

10:00 WORSHIP  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 8, 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**

*“O God of Mercy, God of Light”*

LBW 425

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 112**

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: Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,

**C: who greatly delights in his commandments!**

P: His offspring will be mighty in the land;

**C: the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

P: Wealth and riches are in his house,

**C: and his righteousness endures forever.**

P: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;

**C: he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

P: It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;

**C: who conducts his affairs with justice.**

P: For the righteous will never be moved;

**C: he will be remembered forever.**

P: He is not afraid of bad news;

**C: his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.**

P: His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,

**C: until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

P: He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;

**C: his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.**

**Prayer of the Day:** *“Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen*

**Praise Song**

*“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

BOB 115

**Children’s Message**

*“Feed My Lambs”* chorus only

BOB 55

**First Reading: Isaiah 58:3-9a**

‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16**

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.



---

## 2025 LWLC Council Contacts

---

President: Jackie Olson

Vice President: David Kruger

Secretary: Julie Berger

Treasurer/Finance: Shannon Vietmeier

Youth & Education: Laurie Maas

Sharon Hyde

Worship & Evangelism: Deb Buttke

David Kruger

Property Management: Tim DeJong

Kyle Schwandt

Newsletter: Nancy Kruger

Email: [livingword@itcmilbank.com](mailto:livingword@itcmilbank.com)

Website: [livingwordmilbank.com](http://livingwordmilbank.com)

---

## Living Word Lutheran Women Officers

---

Coordinator: Sandy Christensen

Vice-Coordinator: Teri Hjelle

Secretary: Lori Kasuske

Treasurer: Annette Redepenning

Mission Action: Gloria Cooley

Mission Growth: Linda Wagner

Mission Community: Marcia Heinje

Advisor: Brenda Seehafer

Pastor: Melanie Reiners

---

## Living Word's Calendar

---

SUNDAY (today)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship
	11:00	Chapel Communion
TUESDAY (02/10)	9:00	Quilting
WEDNESDAY (02/11)		<b>No Confirmation</b>
		<b>No Dynamic Disciples</b>
	5:30	Council
THURSDAY (02/12)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
SUNDAY (02/15)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	9:00	Servant Team
	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, Heather Zimny, 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** are selling raffle tickets today. 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 20** Newsletter items due
- 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. The total collected to date is \$125.00.



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**

Anderson, Ronald & Linda  
Christensen, Roger  
Grimley, Carol  
Hedge, Kevin & Vicky  
Hippen, Susan  
Hjelle, Erik & Teri  
Kalber, Lenore  
Kloster, Ed & Barb  
Letze, Janice

Maas, Scott & Laurie  
Norris, Lois  
Reede, Moe & Rochelle  
Taylor, LaDonna  
Varpness, Angela  
Vietmeier, Kristopher & Shannon  
Willprecht, Eileen  
Zeigler, Harold & Beverly

## 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