



**February 25, 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 25, 2024**

**Usher**

Carol Brennan

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**Sound System**

Troy Turner

**Lector**

Heidi Sturdivant/Mae Mullin

**Communion Assistant**

Lorraine Stargel

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

Nancy Martin/Lorraine Stargel

**Coffee Hour**

Judy Williams/Mary Vollmer

**Flowers**

\*\*\* no flowers during Lent \*\*\*

**Tellers**

Judy Krumwiede/Linda Kupka

Sharlene Parker

**Julian Estates Worship Leaders**

Tony & Linda Deas

**Bonaventure**

Ron Heilman

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**Lector**

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**Communion Assistant**

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**Order of Worship**

February 25, 2<sup>nd</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!

**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

“Leads Me to Calvary”

arr. Gloria Roe

### 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)*

“Glory to God in the Highest”

**Refrain** *Glory to God in the highest, Sing! Glory to God!  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on Earth!*

**Verse 1:** *Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father;  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory! (Refrain)*

**Verse 2:** *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer! (Refrain)*

**Verse 3:** **Women:** *For You alone are the Holy One,  
**Men:** You alone are the Lord, the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
**All:** with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father! (Refrain)*

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**Prayer of the Day** (all pray) **Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.. Amen.**

## Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

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 hearts; 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 Romans, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your

offspring be." <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

**This reading is from Psalm 22 (ESV) (responsive)**

R: 23 You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**C: 24 For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.**

R: 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

**C: 26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!**

R: 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nation shall worship before you.

**C: 28 For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

R: 29 All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

**C: 30 Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

R: 31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

(Here ends this reading)

**We Confess 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 Mae Mullin)

<sup>12</sup> "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

<sup>13</sup> "I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. <sup>14</sup> But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food

sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup> So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup> Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'

(R: Here ends this reading)

**C: Thanks be to God**

### Message

#### Offertory

**"At Calvary"**

**Gloria Roe**

#### 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"**

**Twila Paris**

#### 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)**

**“Near the Cross”**

**HWC 385**

**Verse 1**

Jesus, keep me near the cross-  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream,  
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

**Refrain**

**Refrain**

In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest, beyond the river.

**Verse 2**

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Sheds its beams around me.

**Refrain**

**Verse 3**

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help my walk from day to day  
With its shadows o'er me.

**Refrain**

**Verse 4**

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand  
Just beyond the river.

**Refrain**

**“In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified”**

**HWC 394**

**Verse 1**

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

**Verse 2**

In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,  
In my song, Lord, be glorified today.

**Verse 3**

In your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,  
In your Church, Lord, be glorified today.

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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**

**"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"**

**LBW 99**

**Verse 1**

O Lord, throughout these forty days  
You prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sin,  
And free us from our past.

**Verse 3**

Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed  
And fixed your mind above;  
So teach us to deny ourselves  
That we may know God's love.

**Verse 2**

You strove with Satan, and you won;  
Your faithfulness endured;  
Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust  
In God's eternal Word.

**Verse 4**

Be with us through this season, Lord,  
And all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns,  
We join in heaven's praise.

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 March 2024 (minus Holy Week)

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

Coordinators	March 3	Lenten Service March 7	March 10	Lenten Service March 14	March 17	Lenten Service March 21	
<b>USHER/ *SECURITY</b> Don Brennan	Lorraine Stargel *Dick Schmidt	*Bill Zavadil	Judy Williams *Dennis Krumwiede	*Tony Deas	Carol Brennan *Don Brennan	*Bob Martin	
<b>LECTOR</b> Dan Owen	Tony Deas Feliz Lundberg		Judy Williams James Mullin		Lorraine Stargel Claire DeBord		
<b>SOUND SYSTEM</b> Ron Johnson	Bill Zavadil	Ron Johnson	Troy Turner	Ron Johnson	Bill Zavadil	Ron Johnson	
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b> Sharlene Parker	Lorraine Stargel Toni Sherman		Carol Brennan Nancy Martin		Judy Krumwiede Linda Kupka		
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Lent – no flowers		Lent – no flowers		Lent – no flowers		
<b>COMMUNION ASST.</b> Ardis Kilber	Nancy Martin		Lorraine Stargel		Sharlene Parker		
<b>COMMUNION Set-up/Clean up</b> Ardis Kilber	Yvonne Olson Sue Fields		Lorraine Stargel Ardis Kilber		Yvonne Olson Sue Fields		
<b>JULIAN ESTATES WORSHIP LEADERS</b> Ron Heilman	Ron Heilman		Ron & Sharon Johnson		Jeff DeBord Ron Heilman		
<b>BONAVENTURE WORSHIP LEADERS</b> Ron Heilman	Ron Heilman		Ron & Sharon Johnson		Ron Heilman		

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## Worship Assistants for March 2024 (Holy Week)

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<b>Coordinators</b>	<b>March 24 Palm Sunday</b>	<b>March 28 Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>March 29 Good Friday</b>	<b>March 31 Easter</b>
<b>USHER/ *SECURITY</b> Don Brennan	Lorraine Stargel *Ron Johnson	Sharlene Parker *Bill Zavadil	Judy Williams *Tony Deas	Toni Sherman *Dennis Krumwiede
<b>LECTOR</b> Dan Owen	Sharlene Parker			Ron Johnson
<b>SOUND SYSTEM</b> Ron Johnson	Troy Turner	Bill Zavadil	Ron Johnson	Bill Zavadil
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b> Sharlene Parker	Valerie Claiborne Kaye Sims	*** no coffee hour ***	*** no coffee hour ***	<b>TBD</b>
<b>FLOWERS</b>	*** no flowers ***	*** no flowers ***	*** no flowers ***	Easter Lilies
<b>COMMUNION ASST.</b> Ardis Kilber	Nancy Martin	Nancy Martin	*** no communion ***	Sharlene Parker
<b>COMMUNION Set-up/Clean up</b> Ardis Kilber	Nancy Martin Ardis Kilber	Nancy Martin Carol Brennan	*** no communion ***	Lorraine Stargel Ardis Kilber
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