

10:00 WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 7, 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. 2

Reading and Lighting of the Advent Candle by the Kyle Schwandt Family

Opening Hymn “Hark the Glad Sound” LBW 35

Greeting and Response—Psalm 72:1-7

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 the king your justice, O God,

C: and your righteousness to the royal son!

P: May he judge your people with righteousness,

C: and your poor with justice!

P: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,

C: and the hills, in righteousness!

P: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,

C: give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

P: May they fear you while the sun endures,

C: and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

P: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,

C: like showers that water the earth!

P: In his days may the righteous flourish,

C: and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

Prayer of the Day: “Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; 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 “Lift Up Your Heads”

Children’s Message “Away in a Manger” vs. 3 LBW 67

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.” And again it says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.” And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Please Stand

Verse “Emmanuel” BOB 44

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter (1-12)
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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| Sermon | | |
| Sermon Hymn | <i>“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”</i> | LBW 294 |
| Please Stand | | |
| Apostles’ Creed | | LBW p. 65 |
| Offering Hymn | <i>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i> | LBW 564 |
| Prayers of the Church | | |
| Great Thanksgiving | | LBW p. 69 |
| Words of Institution | | LBW p. 69 |
| Lord’s Prayer | | LBW p. 71 |
| Agnus Dei | | LBW p. 92 |
| Distribution of Communion | | |
| Communion Hymns | “Comfort, Comfort All My People” | BOB 43 |
| | “Now We Join in Celebration” | LBW 203 |
| | “Lift High the Cross” | LBW 377 |
| Post-Communion Cantic | | LBW p. 72 |
| Please Stand | | |
| Benediction | | |
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| Closing Hymn | <i>“Prepare the Royal Highway”</i> | LBW 26 |

P: The Lord asks, “Whom shall I send?”
C: **Here am I, send me!**

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer
Lector: Warren Beck

2025 LWLC Council Contacts

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Living Word's Calendar

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| SUNDAY (12/7) | 8:45 | Sunday School/Program Practice |
| | 9:00 | Coffee Fellowship |
| | 10:00 | Worship/Communion |
| TUESDAY (12/9) | 9:00 | Quilting |
| WEDNESDAY (12/10) | 3:30 | Confirmation |
| | 3:30 | Dynamic Disciples |
| | 5:15 | Meal |
| | 6:30 | Advent Worship Service |
| | 7:00 | Council Meets |
| THURSDAY (12/11) | 9:00 | Community Coffee Fellowship |
| SATURDAY (12/13) | 9:30 | St. Lucia Breakfast |
| SUNDAY (12/14) | 8:45 | Sunday School/Program Practice |
| | 9:00 | Coffee Fellowship |
| | 10:00 | Worship/True North Christmas Program |
| | 4:00-7:00 | Live Nativity |

Announcements

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

Radio Broadcast is sponsored today by the Forster family in loving memory of their parents.

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.

Live Nativity is scheduled for December 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. Helpers are needed for all areas including: characters for the nativity, outdoor helpers, kitchen workers, and food items. A signup sheet 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 9 Milbank Women's Connection at Central Church at 1:30
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
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 in the month of November for Christmas gifts for the Gospel House Orphanages in Vietnam was \$863.67.

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
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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