

10:00 WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 14, 2025

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Please Stand**

**Congregational Hymn**      *“Oh, Come, Little Children”*

**Advent Candle Song**      *“We Light the Advent Candle”* vs. 3

**Reading and Lighting of the Advent Candle** by the Dallman Family

**Opening**

**“Let’s Trust in Jesus”**

**Invitation**

**“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”**

**Bald Eagle-Hope**

**“My Hope Is in the Lord”**

**King Crab-Alone**

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

**Kodiak Bear-Power**

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

**Alaskan Moose-Help**

**“Go Tell It on the Mountain”**

**River Otter-Wonder**

**“Joy to the World”**

**Closing-Join us in singing “Silent Night”**

**True North Christmas -2025**

**Cast Members**

**True North Guide**-Hunter Reede

**Readers**-Grayson Brotzel, Kateri Morsette,  
Gwendolyn Quinn, & Harmony Campbell

**Joseph**-Mason Lewno

**Mary**-Isabella Quinn

**Shepherds**-Koda Campbell & Rexton Huettl

**Magi**-Jason McMahon & Theo Berdan

**Angels**-Scarlett Huettl, Rylie Roscoe,  
Zoe Lewno & Grace Campbell

**Bald Eagle**-Reid Roscoe

**King Crab**-Karlie Bakeberg

**Kodiak Bear**-Jordan & Carter Busack

**River Otter**-Claire Schwandt

**Alaskan Moose**-Alexander McMahon

**Fish**-Marcus McMahon

**Special Prelude Music**-Claire Schwandt, Mason Lewno, and Kateri Morsette

**Special Music During Fellowship Time**-Madison Bilben, Josie Dallman, and Amelia Dallman

**Additional Assistance** with today’s service provided by: Ushers/bulletins-Madison Bilben and Josie Dallman; Offering-Sam Wilson

**Pianist**: Bob Frink

## **The Blessing of Christmas**

The blessing of Christmas in all its wondrous glory  
Had such a humble start as told in song and story.  
It was a night like any other in a quiet little town.  
It was a place so very simple, flocks of sheep all around.  
It was two ordinary people, a husband and a wife  
Who gave birth upon that night to an extraordinary life.  
There was a star overhead, shining brightly through the sky,  
Guiding neighbors to a stable to hear a newborn baby cry.  
They gathered there to witness God's great blessing of grace—  
The infant known as Jesus in Mary's sweet embrace.  
There were angels singing praises; there were shepherds in great awe.  
There was something really special among that manger straw.  
For within that tiny human dwelled a gift from heaven above;  
A gift of hope and joy and peace and God's eternal love.  
It was a simple little blessing but a blessing just the same;  
The blessing of a life made new that sparked an inner flame.  
And as that flame grew bright, it spread from soul to soul  
The blessing of Christmas that began so long ago.  
And the wonders of that blessing continue to this day  
In the sharing of God's love through our deeds and what we say.  
So, during this Christmas time and throughout all the year  
Keep Jesus in your heart and the blessing will reappear.  
Let us all share that blessing as we joyfully express  
“Merry Christmas to us all...and to us all may God Bless!”

*“Christmas Reflections” by Tom Roberts*

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## 2025 LWLC Council Contacts

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## Living Word Lutheran Women Officers

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Coordinator: Sandy Christensen

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Pastor: Melanie Reiners

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## Living Word's Calendar

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SUNDAY (12/14)	8:45	Sunday School/Program Practice
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship/Chapel Communion
		True North Christmas Program
	4:00-7:00	Live Nativity
TUESDAY (12/16)	6:00	LWLW Women's Year-End Potluck
WEDNESDAY (12/17)		NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE
	3:30	Confirmation
	3:30	Dynamic Disciples
	5:15	Meal
	6:30	Advent Worship Service
THURSDAY (12/18)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
SUNDAY (12/21)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	9:00	Servant Team Meets
	10:00	Worship

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## Announcements

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

**Flowers on the Altar** are given today by Craig and Kippy Randleman in honor of 54 years of marriage.

**Radio Broadcast** is sponsored today by Sue Hippen in honor of Jen Anderson's birthday.

**If you would care to share a poinsettia** or other Christmas flower with us, it would make our church even more beautiful for Christmas. If possible, please bring them to the church on the 23rd or bring them with you to the Christmas Eve service.

**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 14** Live Nativity at Living Word from 4 to 7 p.m.  
**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 December will be used for the Visiting Neighbors Program in Milbank. This service provides part-time assistance for elderly and disabled residents to help them live independently at home. The total collected to date is \$252.00.



## Servant Team

**January 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**

Beckman, Rhonda	Kruger, David
Buth, Beverly	Leininger, Scott & Jean
Nelson, Robert & Pam	
Cooley, Gloria	Peterson, Don & Kelly
Dallman, Brian & Laura	Ramsey, Tim & Rena
Flaig, Kurt & Jean	Remund, Linda
Forster, Doug	Schmidt, Marlin & Shirley
Kruger, David	

## 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