

10:00 WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
FEBRUARY 22, 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**

*“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

LBW 104

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 32**

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: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

**C: whose sin is covered.**

P: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

**C: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

**C: through my groaning all day long.**

P: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

**C: my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

P: I acknowledged my sin to you,

**C: and I did not cover my iniquity;**

P: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”

**C: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Therefore let everyone who is godly

**C: offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;**

P: surely in the rush of great waters,

**C: they shall not reach him.**

P: You are a hiding place for me;

**C: you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**Prayer of the Day:** *“O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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**

*“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”*

WOV 783

**Children’s Message**

*“Feed My Lambs”* chorus only

BOB 55

**First Reading: Genesis 3:1-21**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

**Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those

whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**Please Stand  
Verse**

*“Ancient Words”*

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

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

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.” Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Sermon Hymn**

*“On Eagle’s Wings”*

BOB 176

**Please Stand**

**Apostles’ Creed**

LBW p. 65

**Offering Hymn**

*“Create in Me”*

LBW p. 75

**Prayers of the Church**

**Lord’s Prayer**

LBW p. 71

**Please Stand**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

LBW 229

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

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

Pianist: Bob Frink

Lector: Lori Kasuske

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## Living Word's Calendar

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SUNDAY (today)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship
	5:00	Puzzle Mania Event
TUESDAY (2/24)	9:00	Quilting
WEDNESDAY (2/25)	3:30	Confirmation
	3:30	Dynamic Disciples
	5:30	Lenten Meal (Pork Loin)
	6:30	Lenten Worship
THURSDAY (2/26)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
SUNDAY (3/1)	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, Bob Johnson, Heather Zimny, and Heather Dorsey.

**Midweek Lenten Offerings** will go to the Impact the World fund.

**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 for \$10 each and give you a chance to win cash or quilts. The Dallman girls are still offering gifts in a jar and kitchen towels for sale. If you are interested, reach out to them or visit LW Warriors' facebook page as there are albums posted with options. Thank you for your support.

**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

- March 4** 5:30 Lenten Meal; 6:30 Lenten Worship (barbeques)  
**March 11** 5:30 Lenten Meal; 6:30 Lenten Worship (roast beef)  
**March 18** 5:30 Lenten Meal; 6:30 Lenten Worship (pulled pork)  
**March 25** 5:30 Lenten Meal; 6:30 Lenten Worship (ham)  
**April 9** 4:00-5:30 p.m. Grief Share (13 weeks) led by Jody Kuper  
**April 15** 5:30 MCF Children's Choir with a light meal to follow  
**April 18** Augustana District's 1st Men's Gathering  
**Christ the King Lutheran, Hutchinson, MN.**  
 "Prodigal: The Road Home"  
 Registration Deadline: April 4, 2026  
 (Brochures are available on the table in the back)
- April 25** Augustana District's Annual Convention  
**Mt. Carmel, Alexandria, MN**  
 Registration Deadline: Before Holy Week



## 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 \$590.50



## 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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## 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