



January 28, 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.

January 28, 2024

- Usher**
Toni Sherman
- Security**
Bob Martin
- Sound System**
Bill Zavadil
- Lector**
Dan Owen
- Communion Assistant**
Lorraine Stargel
- Communion Set-up/clean-up**
Lorraine Stargel/Ardis Kilber
- Coffee Hour**
Carol Brennan/Valerie Claiborne
- Flowers**
Bob and Nancy Martin
- Tellers**
Judy Krumwiede/Linda Kupka
Sharlene Parker
- Julian Estates Worship Leaders**
Sharlene Parker/Ron Heilman
- Bonaventure**
Ron Heilman

February 4, 2024

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Order of Worship

**January 28, 2024, 4th 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, Living Word!

I am so grateful that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. This morning, in addition to our worship with song, confession, declaration and communion, we are going to engage with the vision and direction that God has for our church in 2024 and the season ahead. As we look at the life of Abraham, we realize that we need to be setting godly standards in our life of obedience, faith, commitment, discipleship, devotion and the like that will sustain us as we follow hard after God.

Let's enter into the presence of God this morning in Spirit and in Truth. Let's surrender our minds, our hearts, our preferences and our intentions to the Lord and allow Him to lead us into a place of intimacy with Him.

So great to see you this morning!
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.”

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

Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Bob and Nancy Martin with thanks for all God's blessings.

Prelude

"I Believe in Miracles"

John W Peterson

Praise Song

"Holy Forever"

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.

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Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
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You will always be Holy, Holy forever,

Opening Hymn *(please stand)*

“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”

Chorus 1

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord most high
(REPEAT)

Verse

The name of the Lord is a strong tower
The righteous run into it and they are safe
The name of the Lord is a strong tower
The righteous run into it and they are safe

Chorus 2

Holy is the name of the Lord
Holy is the name of the Lord
Holy is the name of the Lord most high
(REPEAT)

Chorus 3

Glory to the name of the Lord
Glory to the name of the Lord
Glory to the name of the Lord most high
(REPEAT)

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Prayer of the Day (all pray): **O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your son our Lord.**

We Worship with Confession

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: 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: *(Facing altar which symbolizes God's presence):* 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: *(Facing the congregation, declares God's grace):* 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.

All: Praise the LORD!

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Hebrews 11:8-12 (ESV)

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is

God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 111 (ESV) (responsive)

Reader: ¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Congregation: ² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

R: ³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

C: ⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

R: ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

C: ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

R: ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

C: ⁸ they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

R: ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

C: ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

(R: Here ends this reading)

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles' 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 17:1-9 (ESV).

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴ "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and

you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸ And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

⁹ And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations."

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

"I Just Keep Trusting My Lord"

John W Peterson

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

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God"

Verse 1

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Chorus

Oh, Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh, wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Verse 2

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Verse 3

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God **(Chorus)**

“There’s Power In The Blood”

HWC 191

Verse 1

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There’s pow’r in the blood, pow’r in the blood;
Would you o’er evil a victory win?
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood.

Refrain

There is pow’r, (there is) pow’r, wonder-working pow’r
In the blood (In the blood) of the Lamb (of the lamb);
There is pow’r, (there is) pow’r, wonder-working pow’r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Verse 2

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There’s pow’r in the blood, pow’r in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary’s tide?
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood. **Refrain**

Verse 3

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There’s pow’r in the blood, pow’r in the blood;
Sin-stains are lost in its life-giving flow;
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood. **Refrain**

Verse 4

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There’s pow’r in the blood, pow’r in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood. **Refrain**

“Only By The Blood Of The Lamb”

Chorus

Only by the blood of the Lamb
Only by the blood of the Lamb
We've overcome
In His grace we now stand
Only by the blood of the Lamb
(REPEAT)

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“White As Snow”

Verse

White as snow, white as snow,
Though my sins were as scarlet;
Lord, I know, Lord, I know,
That I'm clean and forgiven.

Chorus

Through the power of Your blood,
Through the wonder of Your love,
Through faith in You I know
That I can be - white as snow.

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Prayers of the Church

The LORD's Prayer

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

"He Keeps Me Singing"

HWC 488

Verse 1

There's within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low.
"Fear not, I am with thee peace, be still,"
In all of life's ebb and flow. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Feasting on the riches of His grace,
Resting 'neath His shelt'ring wing,
Always looking on His smiling face
That is why I shout and sing. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.

Verse 4

Tho sometimes He leads thru waters deep.
Trials fall across the way,
Tho sometimes the path seems rough and steep,
See His footprints all the way. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,
Discord filled my heart with pain;
Jesus swept across the broken strings,
Stirr'd the slumb'ring chords again. **(Refrain)**

Verse 5

Soon He's coming back to welcome me
Far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown,
I shall reign with Him on high. **(Refrain)**

Message – Final Thoughts

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!***

Worship Assistants for February 2024

*Please note: If you are unable to meet your commitment, please switch dates with someone.
inform your coordinator and Office.*

Coordinators	February 4	February 11	Ash Wednesday February 14	February 18	Soup Supper February 22	February 25	Soup Supper February 29
USHER/ *SECURITY Don Brennan	Lorraine Stargel Tony Deas	Judy Williams *Dennis Krumwiede	Toni Sherman *Dennis Krumwiede	Carol Brennan *Don Brennan	*Tony Deas	Sharlene Parker *Ron Johnson	*Bob Martin
LECTOR Dan Owen	Linda Deas	Dan Owen		Sharon Johnson		Heidi Sturdivant	
SOUND SYSTEM Ron Johnson	Ron Johnson	Troy Turner	Ron Johnson	Bill Zavadil	Troy Turner	Bill Zavadil	Ron Johnson
COFFEE HOUR Sharlene Parker	Judy Krumwiede Linda Kupka	Kaye Sims Nancy Martin		Heidi Sturdivant Lorraine Stargel		Judy Williams Mary Vollmer	
FLOWERS	Ron & Sharon Johnson	Dennis & Judy Krumwiede		Lent – no flowers		Lent – no flowers	
COMMUNION ASST. Ardis Kilber	Sharlene Parker	Sharlene Parker		Nancy Martin		Lorraine Stargel	
COMMUNION Set-up/Clean up Ardis Kilber	Yvonne Olson Sue Fields	Lorraine Stargel Ardis Kilber		Carol Brennan Ardis Kilber		Nancy Martin Lorraine Stargel	
JULIAN ESTATES WORSHIP LEADERS Ron Heilman	Ron Heilman	Ron & Sharon Johnson		Mike & Gayla Fenimore		Tony & Linda Deas	
BONAVENTURE WORSHIP LEADERS Ron Heilman	Ron Heilman	Ron & Sharon Johnson		Ron Heilman		Ron Heilman	

*Security

Because the Worship Assistant schedule changes frequently, what is printed may not be the most accurate information. We apologize for any inconvenience.