

9:00 WORSHIP/COMMUNION
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 7, 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

“Before You, Lord, We Bow”

LBW 401

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: You have dealt well with your servant,

C: O Lord, according to your word.

P: Teach me good judgment and knowledge,

C: for I believe in your commandments.

P: Before I was afflicted I went astray,

C: but now I keep your word.

P: You are good and do good;

C: teach me your statutes.

P: The insolent smear me with lies,

C: but with my whole heart I keep your precepts;

P: their heart is unfeeling like fat,

C: but I delight in your law.

P: It is good for me that I was afflicted,

C: that I might learn your statutes.

P: The law of your mouth is better to me

C: than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Prayer of the Day: *“Lord God of all nations, you have revealed your will to your people and promised your help to us all. Help us to hear and to do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen*

Praise Song

“Goodness Of God”

Children’s Message

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” vs. 1

First Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me. “Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.” What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Please Stand

Verse

“Follow Me”

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax

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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/Communion
	10:00	Coffee Fellowship
TUESDAY (6/9)	9:00	Quilting
	11:00	"What About Me" Study
WEDNESDAY (6/10)	1:00	Feeding South Dakota
	5:30	Council Meeting
THURSDAY (6/11)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
	4:00	Grief Support Group at Visitor Center
SUNDAY (6/14)	9:00	Worship
	10:00	Chapel Communion
	10:00	Coffee Fellowship

Announcements

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

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
Peanut butter	Toilet bowl cleaner	Laundry detergent
Macaroni & cheese	Dish/dishwasher soap	Kids snacks
Pasta (boxed)	Lice treatment	Toilet paper
Pasta (canned)	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.



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