

10:00 WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
FIFTEENTH 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 *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* LBW456vs.1,2,3&6

Greeting and Response—Psalm 113

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: Praise the Lord.

C: Praise the Lord, you his servants;

P: praise the name of the Lord.

C: Let the name of the Lord be praised,

P: both now and forevermore.

C: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,

P: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C: The Lord is exalted over all the nations,

P: his glory above the heavens.

C: Who is like the Lord our God,

P: the One who sits enthroned on high,

C: who stoops down to look

P: on the heavens and the earth?

C: He raises the poor from the dust

P: and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

C: he seats them with princes,

P: with the princes of his people.

C: He settles the childless woman in her home

P: as a happy mother of children.

C: Praise the Lord.

Prayer of the Day “Oh God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.

Praise Song

“No Other Name”

BOB170

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, saying, “When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?”—skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. The Lord has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 5:6-12

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

Please Stand

Verse

“Speak O Lord”

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter (1-15)

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’ “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’ “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ “‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’ “The master commended the dishonest manager

because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.

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

Sermon		
Sermon Hymn	<i>“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”</i>	
Apostle’s Creed		LBW p. 65
Offering Hymn	<i>“We Give Thee but Thine Own”</i>	LBW410
Great Thanksgiving		
Words of Institution		
Prayers of the Church		
Lord’s Prayer		
Agnus Dei		
Communion Hymns	<i>“Grace Alone”</i>	BOB77
	<i>“One Bread, One Body”</i>	WOV710
	<i>“I Surrender All”</i>	RED451
Post Communion Canticle	<i>“Thank the Lord And Sing His Praise”</i>	LBWp.72
Benediction		
Closing Hymn	<i>“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”</i>	LBW424vs.1,2,3,&5

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

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer
 Lector: Sue DeJong

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Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (9/21) 8:45 Sunday School
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
OCTOBER SERVANT TEAM MEETS
10:00 Worship
1:00 Cornhole Tournament

TUESDAY (9/23) 9:00 Quilting

WEDNESDAY (9/24) 3:30 Dynamic Disciples
3:30 Confirmation
NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE

THURSDAY (9/25) 9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship
6:30 The Chosen

SUNDAY (9/28) Mission Sunday
9:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Worship

Announcements

Prayers for Dave Hepper, Shirley Kindt, Sue Hippen, Jenna Johnson, John DeAngelis, Hailey Heinje, Keaton Johnson, Karen Kiefer, Bob Hornstein, Miles Maas, Caleb Stanton, Barbara Kanthak, and the Dorry family.

Radio Broadcast and flowers are given in honor of Dick and Sandra Hansen's 65th Anniversary, and Dick's 84th birthday.

Living Word Warriors are hosting a Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser TODAY at 1:00. Adult teams and Kid teams are welcome. A concession stand will be open with food and drinks. There are still openings for kid and adult teams. Come out and throw a few bags and spend the afternoon with food, fellowship, and fun! Proceeds benefit It Only Takes A Spark Cancer Walk.

Sunday October 12th we will be packing Mercy Meals at the Orphan Grain Train building. The event will begin at 3:30, and will be followed by a soup supper at the church around 5:00. There is a sign up sheet for those wishing to participate in the event.



Mark Your Calendars

September 28th- Mission Sunday
Rev. Bill Moberly, ALWM will be here
Potluck Following 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 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, Rita Raffety

Avantara: Lane Lindquist