

9:00 WORSHIP
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 26, 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 “Children of the Heavenly Father” LBW 474

Greeting and Response—Psalm 125

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: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,

C: which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

P: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people,

C: from this time forth and forevermore.

P: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest

C: on the land allotted to the righteous,

P: lest the righteous stretch out

C: their hands to do wrong.

P: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,

C: and to those who are upright in their hearts!

P: But those who turn aside to their crooked ways

C: the Lord will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

Prayer of the Day: “O God, you see how busy we are with many things. Turn us to listen to your teachings and lead us to choose the one thing which will not be taken from us, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen

Praise Song
Children’s Message

“Seek Ye First”
“Feed My Lambs” chorus only

BOB 55

First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-39

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Please Stand
Verse

“On My Heart imprint Your Image”

LBW 102

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

Sermon		
Sermon Hymn	<i>“Beautiful Savior”</i>	LBW 518
Please Stand		
Apostles’ Creed		LBW p. 65
Offering Hymn	<i>“Give Thanks”</i>	BOB 65
Prayers of the Church		
Lord’s Prayer		LBW p. 71
Please Stand		
Benediction		
Closing Hymn	<i>“How Great Thou Art”</i>	LBW 532

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

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer
Lector: Sandy Christensen

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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
	4:00	Family Fun at the Lake
TUESDAY (7/28)	11:00	"What About Me" Study
THURSDAY (7/30)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
SUNDAY (8/2)	9:00	Worship/Communion
	10:00	Coffee Fellowship



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 honor of Marlin and Shirley Schmidt's 69th wedding anniversary on July 27.

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 is 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.

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.

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.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- 1) Romans (15 weeks)
- 2) James (5 weeks)
- 3) Experiencing God (12 weeks) (book and study by Henry Blackaby)

All studies will start the week of September 7. Sign up in the fellowship hall if you are interested in any of these opportunities. Registration deadline: August 19.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

"Gal Pals" - Once a month, a social event will be offered. Women can sign up every time or when it works for them. We will gather input each time from the group before planning the following month's event. Sign up in the fellowship hall if you are interested in attending. **First Event:** Thursday, Sept. 10, Shady Beach, Dinner 5:30 p.m.



Mark Your Calendars

- September 13 Rally Sunday**
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 \$328.84.



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