

9:00 WORSHIP/COMMUNION
 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 SEPTEMBER 6, 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	<i>“Earth and All Stars!”</i> vs. 1,4,5,6	LBW 558
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Greeting and Response—Psalm 32

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: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven.

C: whose sin is covered.

P: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

C: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

P: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

C: through my groaning all day long.

P: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

C: my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

P: I acknowledged my sin to you,

C: and I did not cover my iniquity;

P: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”

C: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Therefore let everyone who is godly

C: offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

P: surely in the rush of great waters,

C: they shall not reach him.

P: You are a hiding place for me;

C: you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Prayer of the Day: “O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen

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Children's Message

BOB 33

LBW 474

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Second Reading: Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Please Stand

Verse

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it

away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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

Sermon

Sermon Hymn	<i>“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”</i>	LBW 559
Please Stand		
Apostles’ Creed		LBW p. 65
Offering Hymn	<i>“Create in Me”</i>	LBW p. 75
Prayers of the Church		
Great Thanksgiving		LBW p. 68
Words of Institution		LBW p. 69
Lord’s Prayer		LBW p. 71
Agnus Dei		LBW p. 92
Distribution of Communion		
Communion Hymns	<i>“Lamb of God”</i>	BOB 139
	<i>“Feed Us Now”</i>	BOB 53
	<i>“Renew Me”</i>	BOB 189
Post-Communion Canticle		LBW p. 72
Please Stand		
Benediction	<i>“The Blessing”</i>	
Closing Hymn	<i>“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”</i>	LBW 389

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

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer
Lector: Craig Randleman

9:00 WORSHIP
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
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*** Community FYI ***

Community Bible Study, an interdenominational Bible study, will be starting at Valley Baptist, 409 West Sixth Avenue, Milbank, on 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, 1 Peter, and 2 Peter will be studied. You can register on line at milbankeve.cbclass.org or call Darrel Kessler at 605-380-4515 or Joyleen O' Farrell at 605-949-0854.

Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (today)	9:00	Worship/Communion
	10:00	Coffee Fellowship
MONDAY (9/7)	LABOR DAY	CHURCH/OFFICE CLOSED
TUESDAY (9/8)	9:00	Quilting
	1:00	Impact Meeting
WEDNESDAY (9/9)	1:00	Feeding SD
	5:30	Council Meeting
THURSDAY (9/10)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
	12:00	"Experiencing God" Study
	5:30	Gal Pals, Shady Beach
SUNDAY (9/13)	RALLY SUNDAY	Winter Worship Schedule Begins
	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship/New Members
	11:00	Chapel Communion
	11:00	Potluck/Games for All

Announcements

Prayers for Myles Maas, Bob Hornstein, Jon Liebe, Bob Johnson, Heather Zimny, Heather Dorsey, Marshall Voeltz, Hailey Heinje, Sandy Christensen, and Rochelle Reede.

Radio broadcast is sponsored today by the family of Betty Kloster in loving memory of Betty.

"What About Me" Study will not meet on Sept. 8. It will resume on Sept. 15.

Upcoming Bible Studies - please contact the church office if you are interested.

1) James (5 weeks) - Begins Sept. 16, 1 p.m.

2) "Esther" by Kelly Minter - Begins Sept. 13, 9 a.m.

The Prayer Team has been meeting Thursday afternoons at the church. If interested in joining, please contact the church office.

Backyard Bulldogs Child Care is the September mission project of the women of the church. Their needs include snacks (crackers such as Goldfish, Cheez-It, graham, and peanut butter), supplies (play-doh, markers, glue sticks, stickers, printer paper), and everyday essentials (paper towels, toilet paper, kleenex, 13-gallon trash bags, fragrance-free baby wipes). Donated items can be placed in the baskets Located in the fellowship hall.

"Women's Connection" will be held at Central Church, Milbank, on Sept. 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Tickets: \$5.

Speaker - Janie Krohn, Yankton, "Finding the Magnificent in the Mundane"

Special Feature - StoneCroft "Silent Auction"

Music - Vicki Strege

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



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
- October 4-7 LCMC Annual Gathering**
Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines, IA
Registration Deadline: September 10.
- October 4 MADE Men Fall Cookout**
Schmidt's Landing, 3-7 p.m.



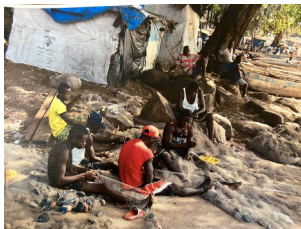
Radio Broadcast

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 September will go to Dr. Yeh for his work with Ebola in the Congo. The money raised will help to purchase disposable medical supplies and medications that are needed in that area.



Noisy Change collected in the month of August for Building Our Families totaled \$940.03.

Servant Team

October 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)

****Co-chairs**

Daniel & Rachel Berdan
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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