



January 21, 2024

A Special Message to First-Time Visitors

We are delighted to have you with us today! Here are a few things you might want to know as you prepare for worship.

We love to see children at worship and welcome them in the sanctuary. There are activity bags available in the hallway for them should they become restless. We also have a nursery located in the wing opposite the sanctuary staffed by two capable, loving young women.

The restrooms are located just outside the hallway leading to the sanctuary, with a wheelchair/handicap accessible restroom down the hall. If you need help finding any of these, please ask an usher.

We have a "Welcome" packet for you with more information about Living Word Lutheran Church.

At the beginning of the service, the ushers distribute red pads for all in attendance to complete. Please complete the form so we can provide a more personal ministry.

Prayer request cards are included for you to fill out and place in the plate when offering is taken. The pastor will

then, with your permission, share the concern and pray for your need during the prayer time.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday to all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You are invited to commune with us. The dark red liquid is wine and the lighter colored liquid is grape juice.

We welcome the opportunity to visit with you. Please join us for coffee & cookies immediately following the service.

Your presence today is a blessing. May our collective worship be acceptable and pleasing to God, our Father.

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Usher
Valerie Claiborne
Security
Bill Zavadil
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Dick Schmidt
Communion Assistant
Sharlene Parker
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Nancy Martin/Lorraine Stargel
Coffee Hour
Heidi Sturdivant/Toni Sherman
Flowers
TBD
Tellers
Judy Krumwiede/Linda Kupka
Sharlene Parker
Julian Estates Worship Leaders
Jeff DeBord/Ron Heilman
Bonaventure
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Usher
Toni Sherman
Security
Bob Martin
Sound System
Bill Zavadil
Lector
TBD
Communion Assistant
Lorraine Stargel
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Lorraine Stargel/Ardis Kilber
Coffee Hour
Carol Brennan/Valerie Claiborne
Flowers
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Order of Worship
January 21, 2024, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Pastor Eric Lundberg

Abbreviations: LBW-Green Hymnal, HWC-Light Blue Hymnal WOV-Dark Blue Hymnal ESV English Standard Version R: Reader C: Congregation P: Pastor

*Please remember to silence all electronic devices upon entering the sanctuary.
Before the service we talk to God. During the service God talks to us.
After the service, we talk to each other.*

Pastor's Corner

Good Morning and Welcome to Living Word!

I am so glad that you are here worshipping with us this morning. We worship and serve a holy and eternal God. Revelation 4:8 give us a glimpse of the worship service that is going on in Heaven: "And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, 'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!'" This morning, we are echoing this statement with all we do in our service. We sing, we confess, we declare, we read scripture, and we listen to God's Word directly to us. We are very close to eternity this morning and in fact, we are joining with all the angels in heaven, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ across the globe, to worship and reverence our great God. Will you join with us today?

Thank you for coming and may God visit you with His presence!

Pastor Eric Lundberg

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MISSION STATEMENT

"We, God's people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ."

Living Word is affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

Our worship begins with background music about five minutes before the stated start time.
Please take this opportunity to find a seat and quietly prepare your heart for worship.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude (our guest pianist today is Maryn Clegg)

Praise Song

“Holy Forever”

Led by Naomi Lundberg

Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb,
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Your name is the highest,
Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.

And the angels cry, “Holy.”
All creation cries, “Holy.”
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.

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Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

And the angels cry, “Holy.”
All creation cries, “Holy.”
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.

Hear Your people sing, “Holy,”
To the King of Kings, “Holy.”
You will always be Holy, Holy forever.

Your name is the highest,
Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
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Verse 1

Praise to the Father for his loving-kindness,
Tenderly caring for his erring children;
Praise him, all angels; Praise him in the heavens;
Praise to the Father!

Verse 2

Praise to the Savior for his deep compassion,
Graciously caring for his chosen people;
Young men and women, aging folk and children,
Praise to the Savior!

Verse 3

Praise to the Spirit, comforter of Israel,
Sent from the Father and the Son to bless us!
Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
Praise to the triune God!

Prayer of the Day (all pray) **Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Worship with Confession

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness (Psalm 130)

P: We begin our time of worship in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our redeemer and the Holy Spirit our sustainer of life, Amen.

P: Out of the depths, we cry out to You, Oh Lord. Oh Lord hear our voice. Let Your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy. If You, Oh Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are to be feared.

C: **Oh Lord hear our cry.**

P: God promises to hear our prayers and to never forsake us. Trust that our cries to God are heard by Him and that, in the name of Jesus, reconciliation will happen. Let’s take some time to cry out to God asking for forgiveness, trusting that God is waiting to hear from you.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: Oh Lord...

C: **We wait for You, our souls wait for You, and in Your Word we put our hope. Our souls wait for You, Oh Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Oh Lord hear our prayer and forgive us our sins for we know that in You there is mercy; in You there is hope; in You there is life. Hear our cries and grant us Your grace in the name of Your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: We have cried out to the Lord and the Lord has heard our prayers. Oh people of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love. And with Him, is full redemption. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, and by his authority, I declare onto you the complete forgiveness of all your sins. Rejoice and be glad for we have a God who loves us and wants to spend eternity with us. Praise be to God, Amen.

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Jonah, the 3rd Chapter verses 1-5,10 (ESV)

3 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." 3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet

forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" 5 And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

(R: The Word of the Lord) **C: Thanks be to God**

This reading is from Psalm 62:5-12 (ESV) (responsive)

Reader: 5 For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

Congregation: 6 **He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

R: 7 On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

C: 8 **Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.**

R: 9 Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

C: 10 **Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

R: 11 Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

C: 12 **and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.**

(Here ends this reading)

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostle's Creed

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Announcements

(Please stand for the reading of the Scripture lesson)

The Scripture Reading is from Genesis 15:1-16 (ESV).

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." **2** But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" **3** And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." **4** And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." **5** And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." **6** And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

7 And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." **8** But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" **9** He said to him, "Bring me a heifer

three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." **10** And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. **11** And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. **13** Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. **14** But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. **15** As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. **16** And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

Offering Hymn *(please stand)*

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Prayers of the Church

The LORD's Prayer (spoken)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction (*please stand*)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

On Our Way Rejoicing

Closing Hymn

“Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult”

LBW 494

Verse 1

Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult
Of our life’s wild, restless sea,
Day by day his clear voice sounding,
Saying, “Christian, follow me.”

Verse 3

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world’s golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, “Christian, love me more.”

Verse 2

As of old St. Andrew heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
Leaving all for his dear sake.

Verse 4

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
“Christian, love me more than these.”

Verse 5

Jesus calls us! In your mercy,
Savior, make us hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience,
Serve and love you best of all.

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Musician: Mary Kaye Owen

Choir Director: Dan Owen

We Worship By How We Live During the Week

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!
If you are a visitor, we are blessed that you have joined us for worship.
Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us!