

10:00 WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 2024

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

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won!”

LBW 133

Greeting and Response—Psalm 150

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: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

C: praise him in his mighty heavens!

P: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

C: praise him according to his excellent greatness!

P: Praise him with trumpet sound;

C: praise him with lute and harp!

P: Praise him with tambourine and dance;

C: praise him with strings and pipe!

P: Praise him with sounding cymbals;

C: praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

P: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

C: Praise the LORD!

Prayer of the Day *“O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; 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

“Blessed Assurance”

BOB 24

Children’s Message

“Jesus Love Me” verse 1

RED 555

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:1-11 (12-21)

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Please stand

Verse *“Speak, O Lord”*

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to John, the 15th chapter (vs. 1-8)
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

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

Sermon

Sermon Hymn *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”* LBW 551
RED 53

Please Stand

Apostle’s Creed LBW p. 65

Offering Hymn *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”* LBW 564

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer LBW p.65

Please stand

Benediction

Closing Hymn *“Lead On, O King Eternal!”* LBW 495

P: He is Risen!
C: **He is Risen Indeed!**

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer
Lector: Sandy Christensen

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Living Word's Calendar

TODAY (4/28) 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship

WEDNESDAY 3:30 Confirmation
3:30 Dynamic Disciples

THURSDAY 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship

SUNDAY 9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship/Communion

Announcements

Prayers for Rita Dahle's great-grandson, Dax, Shirley Kindt, Bruce Larson, Tim DeJong, Dave Hepper, Kelly Peterson, Dan Kalber, Tom Dorry, Kelsey Little (Jamie & Hope Pekelder's niece), Brad Zahn.

Radio Broadcast is sponsored by an anonymous donation.

Mark your calendar for May 19 as pastoral candidate, Pastor Ritchie Cole will be visiting our church and community. He will preach the sermon that Sunday morning. A pot luck dinner will follow the service so Pastor Ritchie and his wife can get to know the congregation better. The call committee is organizing activities along with conducting an interview with him on Saturday.

Pastor Ritchie and his wife are from Oshkosh Wisconsin and has been serving Zion Lutheran Church as Associate Minister since 2011 along with General manager of Jericho Road, a 501c3 owned by Zion Lutheran Church. He supervised a childcare center; food pantry; senior apartment housing; thrift store; jail ministry; Freedom in Christ Ministry. The call committee is excited to get to know Pastor Ritchie better this weekend as we seek the Holy Spirits guidance as we consider Pastor Ritchie as our next Pastor. Please pray for the call committee and Pastor Ritchie.
Living Word Call Committee.



Mark your calendars

May 12—Senior Recognition
May 19—Pastoral candidate Pastor Ritchie Cole visits/potluck
May 26—Summer Worship Begins—9:00 Worship, 10:00 Coffee

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 radio broadcast and/or providing flowers are on the table in the fellowship hall.

Noisy Change

The **Noisy Change Offerings for April** will be collected for the Vacation Bible School which is June 23-27. The **April 14 Noisy Change Offering** was \$723.50 making the total for the month of April **\$960.70**.

“**Women’s Connection**”, an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries, meeting will be held at Central Church, Milbank, SD on Tuesday May 21, 2024 at 1:30 – 3:00 P.M, in the church fellowship hall.
Tickets: \$5.00 – Light dessert will be served.
Speaker— Mary Roelofs, of Princeton, MN
“No Matter What”
Special Feature — Norma Kruger
“Beautiful Spring Flowers”
Music - Diane Stewart - Flutist
Sheila Dailie - Accompanist
Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship together with women in our area.
For reservations: please contact:
Peg Dohrer – (605)949-0311 – pldohrer@itcmilbank.com.

Servant Team

May 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 at least one area 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.

“When a person trusts Jesus Christ for salvation, he or she is made a member of the body of Christ” ([1 Corinthians 12:27](#))

** Co-chairs

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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: Lois Helm, Betty Kloster, Marilyn Stemsrud, Rita Raffety
Avantara: Elaine Hallberg, Lane Lindquist
Wellshire Park Place: Carol Forster
Darcie’s Home Care: 1405 Highview Dr—Ann Sandbakken
In her home: Orlean Lardy