

10:00 WORSHIP  
OCTOBER 12, 2025  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Prelude**  
**Announcements**  
**Children's Performance**  
**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

## ***“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”***

LBW293

## Greeting and Response—Psalm 111

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: I will extol the Lord with all my heart**

P: in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

**C: Great are the works of the Lord**

P: they are pondered by all who delight in them.

**C: Glorious and majestic are his deeds,**

P: and his righteousness endures forever.

**C: He has caused his wonders to be remembered**

P: the Lord is gracious and compassionate.

**C: He provides food for those who fear him;**

P: he remembers his covenant forever.

**C: He has shown his people the power of his works,**

P: giving them the lands of other nations.

**C: The works of his hands are faithful and just;**

P: all his precepts are trustworthy.

**C: They are established for ever and ever,**

P: enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

**C: He provided redemption for his people;**

P: he ordained his covenant forever—

**C: holy and awesome is his name.**

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

**C: all who follow his precepts have good understanding.**

**ALL: To him belongs eternal praise.**

*Prayer of the Day* “Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.

## Praise Song

## *“Make Me a Servant”*

BOB155

## First Reading: Ruth 1:1-19

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord's hand has turned against me!" At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-13**

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor’s crown except by competing according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

**Please Stand  
Verse**

*“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th Chapter (11-19)

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

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Sermon Hymn**

*“Savior, Like A Shepard Lead Us”*

RED365

**Please Stand**

**Apostle’s Creed**

**Offering Hymn**

*“Give Thanks”*

BOB65

**Prayers of the Church**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

*“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”*

LBW352vs.1,2,4,&8

P: The Lord asks, whom shall I send?

**C: Here am I, send me!**

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer

Lector: Kyle Schwandt

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## Living Word's Calendar

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SUNDAY (10/12)	8:45 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship 11:00 Chapel Communion 3:30 Mercy Meals Event 5:00 Soup Supper
MONDAY (10/13)	Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day CHURCH AND OFFICE CLOSED
TUESDAY (10/14)	9:00 Quilting
WEDNESDAY (10/15)	3:30 Dynamic Disciples 3:30 Confirmation 5:30 Book of Romans Bible Study
THURSDAY (10/16)	9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship 6:30 The Chosen
SUNDAY (10/19)	8:45 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship NOVEMBER SERVANT TEAM MEETS 10:00 Worship/Communion

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## Announcements

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**Prayers** for Dave Hepper, Shirley Kindt, Sue Hippen, Jenna Johnson, John DeAngelis, Hailey Heinje, Keaton Johnson, Karen Kiefer, Bob Hornstein, Miles Maas, Caleb Stanton, Kent Englund, and Barbara Kanthak

**Radio Broadcast** is given by Sue Hippen in Honor of Paul Anderson's Birthday.



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## Mark Your Calendars

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**October 15**      **Roman's Bible Study Begins 5:30**

**October 26th**      **Vesper's Services at Nursing Homes**



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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 October is dedicated to  
Dynamic Disciples



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## Servant Team

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**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

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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 and Rita Raffety

**Avantara:** Lane Lindquist