

10:00 WORSHIP/MOTHERS'S DAY/SENIOR RECOGNITION
ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
MAY 12, 2024

Prelude

Greeters

Maggie Kruger & Grant VanPeursesem

Announcements

Senior Recognition

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

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LBW 143

Greeting and Response—Psalm 47

Maggie Kruger

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

“I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”

BOB 116

Children’s Message

“Feed My Lambs” chorus only

BOB 55

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Cailey Sime

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.”

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.

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Living Word's Calendar

TODAY (5/12) MOTHER'S DAY/SENIOR RECOGNITION
9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship/Noisy Change to Restore Int'l, Inc.
11:00 Chapel Communion
2:00 Graduation
4-8 Cailey Sime's Graduation Open House

TUESDAY 9:00 Quilting

THURSDAY 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship

SATURDAY 6-8 Gabe Beckman's Graduation Open House

SUNDAY 9:00 Last day of Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship
11:00 Potluck

Announcements

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

Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Helen Dahle.

Flowers on the altar are in honor of the seniors.

Congratulation and God's Blessing to the following 2024 High School Seniors who will be recognized today: Gabe Beckman, Josh Keeton, Maggie Kruger, Cailey Sime and Grant VanPeurse.

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—The congregation is invited Cailey Sime’s **Graduation Open House** at 47950 148th St., Milbank from 4-8pm. Everyone is welcome!
May 18—I would like to invite the congregation to my **Graduation Open House**. It will be at the church on May 18th from 6-8pm. Everyone is welcome! Gabe Beckman
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 May** will be collected for Restore International, Inc. The **May 5 Noisy Change Offering** was \$34.81 making the total for the month of May **\$34.81**.

“**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

June Servant Team will meet **Sunday, May 19** during Coffee Fellowship at 9:00. **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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Welcome 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
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