

10:00 WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 4, 2026

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

Opening Hymn *“As with Gladness Men of Old”* vs. 1,2,4,5 LBW 82

Greeting and Response—Psalm 119

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: Oh how I love your law!

C: It is my meditation all the day.

P: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,

C: for it is ever with me.

P: I have more understanding than all my teachers,

C: for your testimonies are my meditation.

P: I understand more than the aged,

C: for I keep your precepts.

P: I hold back my feet from every evil way,

C: in order to keep your word.

P: I do not turn aside from your rules,

C: for you have taught me.

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

P: Through your precepts I get understanding;

C: therefore I hate every false way.

Prayer of the Day: *“Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; 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 *“Shout to the Lord”* BOB 198

Children’s Message *“Feed My Lambs”* chorus only BOB 55

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:4-15

And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?” It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Please Stand
Verse

“Speak, O Lord”

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Luke, the 2nd chapter (40-52)

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn

Please Stand

Apostles’ Creed

Offering Hymn

Prayers of the Church

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Agnus Dei

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymns

“I Love to Tell the Story”

LBW 390

“Give Thanks”

LBW p. 65

BOB 65

“Remember Me”

BOB 188

“Grace Alone”

BOB 77

“There Is a Redeemer”

BOB 211

LBW p. 72

Post-Communion Canticle

Please Stand

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Bright and Glorious Is the Sky”

LBW 75

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

C: Here am I, send me!

Pianist: Vicki Strege

Lector: Maggie Kruger

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Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (01/04) 8:45 Sunday School
 9:00 Coffee Fellowship
 10:00 Worship/Communion

WEDNESDAY (01/07) 3:30 Confirmation
 3:30 Dynamic Disciples

THURSDAY (01/08) 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship

SUNDAY (01/11) 8:45 Sunday School
 9:00 Coffee Fellowship
 10:00 Worship/Chapel Communion

Announcements

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.

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

January 5 **Education Meeting at 4:00**
January 6 **Impact the World Committee at 10:00**
January 7 **LWLW Quarterly Meeting at 6:30**
January 14 **Council Meeting at 5:30**
January 19 **Newsletter Items Due**



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 January will go to Principal Dan Snaza to be used for student incidental needs at Milbank High School.



The total collected in the month of December for Visiting Neighbors was \$411.00.

Servant Team

February 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**

Anderson, Paul & Jen
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Loeschke, Mark & Darla
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Prisinger, Dale & Linda

Redepenning, Doug & Annette
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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