

10:00 WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 3, 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

“There Is a Redeemer”

BOB 211

Greeting and Response—Psalm 19

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: The heavens declare the glory of God,

C: and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

P: Day to day pours out speech,

C: and night to night reveals knowledge.

P: There is no speech, nor are there words,

C: whose voice is not heard.

P: Their voice goes out through all the earth,

C: and their words to the end of the world.

P: In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

C: and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

P: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,

C: and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

P: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

C: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

P: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

C: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

P: the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

C: the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

P: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

C: sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

P: Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

C: in keeping them there is great reward.

P: Who can discern his errors?

C: Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

P: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

C: Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

P: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

C: O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Prayer of the Day *“Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love: 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

“Seek Ye First”

RED 438

Children’s Message

“Feed My Lambs” chorus only

BOB 55

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. “You shall not murder. “You shall not commit adultery. “You shall not steal. “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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Living Word's Calendar

TODAY (3/3) 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship/Communion

TUESDAY 4:30 Education Committee

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

THURSDAY 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship
1:30 Impact

SUNDAY **Daylight Saving Time Begins**—turn clocks ahead 1 hour
9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship/noisy change—Vietnam trip

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.
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Mark your calendars

March 6—5:30 Lenten meal; 6:30 Lenten worship service
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 Service
April 11, 12, 13 - Pictures will be taken for the new church directory

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.

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 February** will be collected for the Call to Freedom. The **February 25 Noisy Change Offering** was \$153.36 making the total for the month of February **\$859.18**.

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

Bien, Lance & Sheila
 Buttke, Mary & Deb
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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
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