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"Don't Be Afraid of Getting Old (LOL)"

We live in a fickle society where a few wrinkles can devastate your self-worth. But you don't have to be a victim of that value system. *'As the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands'* (v. 22). Someone said, "Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter!" So:

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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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for immediate prayers



Living in the Word...that the Word may live in others.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Fri 9 am - 2 pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:15 am Adult study

1) Build a strong relationship with God. Spend time talking with Him and reading His Word. *'Store my commands in your heart. If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying'* (Proverbs 3:1-2).

2) Come to grips with the reality of aging. Face it, you have been aging from the moment you were conceived. In fact, on the day of your birth, you were already nine months old. Therefore, fretting about getting older is as fruitless as worrying about the sun going down each day. Instead of worrying about the length of your life, maximize every day of it. Each morning look in the mirror and announce, *'This is the day the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it'* (see Psalm 118:24).

3) Always have a goal. It doesn't have to be something big in the eyes of the world, just something to look forward to doing with your hands and your mind. Eleanor Roosevelt said, "I could not at any age be content to take my place in a corner by the fireside and simply look on." Read, grow, contribute, stay involved, live until your last breath here on earth before you go and live on!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, thank You for creating me and giving me life — and life eternal. Help me use what You have created each day to further Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Does the thought of getting older depress you, make you anxious, or make you fatalistic in your outlook? If so, read this: *'Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing'* (vv. 13-14). Here is how to stay 'fresh and flourishing' as you grow older:

1) Guard your health. Studies show that good health is the number-one factor in determining the level of happiness in old age. So try to eat healthy, and exercise often if you can. Drink lots of water, take your daily vitamins, and get regular medical check-ups. These efforts will not guarantee you more time, but they will help improve the quality of your time here on earth.


2) Look your best. Dress stylishly at every age, as your budget will allow. When you look good, you feel good — and inspired. But keep your quest for attractiveness in balance. Remember God's words to Samuel: *'The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart'* (1 Samuel 16:7 NLT). Think twice, examine your motives, seek God's advice, and do your homework before you submit to cosmetic procedures. Some can be costly and downright dangerous.

3) Look for someone to help. Mother Teresa said, *'We cannot do great things. We can only do little things with great love.'* You will be amazed at the sense of strength, self-worth, and satisfaction you feel when you meet the needs of others. An unknown poet wrote, *'It's loving and giving that makes life worth living!'*

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help me mature well, knowing You still have work for me to do and people to touch with Your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

This Week at Living Word

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Blended Communion Worship Service Easter Sunday 	21	22 9am–Noon Preschool 10:00am Push Prayer	23 9am–Noon Preschool	24 9am–Noon Preschool	25	26

Church Contacts

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Stewardship Snapshot

April 13th 26 Worshipped Financial Support 981.00 General Fund Offering 150.00 Easter Flowers Money \$1,131.00 Total Deposit \$1,185.44 From CDS Technology to the Tech Fund \$60,699.52 From Church Mutual to the Building Fund \$63,015.96 Total Deposit

Devotional Time

Opportunities to Connect with God

PUSH PRAYER will be available on Zoom now for any of our out-of-towners and/or shut-ins to join us., I will email the link on Monday afternoons or Tuesday mornings, so it would be easier for you to find the email in your inbox. Just click on the link and it will connect you to the group. **Please see below for the Zoom info for the PUSH PRAYER on April 22nd.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84076099900?pwd=d3BxLBWbTlZRVpuSGhgTXc2dGRldz09>

Meeting ID: 840 7609 9900 Passcode: 427470

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RADIO & TV OPPORTUNITIES

- **Worship Anew**—8:00 a.m. Sunday - Comcast channel 184 (TLN) & 8 (SD) , WPWR channel 50, AT&T U-verse channel 1008 (HD) & 8 (SD), Dish Network # 8495; 10:30 a.m. Sunday - DIRECTV channel 377 (TCT)
- **The Lutheran Hour** 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays on 1230 AM; and 9:30 a.m. Sundays on 1580 AM

DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK The Gospel of John portrays God as a provider who offers eternal life through Jesus, spiritual comfort and guidance, and care for the needs of humanity, both physical and spiritual.

VERSE OF THE WEEK ³⁰When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. *John 19:30!*

VERSE OF THE MONTH ¹³They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

Mission of the Month



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY will be our Mission of the Month for April. The funds collected each week will go towards the Easter Eggs, and the items that her and Kyle will fill all 1,828 eggs for the 137 kids that are registered for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Mrs. Diana has had a very busy and anxious week, we almost didn't receive our shipment of Living Word slime for the Easter eggs that she is filling. Whatever is left over, will go towards the VBS Bible Buddies and materials for all crafts for each day of VBS.

VBS 2025

VBS 2025 is now being posted and advertised on the website and Facebook, and several of our past VBS families have already commented and liked the new update! Diana has already reached out to the high schools last week to have them post for volunteers. If you know any high schoolers that need community service hours, this is a great way to get at least 20+ hours if they are able to work the whole week. We still have some volunteers who are working and going to college that has told Diana they will help out as much as possible. Sherri Grecci will of course be here helping out with snack time each day too.



VBS 2025

Save the date!

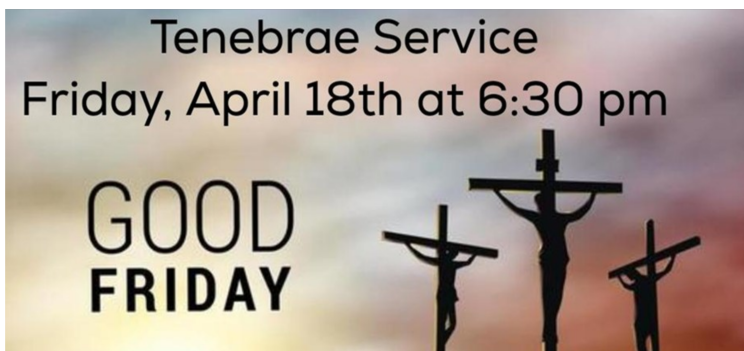
Living Word Lutheran Church
Orland Park, IL
July 21st-25th

Easter Egg Hunt 2025 Pics



Easter Services and Fellowship

HOLY WEEK SERVICES starts off with our Palm Sunday service that was on April 13th at 10:00am. The Tenebrae Good Friday service will be on April 18th at 6:30pm and then we will celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter morning at 10:00am with our Sunday morning worship service with communion. Please plan on joining us for these services this Easter season.



Living Word News

CALL COMMITTEE MEETING was this Wednesday, April 16th. We met with Pastor Schauer who gave us a list of names from the district. There are three names of pastors who hopefully will be interested in discussing the possibility of accepting a Call from us if they seem to be a good fit. We of course will keep you updated on the progress of the list of pastors.

COUNCIL MEETING will be scheduled for April 22nd, please make sure you change your calendars. The usual topics of discussion are the financials, preschool updates, hopefully there will be an update from the Call committee by then, and then the status of updating the technology in the sanctuary and an update on the roof replacement.

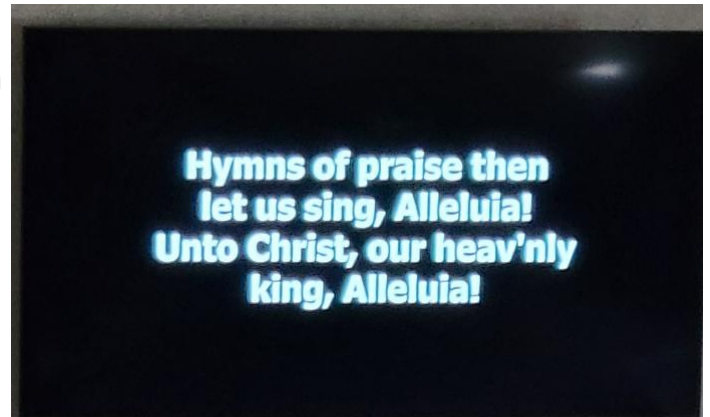
A BIG THANK YOU to our new video team, lol. Paul Motel, (Diana's hubby), Dave Holloway and Paul Huang for all of their hard work last Saturday. They set up the new computer in the tech booth, Man is that fast now, yay! They also installed the new 85" TV screen on the wall, and were able to connect the TV and the new computer to each other so we would be able to test it out last Sunday for worship. The group was here for 8 hours on Saturday. They were all exhausted by time they left. Our apologies for not having all of the wrinkles worked out yet on Sunday morning, it was a slight learning curve for Diana and especially me. Paul Motel worked on a few of the issues after worship on Sunday while the Egg Hunt was going on. He was able to improve the resolution

and he was also able to remove the clock, we know that Pastor will be very happy about that, lol. We appreciate everyone's patience while we strive to keep making improvements to the projection and visibility aspect of the new tech. We believe you will be at least somewhat pleased with the improvements we have already made, and we hope to have a few more conquered by next week. We will continue to improve the quality and we truly appreciate your understanding in the process.

OUR TREE CREW (Ed Baidis, Bill Merchantz and Neal Hartz) also deserve a big round of applause this past week. They removed a lot of dead branches and trees on Thursday and Friday and Neal rented a chipper and all of the tree branches removed from our parking lot before Sunday morning. They too were here for a very long time clearing out all of those branches.

EASTER FLOWERS should be here by Sunday morning for our worship celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. If you had ordered any of the flowers please feel free to take them home after service on Sunday.

CARE MEALS MINISTRY is proud to still be an active ministry for our fellow Christians. Even though everyone is humble and don't want to impose, we are always here to help. Hospital stays, medical treatments and just basic life issues can be difficult for people to handle along with everyday tasks, that's why we are here to lend a helping hand.



MEALS MINISTRY

Caring for the sick & shut in.

See Bev or Diana for more information



4-20-2025 Message Outline

“God’s Right Hand Man”

Psalm 16 says: *You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand...*

1) Because of God’s Right Hand Man... **REJOICE!**

¹⁷ “See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. ²⁰ “Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

Isaiah 65:17-25

2) Because of God’s Right Hand Man... **RISE!**

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

3) Because of God’s Right Hand Man... **REMEMBER!**

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” ⁸ Then they remembered his words. ⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Luke 24:1-12

