

10:00 WORSHIP  
MAY 11, 2025  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prelude  
Announcements  
Senior Recognition  
Youth and Education Recognition  
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** *“Here I Am, Lord”* BOB86  
**Greeting and Response—Psalm 23**

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: The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

**C: He makes me lie down in green pastures,**

P: he leads me beside quiet waters,

**C: he refreshes my soul.**

P: He guides me along the right paths

**C: for his name’s sake.**

P: Even though I walk through the darkest valley

**C: I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**

P: your rod and your staff,

**C: they comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table before me

**C: in the presence of my enemies.**

P: You anoint my head with oil;

**C: my cup overflows.**

P: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

**C: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

*Prayer of the Day “God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” Amen.*

**Praise Song** *“Blessed Assurance”* BOB24

**First Reading: Acts 20: 17-35**

From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. When they arrived, he said to them: “You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus. “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. “Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you. For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. “Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have not coveted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.

**Second Reading: Revelation 7: 9-17**

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. Never again will they hunger;

**Pastor's Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9-4, Friday 9-12**

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## Living Word's Calendar

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TODAY (5/11)	8:45 Sunday School LAST DAY 9:00 Coffee Fellowship/Senior Sunday 10:00 Worship
TUESDAY	9:00 Quilting
WEDNESDAY	Feeding South Dakota
THURSDAY	9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship
SUNDAY (5/18)	9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship

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## Announcements

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**Prayers** for Dave Hepper, Shirley Kindt, Sue Hippen, Gary Hyde, Jenna Johnson, Stacy Simonson, Hailey Heinje, Sharon Brown, and Keaton Johnson.

**Radio Broadcast** is given today by Sue Hippen, in honor of all Mothers.

**Volunteers are needed** for Meal Delivery for the month of July. Please see the signup sheet on the table in the Fellowship hall.





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## Mark Your Calendars

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**May 25 Summer Worship Begins**

**June 1 Living Word Warriors Bake Sale**

**June 1-5 Vacation Bible School**

**June 13-14 “It Only Takes A Spark” Cancer Walk**



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## Radio Broadcast

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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 the radio broadcast and/or for providing flowers on the altar are on the table in the fellowship hall.

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## Noisy Change

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Noisy Change Collected in the month of May is dedicated to Living Word Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School Program .



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## Servant Team

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May Servant Team. 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. “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10)

Ballhagen, Chad  
Beck, Warren & Janice  
Busack, Aaron & Lacey  
Christensen, Sandy  
Dorry, Tom & Terry\*  
Fenner, Marlin & Janice  
Fish, Ethan & Cynthia  
Gustafson, John

Hansen, Richard & Sandra  
Heinje, Howard & Marcia  
Hepper, Dave & Mary  
Hyde, Gary & Sharon  
Redepenning, Jackie  
Rehn, Arnie & Donna  
Strege, Steve & Vicki \*



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## Visitors

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**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.

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## Shut-ins

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

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

**Avantara:** Lane Lindquist

**Wellshire Park Place:** Carol Forster