

10:00 WORSHIP/ANNUAL MEETING  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 19, 2023

**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**

*“Come, You Thankful People, Come”*

LBW 407

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 90:1-12**

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: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**C: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

P: You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!”

**C: For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

P: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

**C: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

P: For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

**C: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

P: For all our days pass away under your wrath;

**C: we bring our years to an end like a sigh.**

P: The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;

**C: yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

P: Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

**C: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

**Prayer of the Day** *“Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Amen.*

**Praise Songs**

*“Grace Alone”*

BOB 77

**Children’s Message**

*“Feed My Lambs”* chorus

BOB 55

**First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7-16**

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—“I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. “On that day,” declares the LORD, “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, ‘The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.’ Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.” The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**Please stand**

**Verse**

*“Alleluia”*

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P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Matthew, the 25th chapter (vs 14-30).

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Sermon Hymn**

**Please stand**

**Apostle’s Creed**

*“Praise and Thanksgiving”* vs 1,2

LBW 409

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**Offering Hymn**

**Prayers of the Church**

*“Give Thanks”*

BOB 65

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Please stand**

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**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

*“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”*

LBW 412

P: Go into all the world.

C: **Go to be a blessing!**

Pianist: Elizabeth Schulte

Lector: Sandy Christensen

10:00 WORSHIP

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AFTER PENTECOST

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## Living Word's Calendar

TODAY (11/19) 9:00 Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship  
9:00 December Servant Team meets  
10:00 Worship  
11:00 Annual Meeting  
Pancake Breakfast following meeting

TUESDAY DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE  
9:00 Faith Circle  
7:00 Love Circle

THURSDAY THANKSGIVING DAY  
CHURCH AND OFFICE CLOSED

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SUNDAY 9:00 Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 Worship

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## Announcements

**Prayers** for Sandy Christensen, Marsha Meister, Karen Hallquist, Elyse Reede, Barb Kloster, Tom Dorry, Kelsey Little (Jamie & Hope Pekelder's niece), Trisha Weber (daughter-in-law of Don & Carol Weber), Brad Zahn.

**Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Ileen Christensen by her family. Ileen went to be with Jesus 20 years ago today.

**Flowers on the altar** are given by Dave & Mary Hepper in celebration of their birthdays. Dave's is November 17 and Mary's is November 18.

**"Whetstone Valley Strings"**, directed by Elizabeth Schulte, will be presenting a recital Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2:30 at Living Word. The congregation is invited to attend.

The choir is planning to sing on Christmas Eve and anyone who is interested is welcome to join us. Practice will be held Dec. 3, 10, and 17 immediately after our church service, so approximately 11 am.

**Attention Quilters**—There will be no quilting until January 9, 2024.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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**November 19**—Annual Meeting  
**November 19**—Pancake Meal after annual meeting  
**December 10**—Sunday School Christmas Program  
**December 16**—St. Lucia  
**December 24**— 10:00 am Sunday Service, 5:00 pm candlelight service  
**January 9, 2024** — Quilting resumes

Prayerfully consider sponsoring a **Radio Broadcast** of our church service on KMSD. The service is broadcast at 8:00 AM on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$65. Signup sheets for sponsoring a radio broadcast and/or providing flowers are on the table in the fellowship hall.

**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.

“**Women’s Connection**”, an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries, meeting will be held at Central Church, Milbank, SD on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 1:30 – 3:00 P.M, in the church fellowship hall.

**Tickets:** \$5.00 – Light dessert will be served.

**Speaker**—Joyce Buseman of Centerville — “Insurance for a Secure Future”

**Special Feature** — Kim Goetschius — “Building Our Families”

**Music** - Vicki Strege — piano

Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship together with women in our area.

For reservations: please contact:

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## Servant Team

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**December Servant Team** will meet **today, November 19th**, 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**

Ballhagen, Chad  
DeJong Jason  
DeJong, Tim & Sue  
Fish, Cynthia  
Fish, Ethan  
Forster, Terry  
Hallquist, Karen  
Heinje, Chuck & Sally

Hyde, Gary & Sharon  
Maas, Scott & Laurie  
McMahon, Adam & Amanda  
Nelson, Bob & Pam  
O’Farrell, Larry & Pat  
Peterson, Don & Kelly  
Redepenning, Jackie  
Varpness, Angela

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## Shut-ins

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**Living Word Lutheran Church shut-ins** would welcome a visit or phone call.

**St. William’s Care Center:** Lois Helm, Rita Raffety

**Avantara:** Elaine Hallberg, Lane Lindquist

**Wellshire Park Place:** Gordon Johnson, Marilyn Stemsrud, Chris Nelson, Carol Forster

**Darcie’s Home Care:** 1405 Highview Dr—Ann Sandbakken

**Their own homes:** Orlean Lardy, Bob Crist