

10:00 WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 1, 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**

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

LBW 415

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 15**

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: O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?

**C: Who shall dwell on your holy hill?**

P: He who walks blamelessly and does what is right

**C: and speaks truth in his heart;**

P: who does not slander with his tongue

**C: and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend;**

P: in whose eyes a vile person is despised,

**C: but who honors those who fear the Lord;**

P: who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

**C: who does not put out his money at interest**

P: and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

**C: He who does these things shall never be moved.**

**Prayer of the Day: “O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.” Amen**

**Praise Song**

*“Blest Are They”* vs. 1-4

WOV 764

**Children’s Message**

*“Feed My Lambs”* chorus only

BOB 55

**First Reading: Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.” “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

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. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**Please Stand**

**Verse**

*“Alleluia. Lord, To Whom Shall We Go?”*

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Matthew, the 5th chapter

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



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## 2025 LWLC Council Contacts

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## Living Word's Calendar

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SUNDAY (02/01)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship/Communion
WEDNESDAY (02/04)	3:30	Confirmation
	3:30	Dynamic Disciples
THURSDAY (02/05)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
SUNDAY (02/08)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship
	11:00	Chapel 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 through March 25. Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall if you are interested.

**Living Word Warriors** have their quilts on display today. They will begin selling raffle tickets next Sunday, February 8. 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.

**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 for the month of February is designated for Call to Freedom. This nonprofit based in Sioux Falls provides comprehensive support for human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation survivors.



Noisy Change collected in the month of January for MHS incidental needs for students totaled \$235.00.

## Servant Team

**March 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**

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## 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