



February 4, 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 4, 2024

Usher

Lorraine Stargel

Security

Tony Deas

Sound System

Ron Johnson

Lector

Harmony Lundberg

Communion Assistant

Sharlene Parker

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Yvonne Olson/Sue Fields

Coffee Hour

Judy Krumwiede/Linda Kupka

Flowers

Ron & Sharon Johnson

Tellers

Judy Krumwiede/Linda Kupka

Sharlene Parker

Julian Estates Worship Leaders

Ron Heilman

Bonaventure

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Usher

Judy Williams

Security

Dennis Krumwiede

Sound System

Troy Turner

Lector

James Mullin

Communion Assistant

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Order of Worship

February 4, 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor Eric Lundberg

LBW-Green Hymnal, HWC-Light Blue Hymnal, WOV-Dark Blue Hymnal

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 grateful you have chosen to worship with us this morning. As we enter into Worship this morning, let's allow the Holy Spirit to revive our spirits with His presence. Let's allow him to meet with us, correct us, inspire us and challenge us to become more like him. There is something so powerful and authentic about worshipping together as the Body of Christ. Our fellowship with one another is a key component of a healthy relationship with God. We were meant for relationship. Whether this is your first time at Living Word or you have attended since its founding, let us make a conscious and righteous effort to connect with God and connect with one another. To God be the glory!

Pastor Eric Lundberg

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 Ron and Sharon Johnson in honor of February birthdays.

Prelude

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

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)*

“Be Thou My Vision”

HWC 382

Verse 1

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Verse 2

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Verse 3

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Verse 4

High King Of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Worship with Confession

Pastor: Remembering our baptism into Christ Jesus, we gather as we are to live, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the LORD, let us draw near with faithful hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD. C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD. C: **May God forgive the offense of my sin.**

P: (Facing altar which symbolizes God's presence): *Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer,*

C: We confess to You that we are by nature sinners and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, pleading for and seeking Your grace for the sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: Most merciful God **C: You have given Your only begotten Son to die for us. Have mercy upon us, and for Jesus' sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.**

P: (Facing the congregation, declares God's grace): Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for Jesus' sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on Jesus' Name, He gives power to become children of God and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O LORD, unto us all. **C: Amen.** **All: Praise the LORD!**

We Hear and Read God's Word

Note: Our confirmation students will be participating in the worship services as readers for the next five weeks. The lector this week is Harmony Lundberg.

The first reading is from Isaiah 40:21-31 (ESV)

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| <p>²¹ Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?</p> | <p>and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.</p> |
| <p>²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;</p> | <p>²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?</p> |
| <p>²³ who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.</p> | <p>²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.</p> |
| <p>²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.</p> | <p>²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.</p> |
| <p>²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.</p> | <p>³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;</p> |
| <p>²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might</p> | <p>³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.</p> |

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 147:1-11, 20 (ESV) (responsive)

Reader: 147 Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Congregation: **2** The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

R: **3** He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

C: **4** He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

R: **5** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

C: **6** The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

R: **7** Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

C: **8** He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.

R: **9** He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

C: **10** His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

R: **11** but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

C: **20** He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his rules! Praise the LORD!

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)

This reading is from Revelation 1:9-20 (ESV).

⁹ I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹ saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were

like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. ¹⁹ Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. ²⁰ As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

(R: The Word of the Lord)

C: Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

"We Shall Behold Him"

arr. Dino Kartsonakis

Offering Hymn

"Create In Me"

LBW p. 96

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit.

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.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

HWC 383

Verse 1

Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him,
And say that we love Him.

Verse 2

Open our ears, Lord,
And help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus.

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“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

HWC 381

Verse 1

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key,
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Verse 2

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
Ev'rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Verse 3

Open my mouth, and let it bear
Gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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

“O, for a Thousand Tongues”

HWC 76

Verse 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

Verse 2

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

Verse 3

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

Verse 4

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Verse 5

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

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!***