C: he casts the wicked to the ground.

P: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

C: make melody to our God on the lyre!

P: He covers the heavens with clouds;

C: he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.

P: He gives to the beasts their food,

C: and to the young ravens that cry.

P: His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

C: nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

P: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

C: in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Prayer of the Day *“Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.*

Praise Song

“The Power of Your Love”

BOB 214

Special Music by the Sunday School Children

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

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Living Word's Calendar

TODAY (2/4) 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship/Communion - **Sunday School kids sing**

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/noisy change (Call to Freedom)
11:00 Chapel Communion

Announcements

Prayers for Marilyn Stemsrud, Shirley Kindt, Susan Hippen, 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 28 Noisy Change Offering** was \$1,462.99, making the total for the month of January **\$4,955.93 + \$950 from Impact = \$5,905.93**.



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
Schell, Lisa
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, 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.