

10:00 WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 26, 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

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” vs. 1,3-5

WOV 674

Greeting and Response—Psalm 23

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: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

P: He leads me beside still waters.

C: He restores my soul.

P: He leads me in paths of righteousness

C: for his name's sake.

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

C: I will fear no evil,

P: for you are with me;

C: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me

C: in the presence of my enemies;

P: you anoint my head with oil;

C: my cup overflows.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayer of the Day: *“God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; 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

“Fear Not”

BOB 54

Children’s Message

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” vs. 1

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Please Stand

Verse

“Sanctuary”

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to John, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (today)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship
TUESDAY (4/28)	9:00	Quilting
WEDNESDAY (4/29)	1:00	Romans Bible Study
	3:30	Confirmation
	3:30	Dynamic Disciples
THURSDAY (4/30)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
	4:00	Grief Support Group at Visitor Center
SUNDAY (5/3)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship/Communion

Announcements

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

Radio Broadcast is sponsored today by an anonymous donor.

Sympathy and prayers to the family of Shirley Kindt who passed away on Monday, April 20. Funeral services will be here at the church on Monday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m.

Sympathy and prayers to Sue Capp and family in the death of Sue's sister, Mary Peters, who passed away on April 17 in Watertown.

Sympathy and prayers to Ryan Bakeberg and family in the death of Ryan's dad, Richard Bakeberg, who passed away on April 18 in Aberdeen.

Sympathy and prayers to the family of Kay Groethe, whose memorial service was held yesterday in Fergus Falls, MN.

Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Event will be on May 9 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. A signup sheet is available in the fellowship hall if you wish to attend.

Senior Recognition Sunday will be on Sunday, May 10.

"What About Me" study begins on Tuesday, May 5, at 11 a.m. A signup sheet is in the fellowship hall if you are interested in attending.

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.



Mark Your Calendars

- 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 \$701.67.



With all the excitement surrounding our new playground addition, we have 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 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