

10:00 WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 25, 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**

*“Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult”*

LBW 494

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 27**

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 Lord is my light and my salvation;

**C: whom shall I fear?**

P: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

**C: of whom shall I be afraid?**

P: When evildoers assail me

**C: to eat up my flesh,**

P: my adversaries and foes,

**C: it is they who stumble and fall.**

P: Though an army encamp against me,

**C: my heart shall not fear;**

P: though war arise against me,

**C: yet I will be confident.**

P: One thing have I asked of the Lord,

**C: that will I seek after:**

P: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord

**C: all the days of my life,**

P: to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord

**C: and to inquire in his temple.**

P: For he will hide me in his shelter

**C: in the day of trouble;**

P: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

**C: he will lift me high upon a rock.**

P: And now my head shall be lifted up

**C: above my enemies all around me,**

P: and I will offer in his tent

**C: sacrifices with shouts of joy;**

P: I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;

**C: be gracious to me and answer me!**

P: You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you,

**C: “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Hide not your face from me.**

P: Turn not your servant away in anger,

**C: O you who have been my help.**

P: Cast me not off; forsake me not,

**C: O God of my salvation!**

**Prayer of the Day:** *“Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen*

**Praise Song**

*“Fear Not”*

BOB 54

**Special Music**

Sunday School Children

**First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4**

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the

gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Please Stand**  
**Verse**

*“Speak, O Lord”*

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Matthew, the 4th chapter (12-25)

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

Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

<b>Sermon Hymn</b>	<i>“Softly and Tenderly”</i>	RED 301
<b>Please Stand</b>		
<b>Apostles’ Creed</b>		LBW p. 65
<b>Offering Hymn</b>	<i>“Praise and Thanksgiving”</i> vs. 1,3	LBW 409
<b>Prayers of the Church</b>		
<b>Lord’s Prayer</b>		LBW p. 71
<b>Please Stand</b>		
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>“The Church’s One Foundation”</i>	LBW 369

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

**C: Here am I, send me!**

Pianist: Bob Frink

Lector: Jan Beck

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## Living Word's Calendar

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SUNDAY (01/25)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship
TUESDAY (01/27)	9:00	Quilting
WEDNESDAY (01/28)	3:30	Confirmation
	3:30	Dynamic Disciples
THURSDAY (01/29)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
SUNDAY (02/01)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship/Communion

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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, Jon Liebe, Karen Hallquist, Bob Johnson, and Heather Dorsey.

**Youth currently in grades 7-12** who want to join youth group, please contact Laura Dallman. Our next event is coming up!

**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.

**Living Word Warriors** will have their quilts on display the first Sunday in February. They will begin selling raffle tickets the second Sunday of February. Find a team member to purchase your chance to win. Tickets are \$10 each and give you a chance to win cash or quilts. Thank you for your support thus far in the year. The Dallman girls are still offering their goodies. Josie has gifts in a jar and Amelia has kitchen towels. If you are interested, reach out to them or visit LW Warriors' facebook page as there are albums posted with options. The team has coffee cups and other goodies posted on their page as well.

**New Member Sunday** is approaching. If you are interested in becoming a member of Living Word, please contact Pastor Melanie or the church office.

**Contribution Statements for 2025** are available for pickup in the fellowship hall.

**Items for Hygiene Kits** are being collected by the women of the church. Needed items are listed on the baskets in the fellowship hall.



## Mark Your Calendars

- February 16** Presidents' Day—Church and Office closed
- February 18** Ash Wednesday Lenten Service with communion at 6:30 p.m.
- February 22** Puzzle Mania Party at 5:00 p.m.
- 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 \$147.00.



## 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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Steltz, Joel  
Vostad, Gene & Susan  
Weber, Colby  
Weber, Don & Carol

## Welcome Visitors

**Welcome visitors.** Please sign our guest book located in the fellowship hall. Thank you for worshipping 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