

9:00 WORSHIP  
AUGUST 17, 2025  
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**

*“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”*

LBW535

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 119**

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: My soul faints with longing for your salvation,

**C: but I have put my hope in your word.**

P: My eyes fail, looking for your promise;

**C: I say, “When will you comfort me?”**

P: Though I am like a wineskin in the smoke,

**C: I do not forget your decrees.**

P: How long must your servant wait?

**C: When will you punish my persecutors?**

P: The arrogant dig pits to trap me,

**C: contrary to your law.**

P: All your commands are trustworthy;

**C: help me, for I am being persecuted without cause.**

P: They almost wiped me from the earth,

**C: but I have not forsaken your precepts.**

P: In your unfailing love preserve my life,

**C: that I may obey the statutes of your mouth.**

*Prayer of the Day “O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.*

**Praise Song**

*“He Is Exalted”*

**First Reading: Jeremiah 23:16-29**

This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They keep saying to those who despise me, ‘The Lord says: You will have peace.’ And to all who follow the stubbornness of their hearts they say, ‘No harm will come to you.’ But which of them has stood in the council of the Lord to see or to hear his word? Who has listened and heard his word? See, the storm of the Lord will burst out in wrath, a whirlwind swirling down on the heads of the wicked. The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he fully accomplishes the purposes of his heart. In days to come you will understand it clearly. I did not send these prophets, yet they have run with their message; I did not speak to them, yet they have prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, they would have proclaimed my words to my people and would have turned them from their evil ways and from their evil deeds. “Am I only a God nearby,” declares the Lord, “and not a God far away? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?” declares the Lord. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the Lord. “I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the Lord. “Is not my word like fire,” declares the Lord, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-3**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

**Please Stand**

**Verse**

*“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter (49-56)

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

“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father

against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?

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

Sermon	Divisive Truth	
Sermon Hymn	<i>“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”</i>	LBW559
Apostle’s Creed		LBW p. 65
Offering Hymn	<i>“Give Thanks”</i>	BOB65
Great Thanksgiving Words of Institution Prayers of the Church Lord’s Prayer Agnus Dei		
Communion Hymns	<i>“Remember Me”</i>	BOB188
	<i>“How Could You Love Me So Much?”</i>	BOB96
	<i>“O Living Bread from Heaven”</i>	LBW197
Post Communion Canticle	<i>“Thank the Lord And Sing His Praise”</i>	LBWp.72
Benediction		
Closing Hymn	<i>“Let It Be Said of Us”</i>	BOB141

P: The Lord asks, whom shall I send?  
C: Here am I, send me!

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer  
Lector: Hunter Reede

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## Living Word's Calendar

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TODAY (8/17)      9:00 Worship/ Communion  
10:00 Coffee Fellowship  
SERVANT TEAM MEETS AFTER SERVICE  
7:00 Guest Speaker from Haven Center

TUESDAY          9:00 Faith Circle  
7:00 Love Circle

WEDNESDAY      NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE

THURSDAY        9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship

SUNDAY (8/24)   9:00 Worship/ New Member Welcome  
10:00 Coffee Fellowship

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## Announcements

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**Prayers** for Dave Hepper, Shirley Kindt, Sue Hippen, Jenna Johnson, Stacy Simonson, John DeAngelis, Hailey Heinje, Sharon Brown, Keaton Johnson, Collis Dahle, Tom Dorry, Bob Hornstein, and Caleb Stanton.

**Radio Broadcast** is given in honor of Collis Dahl's Birthday

**Sunday School Volunteers** are still needed! The sign up sheet is located on the table in the fellowship hall. Please see Laurie or Sue for more information.

**Get ready for Rally Sunday on September 7th!** Sunday School begins at 8:45am, Coffee Fellowship at 9am, Worship with communion at 10am, followed by a potluck lunch and an afternoon filled with activities! Invite a friend and join us for a joyful time of worship, learning and fun!

**Living Word Warriors** are hosting a Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 21st at 1:00. Adult teams and Kid teams are welcome. A concession stand will be open with food and drinks. Registration is encouraged but not required. Proceeds benefit It Only Takes A Spark Cancer Walk.



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## Mark Your Calendars

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**September 7 Rally Sunday**

**September 17 Dynamic Disciples Resumes**

**September 20 Women of the Word Fall Gathering in Perham, MN**  
**Registration deadline September 8th**

**September 21 Living Word Warriors Cornhole Tournament**



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## Radio Broadcast

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

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## Noisy Change

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Noisy Change Collected in the month of August is dedicated to Gospel House Orphanage in Vietnam.



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## Servant Team

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September 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 several areas 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.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10)

**\*\*Co-chairs**

Berdan, Daniel & Rachel  
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Meister, Aaron & Teresa  
O’Connor, Donald & Terry  
Quinn, Kristin  
Sandvig, Brian & Janel  
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Weber, Kyle & Gretchen



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## Visitors

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**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.

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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:** Lil Colberg, Lois Helm, Betty Kloster, Rita Raffety

**Avantara:** Lane Lindquist