

10:00 WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 12, 2026

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

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LBW 551

Greeting and Response—Psalm 148

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! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

C: praise him in the heights!

P: Praise him, all his angels;

C: praise him, all his hosts!

P: Praise him, sun and moon,

C: praise him, all you shining stars!

P: Praise him, you highest heavens,

C: and you waters above the heavens!

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord!

C: For he commanded and they were created.

P: And he established them forever and ever;

C: he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

P: Praise the Lord from the earth,

C: you great sea creatures and all deeps,

P: fire and hail, snow and mist,

C: stormy wind fulfilling his word!

P: Mountains and all hills,

C: fruit trees and all cedars!

P: Beasts and all livestock,

C: creeping things and flying birds!

P: Kings of the earth and all peoples,

C: princes and all rulers of the earth!

P: Young men and maidens together,

C: old men and children!

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

C: his majesty is above earth and heaven.

P: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,

C: for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Day: *“Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord’s resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; 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

“Majesty”

BOB 154

Children’s Message

“Feed My Lambs” chorus only

BOB 55

Special Music

Gillian Mattice

First Reading: Acts 5:29-42

But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so

that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Please Stand
Verse

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

WOV 612

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to John, the 20th chapter.

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Sermon Hymn

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

LBW 130

Please Stand

Apostles’ Creed

LBW p. 65

Offering Hymn

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” vs. 1,2

LBW 410

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

LBW p. 71

Please Stand

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“There Is a Redeemer”

BOB 211

P: The Lord asks, “Whom shall I send?”

C: **Here am I, send me!**

Pianist: Bob Frink

Lector: Jerry Brown

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Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (today)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship
	11:00	Chapel Communion
TUESDAY (4/14)	9:00	Quilting
WEDNESDAY (4/15)	1:00	Romans Bible Study
	3:30	Confirmation
	3:30	Dynamic Disciples
	4:00	Grief Support Group at Visitor Center
	5:30	MCF Children's Choir/Meal
	7:00	LWL Women's Quarterly Meeting
THURSDAY (4/16)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
SUNDAY (4/19)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	9:00	May Servant Team meets
	10:00	Worship

Announcements

Prayers for Shirley Kindt, Jenna Johnson, Hailey Heinje, Keaton Johnson, Bob Hornstein, Myles Maas, Jon Liebe, Bob Johnson, Heather Zimny, Linda Wagner, and Heather Dorsey.

Radio Broadcast is sponsored today by the family of Bruce Larson in loving memory of Bruce.

Sympathy and prayers to the family of Kay Groethe, whose memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on April 25 in Fergus Falls, MN.

Remember the congregational vote today on the property playground equipment.

"What About Me?" is a new Bible study coming soon. More information and a signup sheet are in the fellowship hall.

Feminine Products are being collected for ICAP in April by the women of the church. Donated items can be placed in the baskets in the fellowship hall.

Scholarship applications for graduating seniors are due today.

"Women's Connection," an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries, is a nondenominational women's group. Their next meeting in Milbank will be on April 21, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Central Church. Karen Anderson of Minnetonka, Minnesota, will share "From Light to Darkness," and the Muntean family, Heather Muntean and her four daughters, will provide the music. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship together with other women in our area. Tickets are \$5. For reservations, please contact Peg Dohrer at 605-949-0311 or pldohrer@itcmilbank.com.



Mark Your Calendars

- April 18** **Augustana District's 1st Men's Gathering**
Christ the King Lutheran, Hutchinson, MN
"Prodigal: The Road Home"
Registration is needed.
(Brochures are available on the table in the back)
- April 25** **Augustana District's Annual Convention**
Mt. Carmel, Alexandria, MN
Registration is needed.
- May 31-June 4** **5:00-7:30 p.m. VBS Rainforest Falls**
Volunteers and registration are needed.
More information is available in the fellowship hall.

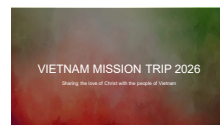


Radio Broadcast

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 for the month of April is designated for the Mission Trip to Vietnam. Two young men from our congregation, Hunter Reede and TJ Wojahn, will be going on the next ALWM mission trip to Vietnam scheduled for this June. Funds collected will help defray the cost of their trip. A group of eight team members, including Pastor Bill Moberly and his wife Sally, will accompany them on this trip. The total collected to date is \$145.



Noisy Change collected in the month of March for the Alpha Center totaled \$473.39.

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 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**

Balling, Bernie & Tina
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Nelson, Glenn & Joanne
Olson, Brad & Jackie
Schwandt, Kyle & Melanie
Sime, Kent & Susan
Veen, Charles & Nadine
Wellnitz, Jenny
Yaeger, Robert

Welcome 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: Larry Brook, Lil Colberg, Betty Kloster, and Rita Raffety

Avantara: Lane Lindquist

Fairway View-Granite View: Bob Hornstein