

10:00 WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 19, 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**

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* vs. 1,3,4,6

LBW 170

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 116**

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 love the Lord, because he has heard

**C: my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

P: Because he inclined his ear to me,

**C: therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

**C: I suffered distress and anguish.**

P: Then I called on the name of the Lord:

**C: “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

P: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

**C: our God is merciful.**

P: The Lord preserves the simple;

**C: when I was brought low, he saved me.**

P: Return, O my soul, to your rest;

**C: for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

P: For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears,

**C: my feet from stumbling;**

P: I will walk before the Lord

**C: in the land of the living.**

P: I believed, even when I spoke:

**C: “I am greatly afflicted”;**

P: I said in my alarm,

**C: “All mankind are liars.”**

P: What shall I render to the Lord

**C: for all his benefits to me?**

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation

**C: and call on the name of the Lord,**

P: I will pay my vows to the Lord

**C: in the presence of all his people.**

**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”*

BOB 151

**Children’s Message**

*“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”* vs. 1

**First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-25**

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**Please Stand**

**Verse**

*“Speak, O Lord”*

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

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

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
 C: Praise to you, O Christ.

<b>Sermon</b>		
<b>Sermon Hymn</b>	<i>"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!"</i> vs. 1-3,5	LBW 133
<b>Please Stand</b>		
<b>Apostles' Creed</b>		LBW p. 65
<b>Offering Hymn</b>	<i>"Give Thanks"</i>	BOB 65
<b>Prayers of the Church</b>		
<b>Lord's Prayer</b>		LBW p. 71
<b>Please Stand</b>		
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>"Blessed Assurance"</i>	BOB 24

P: The Lord asks, "Whom shall I send?"  
 C: Here am I, send me!

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer  
 Lector: Brenda Dahle

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## Living Word's Calendar

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SUNDAY (today)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	9:00	May Servant Team meets
	10:00	Worship
TUESDAY (4/21)	9:00	Faith Circle meets
	7:00	Love Circle meets
WEDNESDAY (4/22)	1:00	Romans Bible Study
	3:30	Confirmation
	3:30	Dynamic Disciples
THURSDAY (4/23)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
	4:00	Grief Support Group at Visitor Center
FRIDAY (4/24)		<b>Newsletter Items Due</b>
SUNDAY (4/26)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship

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## Announcements

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**Prayers** for Shirley Kindt, Jenna Johnson, Hailey Heinje, Keaton Johnson, Bob Hornstein, Myles Maas, Jon Liebe, Bob Johnson, Heather Zimny, Heather Dorsey, and Jenny and Sid Lien.

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

**Flowers on the altar** are given today by Lois Norris and LaDonna Taylor in memory of their parents' anniversary.

**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.

**Feminine Hygiene 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.

**Graduating Seniors** need to turn in pictures to the office by Friday, April 24.

**"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](mailto:pldohrer@itcmilbank.com).



## Mark Your Calendars

- April 25**      **Augustana District's Annual Convention**  
Mt. Carmel, Alexandria, MN  
Registration is needed.
- May 5**            **"What About Me" Study** begins 11 a.m.  
Signup sheet is in the fellowship hall
- May 9**            **Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Event** 9:30 a.m.
- May 10**          **Senior Recognition**
- May 24**          **Summer Worship Begins**  
Worship 9 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship 10 a.m.
- May 31-June 4**   **VBS Rainforest Falls** 5:00-7:30 p.m.  
Volunteers and registration are needed.  
More information is available in the fellowship hall.

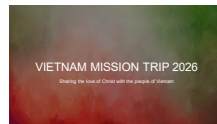


## Radio Broadcast

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 \$315.



## Playground Memorial & Donation Opportunity

With all the excitement surrounding our new playground addition, we've had several congregation members express interest in contributing in a special way! Opportunities are available to give memorials or donations toward benches and picnic tables in the playground area—creating a welcoming space for families to gather and enjoy. If you would like more information or are interested in participating, please contact the church office or Laurie Maas.

## 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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## Welcome Visitors

**Welcome visitors.** Please sign our guest book located in the fellowship hall. Thank you for worshiping 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