

10:00 WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Prelude
Announcements
Installation of Council Members and LWLW Officers

Harp Music by Michelle Fink

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

“We Light the Advent Candle” vs. 1

Reading and Lighting of the Advent Candle by Doug and Annette Redepenning

Opening Hymn

“The Advent of Our God”

LBW 22

Greeting and Response—Psalm 122

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: I was glad when they said to me,

C: “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

P: Our feet have been standing

C: within your gates, O Jerusalem!

P: Jerusalem—built as a city

C: that is bound firmly together,

P: to which the tribes go up,

C: the tribes of the Lord,

P: as was decreed for Israel,

C: to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

P: There thrones for judgment were set,

C: the thrones of the house of David.

P: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

C: “May they be secure who love you!

P: Peace be within your walls

C: and security within your towers!”

P: For my brothers and companions' sake

C: I will say, “Peace be within you!”

P: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

C: I will seek your good.

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

“Lift Up Your Heads”

Special Music

Fink Family

Children’s Message

“Feed My Lambs” chorus only

BOB 55

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Please Stand

Verse ***“Ancient Words”*** chorus only

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Matthew, the 24th chapter (36-44)

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Message by Michelle Fink

Sermon Hymn *“Savior of the Nations, Come”* vs. 1,2,4 LBW 28

Please Stand

Apostles' Creed LBW p. 65

Offering Hymn *“Create In Me A Clean Heart”* LBW p. 75

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer LBW p. 71

Please Stand

Benediction

Closing Hymn *“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”* vs. 1,2 LBW 34

P: The Lord asks, “Whom shall I send?”

C: Here am I, send me!

Pianist: Vicki Strege

Lector: Sam Wilson

2025 LWLC Council Contacts

President: Jackie Olson

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Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (11/30) 8:45 Sunday School/Program Practice
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship/Installation of Officers

WEDNESDAY (12/3) 3:30 Confirmation
3:30 Dynamic Disciples
5:15 Meal
6:30 Advent Worship Service

THURSDAY (12/4) 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship

SUNDAY (12/7) 8:45 Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship/Communion

Announcements

Prayers for Dave Hepper, Shirley Kindt, Jenna Johnson, Hailey Heinje, Keaton Johnson, Karen Kiefer, Bob Hornstein, Myles Maas, Caleb Stanton, Kent Englund, Jon Liebe, Karen Hallquist, Bud Remund, and Sandy Christensen.

St. Lucia Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, at 9:30. The Living Word women invite you to join them for a time of fellowship. Please see the bulletin insert for more details. A signup sheet is in the fellowship hall for those attending and for workers needed on the 12th and the day of the event.

Women of the church are invited to a Porch Pot Event on December 7 in Ortonville. Bring your own large outdoor flower pot with soil. Evergreen boughs and decorations are provided. The cost is \$45. A signup sheet with more details is in the fellowship hall.

Christmas Gift Wrapping offering to Living Word members: Do you have difficulty wrapping gifts? Are you too busy? Do you simply feel Grinchy when you think of wrapping presents? Leave the job to your friendly helpers at Living Word. See details for drop off times, pick-up morning, and Present Informational sheets on the signup table.

Are you on Facebook? If so, please go to the Living Word Lutheran Church, Milbank, SD, and click on “like.” (Be sure to include “Milbank, SD” in your search or you may get a different Living Word Lutheran.)



Mark Your Calendars

- December 3** Book of Romans Bible Study resumes at 10:00
December 3 First mid-week Advent meal at 5:15 followed by 6:30 worship
December 6 Advent Tea at Trinity Lutheran in Reville at 2:00
December 7 LWLW Porch Pot Event at 2:30 in Ortonville
December 10 Advent meal at 5:15 followed by 6:30 worship
December 13 St. Lucia Breakfast at 9:30
December 14 Children's Christmas Program during worship service
December 14 Live Nativity at Living Word
December 16 LWLW General Meeting and Potluck at 6:00
December 17 Advent meal at 5:15 followed by 6:30 worship
December 18 Gift Wrapping Event. Gifts for wrapping can be dropped off on December 14 and 17.
December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00



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 the radio broadcast and/or for providing flowers on the altar are on the table in the fellowship hall.

Noisy Change

Noisy Change collected in the month of November will be used for Christmas gifts for children at the Gospel House Orphanages in Vietnam. The total collected to date is \$509.17.



Servant Team

December Servant Team. 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 several areas 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.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

****Co-chairs**

Ballhagen, Chad

Beck, Warren & Janice

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Fenner, Marlin & Janice

Fish, Ethan

Fish, Cynthia

Gustafson, John

Hansen, Richard & Sandra

****Heinje, Howard & Marcia**

Hepper, Dave & Mary

Hyde, Sharon

Redepenning, Jackie

Schell, Lisa

Rehn, Arnie & Donna

Strege, Steve & Vicki

Welcome Visitors

Welcome visitors. Please sign our guest book located in the fellowship hall. Thank you for worshiping 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: Larry Brook, Lil Colberg, Betty Kloster, and Rita Raffety

Avantara: Lane Lindquist