

10:00 WORSHIP
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2026

Prelude

Special Music

Sunday School

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

“Beautiful Savior”

LBW 518

Senior Recognition—Ryan Keeton, Sean Keeton, Will Pekelder, Hunter Reede, TJ Wojahn

Greeting and Response—Psalm 66

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: Bless our God, O peoples;

C: let the sound of his praise be heard,

P: who has kept our soul among the living

C: and has not let our feet slip.

P: For you, O God, have tested us;

C: you have tried us as silver is tried.

P: You brought us into the net;

C: you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

P: you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;

C: yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

P: I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

C: I will perform my vows to you,

P: that which my lips uttered

C: and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

P: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

C: I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God,

C: and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

P: I cried to him with my mouth,

C: and high praise was on my tongue.

P: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,

C: the Lord would not have listened.

P: But truly God has listened;

C: he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

P: Blessed be God,

C: because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

Prayer of the Day: *“O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; 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

“I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”

BOB 116

First Reading: Acts 17:16-31

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbling wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts

honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Please Stand
Verse

“Sanctuary”

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to John, the 14th chapter.

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

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Sermon Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” vs. 1,2,3,5

LBW 158

Please Stand

Apostles’ Creed

Offering Hymn

“Make Me a Servant”

LBW p. 65

BOB 155

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Please Stand

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Because He Lives”

LBW p. 71

RED 238

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

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

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer

Lector: Hunter Reede

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Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (today)



MOTHER'S DAY/SENIOR RECOGNITION

8:45 Last Day of Sunday School

9:00 Coffee Fellowship

10:00 Worship

11:00 Chapel Communion

TUESDAY (5/12)

9:00 Quilting

11:00 "What About Me" Study

1:00 Impact Meeting

WEDNESDAY (5/13)

1:00 Feeding South Dakota

3:30 Last Day of Confirmation

3:30 Last Day of Dynamic Disciples

5:30 Council Meeting

6:00 Baccalaureate in the MHS Theater

THURSDAY (5/14)

9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship

4:00 Grief Support Group at Visitor Center

SUNDAY (5/17)

9:00 June Servant Team Meets

9:00 Coffee Fellowship

10:00 Worship

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.

Flowers on the altar are given today in honor of our graduating seniors.

Congratulations and God's Blessing to the following 2026 High School Seniors who will be recognized today: Ryan Keeton, Sean Keeton, Will Pekelder, Hunter Reede, and TJ Wojahn.

Sympathy and prayers to the family of Betty Kloster whose funeral was at the church last Friday.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is the May mission project of the women of the church. Donated items of twin size blankets, quilts, comforters, sheet sets, and pillows can be placed in the baskets in the fellowship hall.

Opportunities are available to give memorials or donations toward benches and picnic tables in the playground area. If you would like more information or are interested in participating, please contact the church office or Laurie Maas.



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.
- July 8** **Valley Fair Trip**
 Central Church is planning a bus trip for youth starting grade 7 and up. The ticket and bus ride will be \$60. Registration forms are available in the fellowship hall.
- September 19** **Women of the Word (WOW) Fall Gathering**
 Resurrection Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN



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 May is designated for Grace Christian Academy in Chicago, Illinois. The mission for the school is to be a beacon for Christ in the Little Village neighborhood that educates students in a loving community with high academic standards, a commitment to personal attention, and a strong foundation of Christian values. The total collected to date is \$15.14



Noisy Change collected in the month of April for the Mission Trip to Vietnam totaled \$1,326.43.

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**

Berger, Jeffrey & Julie
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 Lewno, Jessica
 Maze, Jay & Sally
 McCrea, Orgene & Kaen
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 Pekelder, Jamie & Hope
 Peschong, Troy & Tamra
 Randleman, Craig & Carolyn
 Schell, Lisa
 Wagner, Dave & Linda
 Weinkauff, Deven & Jessica

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, and Rita Raffety

Avantara: Lane Lindquist

Fairway View-Granite View: Bob Hornstein