

9:00 WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 28, 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 *“How Could You Love Me So Much?”* BOB 96

Greeting and Response—Psalm 119

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: Look on my affliction and deliver me,

C: for I do not forget your law.

P: Plead my cause and redeem me;

C: give me life according to your promise!

P: Salvation is far from the wicked,

C: for they do not seek your statutes.

P: Great is your mercy, O Lord;

C: give me life according to your rules.

P: Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,

C: but I do not swerve from your testimonies.

P: I look at the faithless with disgust,

C: because they do not keep your commands.

P: Consider how I love your precepts!

C: Give me life, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.

P: The sum of your word is truth,

C: and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

Prayer of the Day: *“O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord .” Amen*

Praise Song *“Living Hope”*
Children’s Message *“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”* vs. 1

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

Second Reading: Romans 7:1-13

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

Please Stand
Verse *“Ancient Words”*

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

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

Sermon		
Sermon Hymn	<i>“O God of Mercy, God of Light”</i>	LBW 425
Please Stand		
Apostles’ Creed		LBW p. 65
Offering Hymn	<i>“Take My Life, that I May Be”</i> vs. 1,4	LBW 406
Prayers of the Church		
Lord’s Prayer		LBW p. 71
Please Stand		
Benediction		
Closing Hymn	<i>“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”</i>	LBW 389

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

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer
Lector: Jessica Lewno

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Why are the paraments green? The green color suggests growth. Just as the earth all around us is flourishing, the Holy Spirit helps us grow in our faith, little by little. The Holy Spirit helped the disciples and other believers to tell the people about Jesus and gave them power to begin a new church. Sometimes the Holy Spirit is called the comforter. That is a perfect name as it is God's Spirit that enables us to go through difficult times here on earth and to do the work of the church.

Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (today)	9:00	Worship
	10:00	Coffee Fellowship
TUESDAY (6/30)	11:00	"What About Me" Study
THURSDAY (7/2)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
	4:00	Grief Support Group at Visitor Center
FRIDAY (7/3)	CHURCH/OFFICE CLOSED	
SUNDAY (7/5)	9:00	Worship/Communion/ Dedication
	10:00	Pop-Up Brunch



Announcements

Prayers for Myles Maas, Bob Hornstein, Jon Liebe, Bob Johnson, Heather Zimny, Heather Dorsey, and Marshall Voeltz.

Meals on Wheels drivers are needed from July 6-31. Sign up for one of three routes delivering meals for 6 to 10 people each day for a week, two weeks, or all four weeks. Ask a friend to join you!! The signup sheet is on the counter in the fellowship hall.

Beacon Center in Watertown is the June mission project of the women of the church. Donated items can be placed in the baskets in the fellowship hall. They are always in need of the following:

Boxed easy meals	Jelly	Spaghetti sauce
Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6	Ramen	Tuna/meat (canned)
Baby wipes	Bleach	13-gallon trash bags
Pasta (canned)	Toilet bowl cleaner	Laundry detergent
Macaroni & cheese	Dish/dishwasher soap	Kids snacks
Pasta (boxed)	Lice treatment	Toilet paper
Peanut butter	Walmart/Hy-Vee/Visa gift cards for perishable items (eggs, milk, bread, etc.)	
Sunscreen		

Prayer Team of a small group of people to pray in person on a regular basis (possibly weekly) is being formed. Please consider this ministry if you have a heart for prayer or would like to learn how to pray. If interested, please contact the church office.

New Member Sunday is approaching. If you are interested in becoming a member of Living Word, please contact Pastor Melanie or the church office.

Newsletter Items Due to the church office by July 14 for an early August issue.

Church Women Quarterly Meeting will be Wednesday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m. All women are invited to attend this meeting to discuss the activities of the church and to enjoy an evening of fellowship.



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.
- July 15** **Abbey of the Hills Family Picnic**
5-7 p.m., Outdoor games, music and entertainment by “My Favorite Headache”
- July 26** **Family Fun at the Lake**
4 p.m., Vostad Cabin at Fish Haven
Bring a dish to pass. Hot dogs, chips, beverages, and smores will be provided. Guest speaker - Terri Mielitz
- September 19** **Women of the Word (WOW) Fall Gathering**
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN
- October 4-7** **LCMC Annual Gathering**
Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines, IA
Register by September 10.



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 June is designated for the Milbank Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). FCA seeks to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. Its mission is to lead coaches and athletes into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church. The total collected to date is \$333.33.



Servant Team

July 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)

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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, and Rita Raffety

Avantara: Lane Lindquist

Fairway View-Granite View: Bob Hornstein