

9:00 WORSHIP
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 23, 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 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” LBW 499

Greeting and Response—Psalm 138

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: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

C: before the gods I sing your praise;

P: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

C: for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

P: On the day I called, you answered me;

C: my strength of soul you increased.

P: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,

C: for they have heard the words of your mouth,

P: and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

C: for great is the glory of the Lord.

P: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,

C: but the haughty he knows from afar.

P: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

C: you preserve my life;

P: you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,

C: and your right hand delivers me.

P: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

C: Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Prayer of the Day: “Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen

Praise Song	“You Are My All in All”	BOB 243
Children’s Message	“Feed My Lambs” chorus only	BOB 55

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. “Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Please Stand	“Speak, O Lord”
Verse	

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

“Take My Life, that I May Be”

LBW 406

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

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” vs. 1-4

LBW 424

P: The Lord asks, “Whom shall I send?”

C: Here am I, send me!

Pianist: Bob Frink

Lector: Sarah Hill

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*** Community FYI ***

The Visiting Neighbor Program is designed to assist the elderly and disabled of Grant County. Services include assistance with personal care, laundry, and light housekeeping duties which gives residents the ability to remain independent in their homes. If you would like to learn more about the program or are in need of assistance, please contact coordinator Marie Loutsch 605-949-0510. Memorials may be sent to the Visiting Neighbor Program in care of the Grant County Treasurer, 210 E. 5th Ave., Milbank, SD 57252.

Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (today)	9:00	Worship
	10:00	Coffee Fellowship
TUESDAY (8/25)	9:00	Quilting
	11:00	"What About Me" Study
THURSDAY (8/27)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
SUNDAY (8/30)	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, Emma Christensen, and Rochelle Reede.

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.

- 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.

New Member Sunday will be September 13. If you are interested in becoming a member of Living Word, please contact Pastor Melanie or the church office.

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. Donated items can be placed in the baskets in the fellowship hall.

Community Bible Study, an interdenominational Bible study, will be starting again this year with an ice cream social and registration on Monday, August 24, from 7-8 p.m. at this year's host church, Valley Baptist, 409 West Sixth Avenue, Milbank. Classes will begin Monday, September 14, at 7 p.m. with both online and in-person groups also held other days of the week. This year Ephesians, Colossians, and 1&2 Peter will be studied. You can register on line at milbankeve.cbssclass.org or call Darrel Kessler at 605-380-4515 or Joyleen O' Farrell at 605-949-0854.



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 \$490.03.



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