

9:00 WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 14, 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

“Here I Am, Lord”

BOB 86

Greeting and Response—Psalm 100

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: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

C: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

P: Know that the Lord, he is God!

C: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

C: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

P: For the Lord is good;

C: his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of the Day: “O God, the strength of those who hope in you: Be present and hear our prayers; and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, so that in keeping your commandments we may please you in will and deed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen

Praise Song
Children’s Message

“Goodness Of God”
“Feed My Lambs” chorus only

BOB 55

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8

They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-15

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

Please Stand
Verse

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Matthew, the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing

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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	Chapel Communion
	10:00	Coffee Fellowship
TUESDAY (6/16)	9:00	Faith Circle Meets
	11:00	"What About Me" Study
	7:00	Love Circle Meets
WEDNESDAY (6/17)	1:00	Romans Bible Study
THURSDAY (6/18)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
	4:00	Grief Support Group at Visitor Center
FRIDAY (6/19)	CHURCH/OFFICE CLOSED	
SUNDAY (6/21)	9:00	Worship
	10:00	July Servant Team Meets
	10:00	Coffee Fellowship

Announcements

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

Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Sue Hippen.

Beacon Center in Watertown, SD, 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.)	

"Women's Connection" will be held at Central Church, Milbank, on June 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Tickets: \$5.

Speaker - Jan Schiferl of Fordyce, NE "A Change of Plans"

Special Feature - Karen Layher "Celebrating America"

Music - Jan Schiferl

For reservations, please contact Peg Dohrer at (605) 949-0311 or pldohrer@itcmilbank.com.



Notice the banner on the wall farthest to the right of the altar?

Pentecost is the longest season of the church calendar lasting 27 Sundays and up until Advent. Pentecost is represented by the color green, suggesting growth. The green color of the banner displays the symbol of the fish. This symbol was used by the first century Christians to secretly mark meeting places or to determine friends from foes. Today the fish continues to be a prominent symbol of the Christian faith.



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



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 \$45.



Noisy Change collected in the month of May for Grace Christian Academy totaled \$208.42

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)

****Co-chairs**

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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