

## Worship Prayer...

*Father in heaven, I admit I am a sinner and cannot save myself, but trust only in your Son Jesus Christ—true God and true man—who died on the cross for me and rose again to give me new life now and forever. By your Holy Spirit's power take my heart and life and make me yours; turn me from my own selfish path to always love, trust and follow Jesus. Because you love and forgive me, help me forgive and love others. And now, as we gather together as your church in this place, make us one in truth and love according to the faithful leading and unfailing promises of your living Word. In Jesus' name....Amen!*

## Living Word exists to...

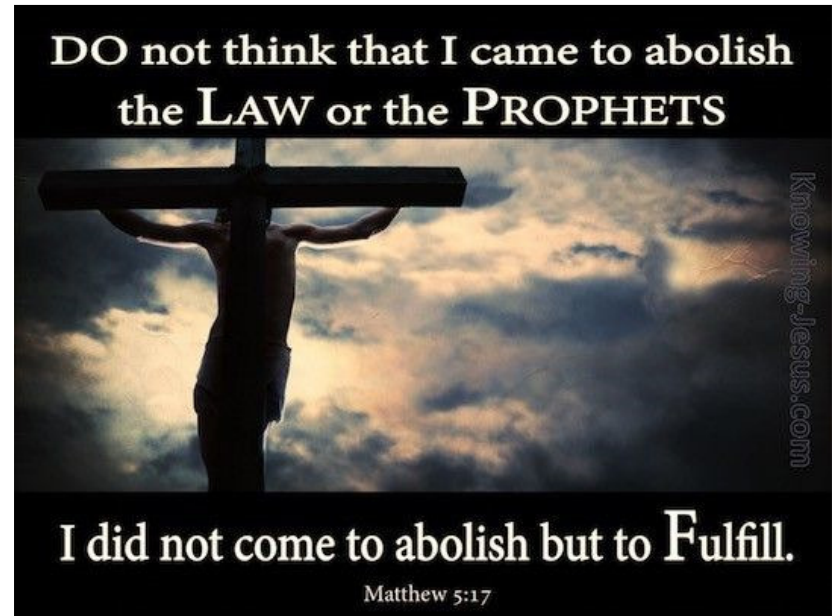
- ✓ Proclaim God's Love
- ✓ Expand God's Kingdom
- ✓ Mature God's People
- ✓ Live God's Word!



*Living in the Word...that the Word may live in others.*

Anita Meier - Musician  
Diana Motel - Livestream/Tech Booth

# Living Word



**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
10:00 am Service

***'Come grow with us!'***

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# WELCOME TO LIVING WORD!

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## WE REJOICE IN GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS...

Opening Prayer

Praise Song "I Will Delight in the Law of the Lord"

Invocation

Confession & Forgiveness On screen or Hymnal p. 158

Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD...

Today's Psalm Psalm 112:1-9

Scripture Readings Facing page

Message Song "Great Hope"

Video Do College Students Believe In God?  
[youtube.com/watch?v=NCNhh1x0z5g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCNhh1x0z5g)

Message "Blessed are Those..."

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL...

Prayers of God's People

Lord's Prayer

Communion "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"

Benediction

Closing Song "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Please place offerings in basket at sanctuary entrance

## "Blessed are Those..."

The Psalmist says: "Blessed are those who fear the Lord..."

### 1) The prophet Isaiah says blessed are the AUTHENTIC.

<sup>3</sup> 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?' "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. <sup>4</sup> Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup> Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?? <sup>6</sup> "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? <sup>8</sup> Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. Isaiah 58:3-9a

### 2) The Apostle Paul says blessed are the WISE.

When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. <sup>2</sup> For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified...<sup>6</sup> We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 1 Corinthians 2:1b-2, 6-7

### 3) Jesus says blessed are the RIGHTEOUS.

<sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:17-20