

10:00 WORSHIP
ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
MAY 17, 2026

Prelude
Puppet Skit
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

“Blessed Assurance”

BOB 24

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 peoples!

C: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

P: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,

C: a great king over all the earth.

P: He subdued peoples under us,

C: and nations under our feet.

P: He chose our heritage for us,

C: the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

P: God has gone up with a shout,

C: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

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 praises with a psalm!

P: God reigns over the nations;

C: God sits on his holy throne.

P: The princes of the peoples gather

C: as the people of the God of Abraham.

P: For the shields of the earth belong to God;

C: he is highly 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

“Grace Alone”

BOB 77

Children’s Message

“Feed My Lamb” chorus only

BOB 55

First Reading: Acts 1:1-26

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) “For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Please Stand Verse

“Speak, O Lord”

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

Sermon

Sermon Hymn *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* LBW 561

Please Stand

Apostles’ Creed LBW p. 65

Offering Hymn *“Create in Me”* LBW p. 75

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer LBW p. 71

Please Stand

Benediction

Closing Hymn *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”* BOB 72

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

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer
Lector: Kyle Schwandt

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Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (today)	9:00	June Servant Teams meets
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship
TUESDAY (5/19)	9:00	Faith Circle meets
	11:00	“What About Me” Study
	7:00	Love Circle meets
WEDNESDAY (5/20)	1:00	Romans Bible Study
THURSDAY (5/21)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
	4:00	Grief Support Group at Visitor Center
SUNDAY (5/24)	SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS	
	9:00	Worship
	10:00	Coffee Fellowship

Announcements

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

Flowers on the altar are given today in memory of Gretta Yaeger by her family.

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.

“Women’s Connection” will be held at Central Church, Milbank, on May 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Tickets: \$5.
Speaker - Jan Ostroot of New Haven, MN “Peace in Any Circumstance”
Special Feature - Northeast SD “Nurse Honor Guard”
Music - Vicki Strege (Pianist) and Amy Adelman, Dorla Jacobson, Deb Rausch, and Diane Stewart (Flutists)
For reservations, please contact Peg Dohrer at (605) 949-0311 or pldohrer@itcmilbank.com.

Rainforest Falls VBS begins May 31 at 5 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend the program at 7:45 p.m. on the evening of Thursday, June 4, as VBS wraps up their activities and shares what they learned during the week.

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

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 a.m. 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 \$17.84.



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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****Wagner, Dave & Linda**

Weinkauf, Deven & Jessica

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, and Rita Raffety

Avantara: Lane Lindquist

Fairway View-Granite View: Bob Hornstein