

10:00 WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 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

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

LBW 415

Greeting and Response—Psalm 95

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: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

C: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

C: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

P: For the Lord is a great God,

C: and a great King above all gods.

P: In his hand are the depths of the earth;

C: the heights of the mountains are his also.

P: The sea is his, for he made it,

C: and his hands formed the dry land.

P: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

C: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

P: For he is our God,

C: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

P: Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,

C: as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

P: when your fathers put me to the test

C: and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

Prayer of the Day: *“Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; 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

“The Lamb” vs 1-4

BOB 210

Children’s Message

“Feed My Lambs” chorus only

BOB 55

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Please Stand

Verse

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

LBW 239

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is

saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the town and were coming to him. Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

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

Sermon

Sermon Hymn	<i>"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"</i> vs. 1,2,4,6	LBW 456
Please Stand		
Apostles' Creed		LBW p. 65
Offering Hymn	<i>"Take My Life, that I May Be"</i> vs. 1,4	LBW 406
Prayers of the Church		
Lord's Prayer		LBW p. 71
Please Stand		
Benediction		
Closing Hymn	<i>"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"</i>	LBW 448

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

Pianist: Bob Frink
Lector: Rochelle Reede

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Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (today)	8:45	Sunday School/1st Communion Class
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship
	11:00	Chapel Communion
TUESDAY (03/10)	9:00	Quilting
	1:00	Impact Meeting
WEDNESDAY (3/11)		NO DYNAMIC DISCIPLES
	3:30	Confirmation
	5:30	Lenten Meal (roast beef)
	6:30	Lenten Worship
	7:15	Council Meeting
THURSDAY (3/12)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
SUNDAY (3/15)	8:45	Sunday School/1st Communion Class
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	9:00	April Servant Team meets
	10:00	Worship

Announcements

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

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.

Living Word Warriors are selling the annual merchant tickets, luminary bags, and quilt/cash tickets today. If you are interested, please contact a team member.

"What About Me?" A new Bible study coming soon. More information and a signup sheet in the fellowship hall.

Vespers, Sunday, March 15, at 2:30 p.m. Anyone interested in singing or playing piano for a couple hours, please contact Pastor Melanie.

Do you have any suggestions or are you willing to review the **Church Website**? Please contact the church office.

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.



Mark Your Calendars

- March 17** 1:30 **Women's Connection** at Central Church
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**

Berdan, Daniel & Rachel
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 Kiefer, Karen
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 Weber, Kyle & Gretchen

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