

10:00 WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 21, 2025

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

Advent Candle Song

“We Light the Advent Candle” vs. 4

Reading and lighting of Advent candles by the Kruger Family

Opening Hymn

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

LBW 30

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 24**

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 earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,

**C: the world and those who dwell therein,**

P: for he has founded it upon the seas

**C: and established it upon the rivers.**

P: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

**C: And who shall stand in his holy place?**

P: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

**C: who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

P: He will receive blessing from the Lord

**C: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

P: Such is the generation of those who seek him,

**C: who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

P: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**C: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

P: Who is this King of glory?

**C: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

P: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**C: And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

P: Who is this King of glory?

**C: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

**Prayer of the Day:** “*Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.*” Amen

Praise Song

“*My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord*”

Children’s Message

“*Oh, Come, Little Children*” vs. 3

**First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!”

**Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7**

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please Stand

Verse

“*Emmanuel*”

BOB 44

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Matthew, the 1st chapter (18-25)

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to

Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Sermon Hymn

### **“Savior of the Nations, Come” vs. 1,3,6,7**

LBW 28

## Please Stand

## Apostles' Creed

## Offering Hymn

## Prayers of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

BW p. 71

## Please Stand

## Benediction

### Closing Hymn

### *“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”* vs. 1,2,3

LBW 34

P: The Lord asks, "Whom shall I send?"

C: Here am I, send me!

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer

Transl. Kristi Seeger  
Lector: Jan Beck

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## 2025 LWLC Council Contacts

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## Living Word's Calendar

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SUNDAY (12/21)

8:45 Sunday School  
9:00 Coffee Fellowship  
9:00 Servant Team Meets  
10:00 Worship

TUESDAY (12/23)

No Quilting

WEDNESDAY (12/24)

No Confirmation  
No Dynamic Disciples  
5:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

THURSDAY (12/25)

Christmas Day—Church and Office Closed

FRIDAY (12/26)

Church and Office Closed

SUNDAY (12/28)

No Sunday School  
9:00 Coffee Fellowship  
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, Bob Johnson, and Heather Dorsey.

**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.

**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 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00

**December 25** Christmas Day—Church and Office Closed

**December 26** Church and Office Closed

**January 1** New Year's Day—Church and Office Closed

**January 5** Education Meeting at 4:00



## 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 \$267.00.



## 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

Buth, Beverly

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Ramsey, Tim & Rena

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## 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

**Fairview View-Granite View:** Bob Hornstein