

10:00 WORSHIP  
REFORMATION SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 26, 2025

**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**

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

LBW 229

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 46**

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: God is our refuge and strength,

**C: a very present help in trouble.**

P: Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,

**C: though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

P: though its waters roar and foam,

**C: though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**C: the holy habitation of the Most High.**

P: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

**C: God will help her when morning dawns.**

P: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

**C: he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

P: The LORD of hosts is with us;

**C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P: Come, behold the works of the LORD,

**C: how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

P: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**C: he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire,**

P: “Be still, and know that I am God.

**C: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

P: The LORD of hosts is with us;

**C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**Prayer of the Day:** *“Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” Amen.*

**Praise Song**

**“Cornerstone”**

**Children’s Message**

**“Feed My Lambs”** chorus only

BOB 55

**First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7**

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

**Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28**

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**Please Stand**

**Verse**

**“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”**

LBW 239

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to John, the 8th chapter (vs. 31-36)

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

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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

**Sermon**

**Sermon Hymn**                      *"All Who Believe and Are Baptized"*                      LBW 194

**Please Stand**

**Apostles' Creed**

**Offering Hymn**                      *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* vs. 1,2                      LBW 410

**Prayers of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Please Stand**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**                      *"The Church's One Foundation"* vs. 1,2,4,5                      LBW 369

P: The Lord asks, "Whom shall I send?"  
C: **Here am I, send me!**

Pianist: Bob Frink  
Lector: Dave Wagner

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## Living Word's Calendar

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SUNDAY (10/26)      8:45 Sunday School  
                                 9:00 Coffee Fellowship  
                                 10:00 Worship

TUESDAY (10/28)      9:00 Quilting

WEDNESDAY (10/29) 3:30 Dynamic Disciples  
                                 3:30 Confirmation  
                                 5:30 Book of Romans Bible Study

THURSDAY (10/30)    9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship

SUNDAY (11/2)        8:45 Sunday School  
                                 9:00 Coffee Fellowship  
                                 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, Jon Liebe, Jane Altberg, Heather Dorsey, Karen Hallquist, and Norman "Bud" Remund.

**The October Mission Project** for the Living Word Women is nonperishable items for the food pantry. Paper towels, laundry detergent, soap, dishwasher soap, toilet paper, diapers, wet wipes, shampoo, conditioners, etc., are welcome. The donation point is the basket in the back of the church.

### Ladies Ladies Ladies

Please consider joining a Circle Bible Study for 2026. We will be studying Letters of Encouragement, a bible study on Paul's letters to the Thessalonians. Come for food, fun, fellowship, and spiritual inspiration. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at either 9:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. There will be a signup sheet in the fellowship hall.



## Mark Your Calendars

- October 26** Vespers Services at Nursing Homes  
**October 29** Roman's Bible Study at 5:30  
**October 30** Vespers Service at Peaceful Pines  
**November 2** All Saints' Sunday  
**November 2** Daylight Savings Time ends. Set clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m.  
**November 9** Pancake/Sausage Fundraiser from 11:00 to 1:00  
**November 16** Annual Congregational Meeting immediately after church service



## 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 October is dedicated to Dynamic Disciples.



## Servant Team

**November 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)*

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| **Co-chairs               |                            |
| **Berger, Jeffrey & Julie | Meister, Gary & Marsha     |
| Campbell, Angel           | Meister, Terry & Heidi     |
| **Dockter, Randy & Lori   | Pekelder, Jamie & Hope     |
| Forster, Terry            | Peschong, Troy & Tamra     |
| Lewno, Jessica            | Randleman, Craig & Carolyn |
| Maze, Jay & Sally         | Schell, Lisa               |
| McCrea, Orgene & Karen    | Wagner, Dave & Linda       |
| McMahon, Adam & Amanda    | Weinkauf, Deven & Jessica  |

## Welcome Visitors

**Welcome visitors.** Please sign our guest book located in the fellowship hall. Thank you for worshiping 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, and Larry Brook  
**Avantara:** Lane Lindquist