

10:00 WORSHIP
MAY 4, 2025
THIRD 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

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

LBW157

Greeting and Response—Psalm 121

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: I lift up my eyes to the mountains

C: where does my help come from?

P: My help comes from the Lord,

C: the Maker of heaven and earth.

P: He will not let your foot slip—

C: he who watches over you will not slumber;

P: indeed, he who watches over Israel

C: will neither slumber nor sleep.

P: The Lord watches over you—

C: the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

P: the sun will not harm you by day,

C: nor the moon by night.

P: The Lord will keep you from all harm—

C: he will watch over your life;

P: the Lord will watch over your coming and going

C: both now and forevermore.

Prayer of the Day *“O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; 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

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

BOB151

First Reading: Acts 9:1-22

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord,” he answered. The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.” “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name. But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:1-7

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.” Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

Verse

“Alleluia, Lord, to Whom Shall We Go”

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter (1-19)

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way:

Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn

Apostle’s Creed

Offering Hymn

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Prayers of The Church

Lord’s Prayer

Agnus Dei

Communion Hymns

“Thine Is the Glory”

“Give Thanks”

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“This Is the Feast”

“Remember Me”

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

“Thank the Lord And Sing His Praise”

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BOB188

BOB221

LBWp.72

Post Communion Cantic

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

LBW530

P: He is Risen!

C: He is Risen, Indeed! Hallelujah!

Lector: Sandy Christensen

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer

10:00 WORSHIP

MAY 4, 2025



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Living Word's Calendar

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| TODAY (5/4) | 8:45 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship with Communion |
| WEDNESDAY | 3:30 Confirmation 3:30 Dynamic Disciples |
| THURSDAY | 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship |
| SUNDAY (5/11) | 8:45 Sunday School LAST DAY 9:00 Coffee Fellowship/Senior Sunday 10:00 Worship/ Chapel Communion |

Announcements

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

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

It has come to our attention that some people did not receive their pledge form. If you were expecting one but did not receive it, or if you are interested in joining the pledge drive, there are forms available on the table in the Fellowship Hall, or you can reach out the Michelle in the office.

The Chosen is on summer hiatus. We will return in September with Season 3. If you would like to catch up during the summer, Michelle has study materials from Season 1 and 2 available.

“Women’s Connection”, an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries, meeting will be held at Central Church, Milbank, SD on May 20, 2025 at 1:30 – 3:00 P.M, in the church fellowship hall. Speaker - Joyce Yexley of Aberdeen “A Broken Dream - from Fiery Trial to New Purpose “—Special Feature — Karen Layher - “Our Flag” (Patriotic Quilt Display) Music - Sherry DeBoer Tickets: \$5.00 – Refreshments will be served. Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship together with women in our area. For reservations: please contact: Peg Dohrer – (605)949-0311 – pldohrer@itcmilbank.com.



Mark Your Calendars

May 7 Last Day of Dynamic Disciples

May 11 Senior Recognition Sunday
LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 25 Summer Worship Begins

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 .



Noisy Change funds collected for Building Our Families Foster Care Program during the month of April total \$632.12

Servant Team

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 *



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