

9:00 WORSHIP
JUNE 1, 2025
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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 *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”* LBW 143

Greeting and Response—Psalm 47

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: Clap your hands, all you nations;

C: shout to God with cries of joy.

P: For the Lord Most High is awesome,

C: the great King over all the earth.

P: He subdued nations under us,

C: peoples under our feet.

P: He chose our inheritance for us,

C: the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

P: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

C: the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

P: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

C: sing praises to our King, sing praises.

P: For God is the King of all the earth;

C: sing to him a psalm of praise.

P: God reigns over the nations;

C: God is seated on his holy throne.

P: The nobles of the nations assemble

C: as the people of the God of Abraham,
P: for the kings of the earth belong to God;
C: he is greatly exalted.

Prayer of the Day “Almighty God, your only Son was taken up into heaven and in power intercedes for us. May we also come into your presence and live forever in your glory; 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 *“Meekness and Majesty”* BOB 157

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Please stand

Verse *“Speak, O Lord”*

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Sermon

LBW p. 65

LBW 410 vs. 1,2

LBW p. 92

LBW 296

LBW p. 72

“Soon and Very Soon”

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

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Living Word's Calendar

TODAY (6/1) 9:00 Worship
Congregational Voter's Meeting
10:00 Coffee Fellowship

THURSDAY 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship

SUNDAY (6/8) 9:00 Worship/ Confirmation Sunday
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 Pastors Craig and Janine Werling and the congregation of Hosanna Lutheran Church.

Flowers by the entryway are given by Scott and Laurie Maas in observance of their 40th wedding anniversary and in thankfulness for their many blessings.

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

There will be a congregational vote today after service in regards to the Building Project.

Living Word Warriors Cancer Walk Team will be selling bookmarks, stickers, and baked goods during fellowship today. Please help support our team!

If any members in our congregation have passed away from cancer, or are currently fighting cancer, notify Laura Dallman. We would like to honor all those folks with a luminary bag for the cancer walk.

VBS offering will benefit Hailey Heinje. Everyone is welcome to donate. The donation box is located beside the office door.



Mark Your Calendars

June 1-5 Vacation Bible School

June 8 Confirmation

June 11 Feeding South Dakota

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 June is dedicated to FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes).



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 several areas 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**

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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