

10:00 WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 18, 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

“How Good, Lord, to be Here!”

LBW 89

Greeting and Response—Psalm 40

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 waited patiently for the Lord;

C: he inclined to me and heard my cry.

P: He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,

C: and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

P: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

C: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

P: Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust,

C: who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

P: You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

C: I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

P: In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear.

C: Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

P: Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

C: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

P: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

C: behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

P: I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

C: I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

P: As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me;

C: your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

Prayer of the Day: *“Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.*

Praise Song

“Lamb of God”

BOB 139

Children’s Message

“Feed My Lambs” chorus only

BOB 55

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God.” And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please Stand

Verse

“Thy Word”

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to John, the 1st chapter (29-42)
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

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

Sermon

Sermon Hymn Please Stand	<i>“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”</i>	LBW 458
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Apostles’ Creed		LBW p. 65
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Offering Hymn	<i>“Give Thanks”</i>	BOB 65
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Prayers of the Church Lord’s Prayer Please Stand		LBW p. 71
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Benediction

Closing Hymn	<i>“Here I Am, Lord”</i>	BOB 86
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P: The Lord asks, “Whom shall I send?”
C: **Here am I, send me!**

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer
Lector: Sandy Christensen

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Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (01/18) 8:45 Sunday School
 9:00 Coffee Fellowship
 9:00 February Servant Team Meets
 9:15 Altar Guild Meeting
 10:00 Worship

MONDAY (01/19) Newsletter Items Due

TUESDAY (01/20) 9:00 Faith Circle
 7:00 Love Circle

WEDNESDAY (01/21) 3:30 Confirmation
 3:30 Dynamic Disciples
 5:15 Game Night

THURSDAY (01/22) 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship

SUNDAY (01/25) 8:45 Sunday School
 9:00 Coffee Fellowship
 10:00 Worship

Announcements

Prayers for Dave Hepper, Shirley Kindt, Jenna Johnson, Hailey Heinje, Keaton Johnson, Bob Hornstein, Myles Maas, Jon Liebe, Karen Hallquist, Bob Johnson, and Heather Dorsey.

Dynamic Disciples are looking for helpers from January 28 through March 25. Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall if you are interested.

Call Committee would like your input as to what is important to you as we call a new pastor to our church. Please complete the survey included in the bulletin and place the completed form in the box in the fellowship hall by Sunday, January 25, 2026.

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 19** **Newsletter Items Due**
- January 21** **Church Game Night at 5:15. See insert for details.**
- April 18** **Augustana District's Men's Gathering in
Hutchinson, MN. Watch for more information.**



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 to date is \$89.00.



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)

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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

Fairway View-Granite View: Bob Hornstein