

10:00 WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 10, 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

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

LBW 327

Greeting and Response—Psalm 107:1-9

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: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever!

P: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

C: whom he has redeemed from trouble

P: and gathered in from the lands,

C: from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

P: Some wandered in desert wastes,

C: finding no way to a city to dwell in;

P: hungry and thirsty,

C: their soul fainted within them.

P: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

C: and he delivered them from their distress.

P: He led them by a straight way

C: till they reached a city to dwell in.

P: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,

C: for his wondrous works to the children of man!

P: For he satisfies the longing soul,

C: and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Prayer of the Day *“God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; 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

“The Power of Your Love”

BOB 214

Children’s Message

“Feed My Lambs” chorus only

BOB 55

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Please stand

Verse

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

LBW 102

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to John, the 3rd chapter (vs. 14-21).
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

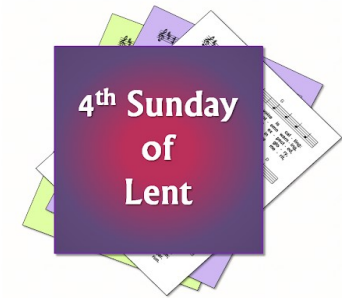
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon		Pastor Randy Freund
Sermon Hymn	<i>“My Song Is Love Unknown”</i> vs 1-4,7	LBW 94
Please stand		
Apostle’s Creed		LBW p. 65
Offering Hymn	<i>“Create in Me”</i>	LBW p. 75
Prayers of the Church		
Lord’s Prayer		LBW p. 71
Please stand		
Benediction		
Closing Hymn	<i>“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”</i>	LBW 107

P: Go into all the world.
C: **Go to be a blessing!**

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Living Word's Calendar

TODAY (3/10) **Daylight Saving Time Begins**—spring ahead
9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship/noisy change—Vietnam trip
11:00 Chapel Communion

TUESDAY 9:00 Quilting

WEDNESDAY 3:30 Dynamic Disciples
5:30 Lenten meal
6:30 Lenten Service
7:30 Council

THURSDAY 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship

SUNDAY 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
9:00 April Servant Team meets
10:00 Worship/Children bells

Announcements

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

Meals on Wheels drivers are needed for the month of APRIL. Signup sheets are in the fellowship hall. Please call the church office with any questions you might have regarding delivery of meals.

Women's Connection is a nondenominational women's group
“**Women's Connection**”, an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries, meeting will be held at Central Church, Milbank, SD on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024** at 1:30 – 3:00 P.M, in the church fellowship hall.

Tickets: \$5.00 – Light dessert will be served.

Speaker—Heidi Elder —“ Let's go on a Treasure Hunt — Discovering what really matters”

Special Feature — Heidi Elder — “ Essential Oils”

Music - Sherry DeBoer— piano

Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship together with women in our area.

For reservations: please contact:

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Mark your calendars

March 13—5:30 Lenten meal; 6:30 Lenten worship service
March 20—5:30 Lenten meal; 6:30 Lenten worship service
March 28—6:30 Maundy Thursday Service/Communion
March 29—6:30 Good Friday Community Service
March 31—8:30 Easter Breakfast/10:00 Easter Festival Worship

Easter Breakfast—As part of our Easter Celebration, we hope everyone will join together for breakfast beginning at 8:30 am. If you are willing to furnish food or help with the serving please sign up in the fellowship hall.

April 11, 12, 13 - CHURCH DIRECTORY—VPD Studio will again be taking pictures for the directory on **April 11, 12 and 13**. The opportunity to register starts today. Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the fellowship hall.

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.

Noisy Change

The **Noisy Change Offerings for March** will be collected for the Vietnam Trip in June. These funds will help the team with unexpected expenses while in the country.

ATTN: THRIVENT MEMBERS: Have you directed you 2023 **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS?** Now is the time to allocate 2023 Choice Dollars if you have not already done so. Members have until March 31, 2024 to direct them. You need to contact Thrivent even if you did last year. After that date, Choice Dollars expire. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice today or stop in the church office and Lisa can help you direct your Choice Dollars. The number to call by phone is 1-800-847-4836 and say THRIVENT CHOICE. You will be asked for the last four digits of your Social Security number, your birthday, and your address. The staff is very helpful if you have questions.

Servant Team

April Servant Team will meet **Sunday, March 17** 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

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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