

9:00 WORSHIP  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 18, 2024

Prelude  
Announcements  
Puppet Skit

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

*“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

LBW 320

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 34:12-22**

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: What man is there who desires life

**C: and loves many days, that he may see good?**

P: Keep your tongue from evil

**C: and your lips from speaking deceit.**

P: Turn away from evil and do good;

**C: seek peace and pursue it.**

P: The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous

**C: and his ears toward their cry.**

P: The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,

**C: to cut off the memory of them from the earth.**

P: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears

**C: and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

P: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted

**C: and saves the crushed in spirit.**

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**C: but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

P: He keeps all his bones;

**C: not one of them is broken.**

P: Affliction will slay the wicked,

**C: and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

P: The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

**C: none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

**Prayer of the Day** *“Almighty and everlasting God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.*

Praise Song

*“Spirit Song”*

BOB 202

Children’s Message

*“Feed My Lambs”* chorus only

BOB 55

**First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. “Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:6-21**

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**Please stand**  
**Verse**

*“Thy Word”*

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to John, the 6th chapter (vs.51-69)

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

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Sermon Hymn**

**Please stand**

**Apostle’s Creed**

**Offering Hymn**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Please stand**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

*“How Great Thou Art”*

LBW 532

*“Take My Life, that I May Be”* vs. 1,2

LBW p. 65

LBW 406

LBW p. 71

*“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”*

LBW 230

P: Go into all the world.

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

Pianist: Elizabeth Schulte

Lector: Brenda Seehafer

9:00 WORSHIP

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## Living Word's Calendar

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TODAY (8/18) 9:00 Worship  
10:00 Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 September Servant Team meets

TUESDAY 9:00 Faith Circle  
7:00 Love Circle

THURSDAY 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE

SUNDAY 9:00 Worship  
10:00 Coffee Fellowship

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## Announcements

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**Prayers** for Dave Hepper, Shirley Kindt, Pastor Kent Groethe.

**Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Arnie & Donna Rehn in honor of their 57th Wedding Anniversary which was on August 12.

**Help Wanted** 2024-2025 Sunday School Teachers and Substitutes.  
If you are interested the sign-up sheet is available in the fellowship hall.

### Stained Glass Windows

These will be done by Northern Lights Stained Glass, from Watertown. The same company did the stained glass at Hosanna Lutheran in Watertown. Cost is \$1324 per window (this includes the longer top portion and the lower portion which opens). Total cost is \$7,944 with pledges already made for two windows in memory of loved ones. You do not need to purchase an entire window. Gifts in any amount will be deeply appreciated. Contact the office if you are interested in donating.



## Mark Your Calendars

**September 8—Winter Worship Schedule**  
**September 8—Rally Sunday—9:00 Sunday School, 10:00 Worship**



## 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 August** will be collected for Dynamic Disciples. Total through August 11 is \$205.00.

“**Women’s Connection**”, an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries, meeting will be held at Central Church, Milbank, SD, on **Tuesday, August 20, 2024**, at 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. in the church fellowship hall.

Tickets: \$5.00—Light dessert will be served.

Speaker: Cynthia Sheppard of Egan, SD

Special Feature: Orphan Grain Train - Plastic Bag Mats  
(Please bring “plastic bags “ to donate.)

Music: The Tschetter Family & Bob Frink

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

For reservations, please contact:

Peg Dohrer at (605) 949-0311 – [pldohrer@itcmilbank.com](mailto:pldohrer@itcmilbank.com)

## Servant Team

**September Servant Team** will meet **today**, during Coffee Fellowship at 10:00. **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

\*\*Berger, Jeff & Julie

Capp, Robert & Susan

Dahle, Rita

\*\*Grimley, Carol

Hansen, Richard & Sandra

Hansen, Roger & Stephanie

Kasuske, Greg & Lori

Lewnno, Adam & Jessica

Meister, Gary & Marsha

Pekelder, Jamie & Hope

Peschong, Troy & Tamra

Prisinger, Dale & Linda

Randleman, Craig & Carolyn

Remund, Norman & Linda

Schmidt, Marlin & Shirley

Yaeger, Robert & Gretta

## 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:** Lil Colberg, Lois Helm, Betty Kloster,

Orlean Lardy, Rita Raffety, Marilyn Stemsrud,

**Avantara:** Elaine Hallberg, Lane Lindquist

**Wellshire Park Place:** Carol Forster

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