

9:00 WORSHIP
AUGUST 10, 2025
NINTH 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

“To God Be the Glory”

RED8

Greeting and Response—Psalm 33

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: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

C: the people he chose for his inheritance.

P: From heaven the Lord looks down

C: and sees all mankind;

P: from his dwelling place he watches

C: all who live on earth—

P: he who forms the hearts of all,

C: who considers everything they do.

P: No king is saved by the size of his army;

C: no warrior escapes by his great strength.

P: A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;

C: despite all its great strength it cannot save.

P: But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,

C: on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

P: to deliver them from death

C: and keep them alive in famine.

P: We wait in hope for the Lord;

C: he is our help and our shield.

P: him our hearts rejoice,

C: or we trust in his holy name.

P: May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,

C: even as we put our hope in you.

Prayer of the Day “O God, you see how busy we are with many things. Turn us to listen to your teachings and lead us to choose the one thing which will not be taken from us, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.

Praise Song

“Be Thou My Vision”

BOB20

Children's Message

“Feed My Lambs”

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be. “Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People

who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Please Stand

Verse *“Thy Word”*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter (22-34)

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?”

“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *“Worship > Worry”*

Sermon Hymn *“Beautiful Savior”* LBW518

Please Stand

Apostle’s Creed

Offering Hymn *“Take My Life, that I May Be”* LBW406vs.1&2

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn *“How Firm a Foundation”* LBW507

P: The Lord asks, whom shall I send?

C: Here am I, send me!

Pianist: Elizabeth Schulte

Lector: Sam Wilson

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Living Word's Calendar

TODAY (8/10) 9:00 Worship
10:00 Coffee Fellowship
ALTAR GUILD MEETS AFTER SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 6:00 LWLW Paint Night
6:30 Council

THURSDAY 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship

SUNDAY (8/17) 9:00 Worship with Communion
10:00 Coffee Fellowship

Announcements

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 Dale and Linda Prisinger's 46th Anniversary, which is today.

YOU ARE INVITED to a presentation about Haven Center in Watertown, SD. Brookney Delgado, Executive Director, will be sharing about their mission and what services they offer. Haven Center is a non-profit medical pregnancy resource center providing free services like pregnancy testing, STI testing, ultrasounds, options consultations and support to those facing unplanned pregnancies. Please join us and come meet Brookney to hear more! Light refreshments will be served following her presentation. Sunday, August 17th at 7 pm at Living Word Lutheran Church. 101 Northridge Avenue, Milbank (on the North edge of town on Highway 15). Event sponsored by Milbank Area Right to Life.

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.

July's Noisy Change collection for Grace Christian Academy in Chicago was \$736.00



Mark Your Calendars

August 13 LWLW Paint Night

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



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

Noisy Change

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



Servant Team

August 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**

Anderson, Ron & Linda
Christensen, Roger
Grimley, Carol
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Hippen, Susan
Kalber, Lenore
Kloster, Ed & Barb
Letze, Janice

Maas, Scott & Laurie
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Reede, Moe & Rochelle
Varpness, Angela
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Willprecht, Eileen
Zeigler, Harold & Beverly



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 and Rita Raffety

Avantara: Lane Lindquist