

10:00 WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
FOURTEENTH 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

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LBW158vs. 1-3&5

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: May my cry come before you, Lord;

C: give me understanding according to your word.

P: May my supplication come before you;

C: deliver me according to your promise.

P: May my lips overflow with praise,

C: for you teach me your decrees.

P: May my tongue sing of your word,

C: for all your commands are righteous.

P: May your hand be ready to help me,

C: for I have chosen your precepts.

P: I long for your salvation, Lord,

C: and your law gives me delight.

P: Let me live that I may praise you,

C: and may your laws sustain me.

P: I have strayed like a lost sheep.

C: Seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commands.

Prayer of the Day “Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.

Praise Song

“Thy Loving Kindness Is Better Than Life”

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-24

““For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice. ““As for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet? Must my flock feed on what you have trampled and drink what you have muddied with your feet?”

““Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Special Music

Gillian Mattice

Please Stand

Verse

“Sanctuary”

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter (1-10)

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to grumble, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LBW293

Please Stand

Apostle's Creed

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

LBW410vs.1&2

Offering Hymn

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

LBW369vs.1,2,4&5

P: The Lord asks, whom shall I send?

C: Here am I, send me!

Pianist: Bob Frink

Lector: Karen Kiefer

**In case of emergencies please call or text
Pastor Curtis directly on his cell phone at (708)359-1491,
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Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (9/14)	8:45 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship
TUESDAY (9/16)	9:00 Faith Circle 7:00 Love Circle
WEDNESDAY (9/17)	3:30 Dynamic Disciples 3:30 Confirmation
THURSDAY (9/18)	6:30 The Chosen resumes
SUNDAY (9/21)	October Servant Team meets 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship/Communion

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, Caleb Stanton, Myles Maas, and Jane Altberg, aunt of Kristi Seehafer.

Radio Broadcast is given in honor Carol Forester's 90th Birthday which is on September 16th

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.

Today is the last day to get your order in for the LWLC shirts, hats, and jackets!



Mark Your Calendars

September 17 Dynamic Disciples/ Confirmation Resumes

September 18 The Chosen Resumes

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

**September 21 October Servant Team Meets
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 September is dedicated to The flood victims in Texas, through our friends at Samaritan's Purse.



Servant Team

October 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**

Balling, Bernie&Tina

Brook, Larry&Peggy

Buttke, Deb

Capp, Robert&Susan

Cramer, Zach&Emily

Hornstein, Barb

Keeton, Mark

Myklegard, Chuck

Nelson, Glenn

Olson, Brad&Jackie

Schwandt, Kyle&Melanie

Veen, Charles&Nadine

Wellnitz, Jenny

Yaeger, Robert



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