

9:00 WORSHIP
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 19, 2026

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 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: The Lord is my portion;

C: I promise to keep your words.

P: I entreat your favor with all my heart;

C: be gracious to me according to your promise.

P: When I think on my ways,

C: I turn my feet to your testimonies;

P: I hasten and do not delay

C: to keep your commandments.

P: Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,

C: I do not forget your law.

P: At midnight I rise to praise you,

C: because of your righteous rules.

P: I am a companion of all who fear you,

C: of those who keep your precepts.

P: The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;

C: teach me your statutes!

Prayer of the Day: *“Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen*

Praise Song

Children's Message

Special Music

“Blessed Assurance”

***“Feed My Lambs”* chorus only**

BOB 24

BOB 55

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Please Stand

Verse

“Speak, O Lord”

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."' Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the

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Why are the paraments green? The green color suggests growth. Just as the earth all around us is flourishing, the Holy Spirit helps us grow in our faith, little by little. The Holy Spirit helped the disciples and other believers to tell the people about Jesus and gave them power to begin a new church. Sometimes the Holy Spirit is called the comforter. That is a perfect name as it is God's Spirit that enables us to go through difficult times here on earth and to do the work of the church.

Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (today)	9:00	Worship
	10:00	Coffee Fellowship
TUESDAY (7/21)	10:00	August Servant Team Meets
	9:00	Faith Circle Meets
	11:00	“What About Me” Study
THURSDAY (7/23)	7:00	Love Circle Meets
	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
	9:00	Worship
SUNDAY (7/26)	10:00	Coffee Fellowship
	4:00	Family Fun at the Lake



Announcements

Prayers for Myles Maas, Bob Hornstein, Jon Liebe, Bob Johnson, Heather Zimny, Heather Dorsey, Marshall Voeltz, and Arianne Fink.

Radio broadcast is given in memory of Betty Kloster by her family.

Prayer Team of a small group of people to pray in person on a regular basis (possibly weekly) is being formed. Please consider this ministry if you have a heart for prayer or would like to learn how to pray. If interested, please contact the church office.

“Women’s Connection” will be held at Central Church, Milbank, on July 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Tickets: \$5.

Speaker - Loretta Sorensen of Yankton “Relentless Love”

Special Feature - Alan and Loretta Sorensen

Music - Jena Schulte and Paula Tobin

For reservations, please contact Peg Dohrer at (605) 949-0311 or pldohrer@itcmilbank.com.

Network for Children in Sierra Leone is the July mission project of the women of the church. Their needs include pens/pencils; crayons; loose-leaf, lined paper; jump ropes; tennis balls; and money for food and misc. items. Donated items can be placed in the baskets in the fellowship hall.

Family Fun at the Lake will be on July 26 at 4 p.m. at Gene and Sue Vostad’s cabin at Fish Haven. Bring a dish to pass and your lawn chair. Hot dogs, chips, beverages, and s’mores will be provided. The guest speaker will be Terri Mielitz from Building Our Families. If you plan to attend, sign up in the fellowship hall so we can get an idea of how many to prepare for.

New Member Sunday is approaching. If you are interested in becoming a member of Living Word, please contact Pastor Melanie or the church office.



Mark Your Calendars

- September 19 Women of the Word (WOW) Fall Gathering**
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Julie Smith
9 a.m., Cost \$25
Registration Deadline: September 7
- October 4-7 LCMC Annual Gathering**
Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines, IA
Registration Deadline: September 10.



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 for the month of July is designated for the Gospel House Kids Orphan Ministry in Vietnam. Vietnam has the highest abortion rate in Asia, with as many as 58 percent of pregnancies ending in abortion. The four “Gospel houses” are the unofficial foster homes where about 40 rescued children live who are not able to be raised by their birth moms. The orphanages have grown out of the passionate prolife work of the staff leader, Dr. Hang. Since 2005, Dr. Hang and her team of 5 volunteers have seen nearly 300 women choose life, and about 10 percent of those have been abandoned by their mothers and left with this organization to raise. The total collected to date is \$276.84.



Servant Team

August Servant Team. Servant teams help usher, greet, furnish and/or serve during coffee fellowship time, help with weddings if scheduled, and help and/or furnish for funerals that may occur. 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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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: Larry Brook, Lil Colberg, and Rita Raffety

Avantara: Lane Lindquist

Fairway View-Granite View: Bob Hornstein