

10:00 WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 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**

*“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”*

LBW 93

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 121**

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 lift up my eyes to the hills.

**C: From where does my help come?**

P: My help comes from the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: He will not let your foot be moved;

**C: he who keeps you will not slumber.**

P: Behold, he who keeps Israel

**C: will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P: The Lord is your keeper;

**C: the Lord is your shade on your right hand.**

P: The sun shall not strike you by day,

**C: nor the moon by night.**

P: The Lord will keep you from all evil;

**C: he will keep your life.**

P: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

**C: from this time forth and forevermore.**

**Prayer of the Day:** *“Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” Amen*

**Praise Song**

*“Above All”*

BOB 9

**Children’s Message**

*“Feed My Lambs”* chorus only

BOB 55

**First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9**

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

**Second Reading: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17**

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Please Stand**

**Verse**

*“Speak, O Lord”*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

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

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

<b>Sermon</b>		
<b>Sermon Hymn</b>	<i>"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"</i>	LBW 315
<b>Please Stand</b>		
<b>Apostles' Creed</b>		LBW p. 65
<b>Offering Hymn</b>	<i>"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	LBW 564
<b>Prayers of the Church</b>		
<b>Great Thanksgiving</b>		LBW p. 69
<b>Words of Institution</b>		LBW p. 69
<b>Lord's Prayer</b>		LBW p. 71
<b>Agnus Dei</b>		LBW p. 92
<b>Distribution of Communion</b>		
<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<i>"Let Us Break Bread Together"</i>	LBW 212
	<i>"Lamb of God"</i>	BOB 139
	<i>"Bind Us Together"</i>	WOV 748
	<i>"What Will You Do with Jesus?"</i>	RED 223
		LBW p.72
<b>Post-Communion Canticle</b>		
<b>Please Stand</b>		
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	LBW 532

P: The Lord asks, "Whom shall I send?"  
 C: Here am I, send me!

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer  
 Lector: Roger Christensen

10:00 WORSHIP  
 SECOND SUNDAY  
 IN LENT  
 MARCH 1, 2026



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## Living Word's Calendar

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SUNDAY (today)	8:45	Sunday School
	8:45	First Communion Class
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship/Communion
WEDNESDAY (3/4)	3:30	Confirmation
	3:30	Dynamic Disciples
	5:30	Lenten Meal (barbecues)
	6:30	Lenten Worship
THURSDAY (3/5)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
SUNDAY (3/8)	<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</b>	
	8:45	Sunday School
	8:45	First Communion Class
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship
	11:00	Chapel Communion

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## Announcements

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**Prayers** for Shirley Kindt, Jenna Johnson, Hailey Heinje, Keaton Johnson, Bob Hornstein, Myles Maas, Jon Liebe, Bob Johnson, Heather Zimny, and Heather Dorsey.

**Radio Broadcast** is sponsored today in memory of Dave Hepper.

**Sympathy and prayers** to the family of Dave Hepper. Dave's Celebration of Life was held here on Friday.

**Meals on Wheels** drivers are needed for the month of April. Signup sheets are in the fellowship hall. Please contact the church office with any questions you may have regarding the delivery of meals.

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

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

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

**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. If you are interested, reach out to them or visit the LW Warriors' facebook page.



## Mark Your Calendars

- 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 March is designated to go to the Alpha Center. This nonprofit based in Sioux Falls provides a wide range of services to women and men involved in an unexpected pregnancy. The goal is to provide positive alternatives with practical support.



Noisy Change collected in the month of February for Call to Freedom totaled \$660.80.

## Servant Team

**April 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