

10:00 WORSHIP
MAY 18, 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”

WOV674 vs.1,3,4,&5

Greeting and Response—Psalm 150

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: Praise the Lord.

C: Praise God in his sanctuary;

P: praise him in his mighty heavens.

C: Praise him for his acts of power;

P: praise him for his surpassing greatness.

C: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

P: praise him with the harp and lyre,

C: praise him with timbrel and dancing,

P: praise him with the strings and pipe,

C: praise him with the clash of cymbals,

P: praise him with resounding cymbals.

C: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

All: Praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Day “O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; 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

“They Will Know We are Christians By Our Love”

Children’s Message

“Feed My Lambs”

First Reading: Acts 11: 1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.” Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’ “I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ “The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. “Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved. “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?” When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Second Reading: Revelation 21: 1-7

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Verse

“Halle, Halle, Halle”

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 16th chapter (12-22)

C: Glory to you, O Lord

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.” Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.” At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.” Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’? Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

LBW171

Apostle's Creed

LBW p.65

Offering Hymn

“Create In Me”

Prayers of the Church

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“There Is a Redeemer”

BOB211

P: The Lord asks, whom shall I send?

C: Here am I, send me!

Pianist: Elizabeth Schulte

Lector: Alex McMahan

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Living Word's Calendar

TODAY (5/18)	SERVANT TEAM MEETING 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship Congregational Meeting
TUESDAY	9:00 Faith Circle 7:00 Love Circle
THURSDAY	9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship
SUNDAY (5/25)	SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Fellowship

Announcements

Prayers for Dave Hepper, Shirley Kindt, Sue Hippen, Gary Hyde, Jenna Johnson, Stacy Simonson, Hailey Heinje, Sharon Brown, Keaton Johnson, and the family of Gretta Yaeger.

If anyone has trees or decorations for VBS, please bring them in as soon as possible.

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

Summer worship hours begin NEXT SUNDAY, May 25th. Worship begins at 9:00, with fellowship following service.

There will be a congregational vote on June 1st after service in regards to the Building Project



Mark Your Calendars

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



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

Noisy Change

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



Servant Team

June 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)

**** Co-chairs**

Beckman, Rhonda**

Buth, Beverly

Cooley, Gloria

Dallman, Brian & Laura

DeJong, Jason

DeJong, Tim & Sue**

Flaig, Kurt & Jean

Forster, Doug

Kruger, David

Leininger, Scott & Jean

Nelson, Robert & Pam

Peterson, Don & Kelly

Ramsey, Tim & Rena

Remund, Norman & Linda

Schmidt, Marlin & Shirley



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: Lil Colberg, Lois Helm, Betty Kloster, Rita Raffety

Avantara: Lane Lindquist

Wellshire Park Place: Carol Forster