

9:00 WORSHIP/FATHER'S DAY  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 16, 2024

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Please stand**

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C: 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: 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: 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**

**Opening Hymn**

*“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

LBW 474

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 1**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Blessed is the man

**C: who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,**

P: nor stands in the way of sinners,

**C: nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

P: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

**C: and on his law he meditates day and night.**

P: He is like a tree

**C: planted by streams of water**

P: that yields its fruit in its season,

**C: and its leaf does not wither.**

P: In all that he does,

**C: he prospers.**

P: The wicked are not so,

**C: but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

**C: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

P: for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

**C: but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**Prayer of the Day** *“God, our maker and redeemer, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.*

**Praise Song**

*“Renew Me”* vs. 1,2

BOB 189

**Children’s Message**

*“Jesus Loves the Little Children”*

**Special Music**

*“This is My Father’s World”*

Marlin Fenner

**First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-17**

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**Please stand**

Verse *"God's Word is Our Great Heritage"* LBW 239

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Mark, the 4th chapter (vs. 26-34)

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

Sermon Hymn *"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"* LBW 234

Please stand

Apostle's Creed LBW p. 65

Offering Hymn *"Create in Me"* LBW p. 75

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer LBW p. 71

Please stand

Benediction

Closing Hymn *"On What Has Now Been Sown"* LBW 261

P: Go into all the world.

C: **Go to be a blessing!**

Pianist: Jackie Olson

Lector: Terie Dorry

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## Living Word's Calendar

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TODAY (6/16) 9:00 Worship  
10 :00 Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 July Servant Team meets

TUESDAY 9:00 Faith Circle  
7:00 Love Circle

THURSDAY 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE

SUNDAY 9:00 Worship  
10 :00 Coffee Fellowship  
5:15-7:30 Vacation Bible School

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## Announcements

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**Prayers** for Dave Hepper, Shirley Kindt, Tom Dorry, Brad Zahn.

**Prayers for our Vietnam mission team**—Vicki Strege and Sue DeJong. They will return June 18.

**Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of all Fathers.

**Flowers on the altar** are given by Lois Norris in memory of all Fathers.

**Meals on Wheels drivers are needed for the month of JULY.** Signup sheets are in the fellowship hall. Please call the church office with any questions you might have regarding delivery of meals.



## Mark your calendars

**June 23-27—Vacation Bible School, 5:15-7:30**  
**July 4—Church and Office closed**



## Radio Broadcast

Prayerfully consider sponsoring a **Radio Broadcast** of our church service on KMSD Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM. The cost is \$65. Signup sheets for radio broadcast and/or providing flowers are on the table in the fellowship hall.

## Noisy Change

The **Noisy Change Offerings for June** will be collected for Fellowship of Christian Athletics (FCA). The **June 9 Noisy Change Offering** was \$217.31 making the total for the month of June **\$222.11**.

“**Women’s Connection**”, an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries, meeting will be held at Central Church, Milbank, SD on **Tuesday June 18, 2024** at 1:30 – 3:00 P.M, in the church fellowship hall.

Tickets: \$5.00 – Light dessert will be served.

Speaker— E.J. Moret of Ortonville, MN

“The Best Title of All”

Special Feature — “Patriotic Moments “ &  
Patriotic Quilt Display

Music - Donna Johnson of Revillo with “Patriotic” piano music

Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship together with women in our area.

For reservations: please contact:

Peg Dohrer – (605)949-0311 – [pldohrer@itcmilbank.com](mailto:pldohrer@itcmilbank.com)

## Servant Team

**July Servant Team** will meet **today, June 16** during Coffee Fellowship at 10:00. **Servant teams help usher, greet, furnish and/or serve treats for coffee fellowship, help with weddings if scheduled during the month, and help and/or furnish for funerals that may occur during the month. If every member who is able volunteers for at least one area of service during their month, the work of the church will be easily accomplished throughout the year. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please prayerfully consider being a co-chairman for your Servant Team.**

“When a person trusts Jesus Christ for salvation, he or she is made a member of the body of Christ” ([1 Corinthians 12:27](#))

### \*\* Co-chairs

Ballhagen, Chad

DeJong, Jason

DeJong, Tim & Sue

Fish, Cynthia

Fish, Ethan

Forster, Terry

Hallquist, Karen

Hyde, Gary & Sharon

\*\*Maas, Scott & Laurie

McMahon, Adam & Amanda

\*\*Nelson, Robert & Pam

O’Farrell, Larry & Pat

Peterson, Don & Kelly

Redepenning, Jackie

Varpness, Angela

Vietmeier, Kristopher & Shannon



## Visitors

**Welcome visitors.** Please sign our guest book located in the fellowship hall.

Thank you for worshipping with us at Living Word Lutheran Church. We hope your worship experience is a blessing. If you live in the area and wish to know more about Living Word and the salvation found in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, please pick up a tote that contains a brochure with more information.

Thanks for visiting Living Word, and come back often.

## Shut-ins

**Living Word Lutheran Church shut-ins** would welcome a visit or phone call.

**St. William’s Care Center:** Lois Helm, Betty Kloster, Marilyn Stemsrud, Rita Raffety

**Avantara:** Elaine Hallberg, Lane Lindquist

**Wellshire Park Place:** Carol Forster

**Darcie’s Home Care:** 1405 Highview Dr—Ann Sandbakken

**In her home:** Orlean Lardy