

10:00 WORSHIP FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2023

Prelude**Announcements****Installation of Council Members****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

Advent Candle Song *“Light One Candle”* (vs 1) BOB 145

Reading and lighting of the Advent Candle by the McMahan Family

Opening Hymn *“The Advent of Our God”* LBW 22

Greeting and Response—Psalm 80:1-7

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: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

C: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

P: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

C: stir up your might and come to save us!

P: Restore us, O God;

C: let your face shine, that we may be saved!

P: O LORD God of hosts,

C: how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

P: You have fed them with the bread of tears

C: and given them tears to drink in full measure.

P: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,

C: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

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Prayer of the Day *“Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” Amen.*

Praise Song *“Change My Heart, Oh God”* BOB 33

Children’s Message *“Away in a Manger”* (3rd verse) LBW 67

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please stand

Verse *“Emanuel”* BOB 44

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Mark, the 13th chapter (vs 24-37).

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will

send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

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Living Word's Calendar

TODAY (12/3)	9:00 Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship/Communion/Install Council 11:00 Council picture 11:00 Choir practice
WEDNESDAY	3:30 Confirmation 3:30 Dynamic Disciples 5:30 Mid-week Advent meal serving starts 6:30 Mid-week Advent worship
THURSDAY	9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship
SATURDAY	1-3 Program Practice
SUNDAY	Sunday School Christmas Program 9:00 Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship/Noisy Change (CRU Jordan & Lexi Hins) 11:00 Chapel Communion 11:00 Choir practice

Announcements

Prayers for Dick Hansen, Sandy Christensen, Marsha Meister, Karen Hallquist, Elyse Reede, Barb Kloster, Tom Dorry, Kelsey Little (Jamie & Hope Pekelder's niece), Trisha Weber (daughter-in-law of Don & Carol Weber), Brad Zahn.

Radio Broadcast is given by Susan Hippen.

The choir is planning to sing on Christmas Eve and anyone who is interested is welcome to join us. Practice will be held Dec. 3, 10, and 17 immediately after our church service, so approximately 11 am.

Attention Quilters—There will be no quilting until January 9, 2024.

Abiding Faith Lutheran Church in Ortonville MN will be hosting a hymn sing on Sunday, December 3 at 7:00 pm. There will be a free will offering taken and distributed between Big Stone County Food Shelf and Project Christmas. Please join us for an evening of music and fellowship with refreshments to follow. Hope to see you there!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 6—5:30 mid-week Advent meal starts, 6:30 Worship
December 9— 1:00-3:00 Sunday School Program practice
December 10—Sunday School Christmas Program
December 13—5:30 mid-week Advent meal starts, 6:30 Worship
December 16—St. Lucia
December 17—5:00 Blue Christmas at Parkview—anyone who has lost a loved one or endured any kind of loss is invited to attend this service of healing.
December 20—5:30 mid-week Advent meal starts, 6:30 Worship
December 24— **10:00** am Sunday Service, **5:00** pm candlelight service
January 9, 2024 — Quilting resumes

The **Noisy Change Offerings for December** will be collected for Jordan and Lexi Hins who are serving college age students in Istanbul, Turkey. Jordan is a MHS graduate and is the son of Kirby and Rita Hins of Milbank. His mission work and his personal expenses are support only by the donations that he receives from generous donors.

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

January Servant Team will meet **December 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

Aker, Dale & Lisa
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Berdan, Daniel & Rachel
Brown, Gerald & Sharon
Christensen, Roger
Dockter, Betty
Flaig, Kurt & Jean
Hippen, Susan
Kanthak, Barbara

Letze, Janice
Myklegard, Chuck
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Seehafer, Todd & Brenda
Vostad, Gene & Susan
Wagner, Dave & Linda
Weber, Colby
Weber, Don & Carol

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, Bob Crist

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