



**February 18, 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.

**February 18, 2024**

**Usher**

Sharlene Parker

**Security**

Don Brennan

**Sound System**

Bill Zavadil

**Lector**

Sharon Johnson/Claire DeBord

**Communion Assistant**

Nancy Martin

**Communion Set-up/clean-up**

Carol Brennan/Ardis Kilber

**Coffee Hour**

Heidi Sturdivant/Lorraine Stargel

**Flowers**

\*\*\* no flowers during lent \*\*\*

**Tellers**

Judy Krumwiede/Linda Kupka

Sharlene Parker

**Julian Estates Worship Leaders**

Mike & Gayla Fenimore

**Bonaventure**

Ron Heilman

**February 25, 2024**

**Usher**

Carol Brennan

**Security**

Ron Johnson

**Sound System**

Troy Turner

**Lector**

Heidi Sturdivant/Mae Mullin

**Communion Assistant**

Lorraine Stargel

**Communion Set-up/clean-up**

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**Order of Worship**

February 18, 2024, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

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 chose to worship with us this morning. We are spending this Lent season doing a spiritual assessment of our walks with the Lord. I feel that we, as Christians, can get very comfortable with our faith and fall out of step with an active and advancing God. The church was not designed to stay still-we are designed to advance. As we enter worship this morning, let's allow our hearts and minds to be open to the Holy Spirit. Let's allow him to point out things in our lives that do not belong and surrender those things to him. The presence of God is very near-He desires to be with us. Lent is all about removing the mess we created in our own hearts, so that he can replace that with his plan, purpose and righteousness!

God Bless You!

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."

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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** "Jesus Has Loved Me" arr. LaRowe

**Praise Song** "We Are Here to Praise You"

### Chorus

We are here to praise You  
Lift our hearts and sing  
We are here to give You  
The best that we can bring

### Verse 1

And it is our love  
Rising from our hearts  
Ev'rything within us cries  
Abba Father

### Verse 2

Help us now to give You  
Pleasure and delight  
Heart and mind and will that say  
I love You Lord

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**Opening Hymn** (*please stand*) "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" HWC 410

### Verse 1

My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
Take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!

### Verse 2

May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;  
As Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!

### Verse 3

While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.

### Verse 4

When end life's passing dream,  
When death's cold, threatening stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love,  
Fear and distrust remove;  
O lift me safe above,  
A ransomed soul!

**Prayer of the Day** (all pray): O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Choir** "Create in Me" John Purifoy

## We Worship with Confession

Confession and Forgiveness (Psalm 51)

**P:** We come to this moment of confession in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen!**

**P:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses. **C: Wash us from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sins.**

**P:** You, O God, know our sin. Nothing is hidden from You. Therefore, You are justified when You speak, and You are right when You judge.

**C: Make us pure, O God. Wash our slate clean. Turn from our sin and remember it no more.**

**P:** Hide Your face from our sins. Grant us mercy, even though we are unworthy.

**C: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence and please do not take Your Holy Spirit away from us.**

**P:** Give us the joy of Your saving help and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses.**

**P:** Let us take some time to confess our sins before God.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

**P:** Almighty God...

**C: We have fallen short of Your glory. We have done things with which You are not well pleased. We have failed to do things that would have helped our neighbor. We confess that sin has come between You and us. O God, We come before You now in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior to ask for Your forgiveness and a cleansing of our hearts. Hear our prayer. We want to be in a right relationship with You. Please remove all those things that we allow to get in the way. We are sorry for what we have done. We humbly come before You with our confessions and thanksgiving. Amen**

**P:** People of God, you have made confession of your sins before the Lord. Therefore, you are promised forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. So, by the authority of God our Father and Jesus Christ His only Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I boldly and confidently announce the forgiveness of all your sins. You have been washed clean and purified of your sins. Rejoice and be glad, for you are a child of God.

**C: Praise be to God! Amen!**

**Special Music**

“Ancient Words”

Cheryl Hedlund and  
Sharon Johnson singing

**The first reading is from Genesis, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup> And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have

set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup> When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

(The Word of the Lord)

**C: Thanks be to God**

**This reading is from Psalm 25 (ESV) (responsive)**

Rader: <sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**Congregation: <sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

R: <sup>3</sup> Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

R: <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

**C: <sup>6</sup> Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

R: <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

**C: <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

R: <sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**C: <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

(Here ends this reading)

## We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Nicene Creed

**WE BELIEVE** in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**WE BELIEVE** in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
And his kingdom will have no end.

**WE BELIEVE** in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Children's Message

### Announcements

**This reading is from Revelation, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.** (Read by confirmation student, Claire DeBord)

<sup>8</sup> "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

<sup>9</sup> "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup> Do not fear

what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'

(Here ends this Reading)

### Message

### Offertory

"Who Cares?"

JW Peterson

## Offering Hymn

### “Create in Me”

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God,  
And renew a right spirit within me  
Create in me a clean heart, Oh God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence O Lord,  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me  
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation,  
And renew a right spirit within me.

## The Words of Institution

## Holy Communion

## Communion Hymns

### “Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

### “Now the Feast”

WOV 789

#### **Refrain**

Now the feast and celebration,  
All of creation sings for joy  
To the God of life and love and freedom;  
Praise and glory forevermore!

#### **Verse 1**

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
Whose blood has freed and united us  
To be one great people of God. **(Refrain)**

#### **Verse 2**

Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
All honor and glory to Christ forever. **(Refrain)**

#### **Verse 3**

For God has come to dwell with us,  
To make us people of God;  
To make all things new. **(Refrain)**

### “There Is a Redeemer”

HWC 206

#### **Verse 1**

There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God’s own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One. **(Refrain)**

#### **Refrain**

Thank You, oh, my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til  
The work on earth is done. **(Refrain)**

#### **Verse 2**

Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain. **(Refrain)**

#### **Verse 3**

When I stand in Glory,  
I will see His face,  
There I’ll serve my King forever  
In that holy place. **(Refrain)**

## Prayers of the Church

### The LORD's Prayer

### The LORD's Prayer (sung)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. 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

### "It Is Well with My Soul"

HWC 493

#### Verse 1

When peace like a river attendeth my way;  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, It is well with my soul."

#### Refrain

It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

#### Verse 2

Though Satan should buffet,  
Though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. **Refrain**

#### Verse 3

My sin- O, the bliss of this glorious thought,  
My sin- not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain**

#### Verse 4

And, Lord, haste the day, when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
"Even so"- it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

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!***