

10:00 WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 15, 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

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

RED 365

Greeting and Response—Psalm 142

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: With my voice I cry out to the Lord;

C: with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.

P: I pour out my complaint before him;

C: I tell my trouble before him.

P: When my spirit faints within me,

C: you know my way!

P: In the path where I walk

C: they have hidden a trap for me.

P: Look to the right and see:

C: there is none who takes notice of me;

P: no refuge remains to me;

C: no one cares for my soul.

P: I cry to you, O Lord;

C: I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

P: Attend to my cry,

C: for I am brought very low!

P: Deliver me from my persecutors,

C: for they are too strong for me!

P: Bring me out of prison,

C: that I may give thanks to your name!

P: The righteous will surround me,

C: for you will deal bountifully with me.

Prayer of the Day: *“God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; 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

“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 42:14-21

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.” Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Please Stand

Verse

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

LBW 102

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to John, the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the

mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him.") So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

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

Sermon		
Sermon Hymn	<i>"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"</i>	WOV 731
Please Stand		
Apostles' Creed		LBW p. 65
Offering Hymn	<i>"Give Thanks"</i>	BOB 65
Prayers of the Church		
Lord's Prayer		LBW p. 71
Please Stand		
Benediction		
Closing Hymn	<i>"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"</i>	LBW 320

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

Pianist: Vicki Strege

Lector: Kris Vietmeier

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 FOURTH SUNDAY
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Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (today)	8:45	Sunday School/1st Communion Class
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	9:00	April Servant Team meets
	10:00	Worship
TUESDAY (03/17)	9:00	Faith Circle meets
	7:00	Love Circle meets
WEDNESDAY (3/18)		NO DYNAMIC DISCIPLES
	3:30	Confirmation
	5:30	Lenten Meal (pulled pork)
	6:30	Lenten Worship
THURSDAY (3/19)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
SUNDAY (3/22)	8:45	Sunday School/1st Communion Class
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship

Announcements

Prayers for Shirley Kindt, Jenna Johnson, Hailey Heinje, Keaton Johnson, Bob Hornstein, Myles Maas, Jon Liebe, Bob Johnson, Heather Zimny, Bruce Larson, 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. If you are interested, contact a team member.

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

Vespers Today 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.

Dynamic Disciples are looking for helpers on March 25. Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall if you are interested.



Mark Your Calendars

- March 17** 1:30 **Women's Connection** at Central Church
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. The total collected to date is \$364.23.



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