

9:00 WORSHIP
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 16, 2026

Prelude
Announcements
Blessing of the Backpacks
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

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

LBW 327

Greeting and Response—Psalm 67

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: May God be gracious to us and bless us

C: and make his face to shine upon us,

P: that your way may be known on earth,

C: your saving power among all nations.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C: let all the peoples praise you!

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C: let all the peoples praise you!

P: The earth has yielded its increase;

C: God, our God, shall bless us.

P: God shall bless us;

C: let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Prayer of the Day: *“Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your*

mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen

Praise Song

“Bind Us Together”

WOV 748

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Please Stand
Verse

“Ancient Words”

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Hymn *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* LBW 439

Please Stand

Apostles’ Creed LBW p. 65

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

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer LBW p. 71

Please Stand

Benediction *“The Blessing”*

Closing Hymn *“Peace Be Yours”* BOB 183

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

Dedication Outside
Table Prayer

Pianist: Vicki Strege
Lector: David Kruger

Litany of Dedication:
Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: God of grace, you created us for community and joy. For the gift of this playground and the hands that built it,
People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: That this space may be a place of safety, health, and enjoyment for all children,
People: We dedicate this space in your holy name.

Pastor: As a beacon of hospitality, welcoming families from our neighborhood, showing them your love, and welcoming them into fellowship in the Name of Jesus.
People: We dedicate this space in your holy name.

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*** Community FYI ***

“Women’s Connection” will be held at Central Church, Milbank, on August 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Tickets: \$5.

Speaker - Paula Zukowski, Shoreview, MN “A Real Fixer-Upper”

Special Feature - Laura Stahl - homemade soap making

Music - Shirone Spolar

Reservations: contact Peg Dohrer at (605) 949-0311 or pldohrer@itcmilbank.com.

Living Word’s Calendar

SUNDAY (today)	9:00	Worship/Playground Dedication/Blessing of the Backpacks
	10:00	Potluck Brunch
	10:00	September Servant Team Meets
TUESDAY (8/18)	9:00	Faith Circle Meets
	11:00	“What About Me” Study
	7:00	Love Circle Meets
THURSDAY (8/20)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
FRIDAY (8/21)	Newsletter Items Due	
SUNDAY (8/23)	9:00	Worship
	10:00	Coffee Fellowship

Announcements

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

Radio broadcast is sponsored today by Arnie and Donna Rehn in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary, which was on August 12.

Sympathy and prayers to John Gustafson and his family in the death of his daughter, Tammy Minder, who passed away on July 29. Tammy's funeral was held in Watertown on Friday, August 7.

MADE Men, August 22, 10 a.m., MHS Theater, the speaker will be the founder of RESGEN, Tom Henderson.

Upcoming Bible Studies will start the week of Sept. 7. Sign up in the fellowship hall if you are interested in any of these opportunities. Registration deadline: Aug. 19.

- 1) Romans (15 weeks)
- 2) James (5 weeks)
- 3) “Experiencing God” by Henry Blackaby (12 weeks)

“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.

Prayer Team of a small group of people to pray in person on a regular basis is being formed. If interested, please contact the church office.

Network for Children in Sierra Leone is the August 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.





Mark Your Calendars

- September 13** Rally Sunday/New Member 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 August will go to Building Our Families. This organization functions as a community hub that links families to the support they need. Rather than creating new systems, they connect and strengthen existing ones. They help families access services, stay engaged, and move between programs without falling through the cracks. This coordinated approach improves outcomes for families while reducing the strain on emergency, healthcare, and child welfare systems. The total collected to date is \$95.76.



Servant Team

September 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