

10:00 WORSHIP
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Prelude
Announcements
Special Music - Sunday School Kids
Children's Message
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 *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* vs. 1,3,5,7 LBW 527

Greeting and Response—Psalm 103

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: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: and forget not all his benefits,

P: who forgives all your iniquity,

C: who heals all your diseases,

P: who redeems your life from the pit,

C: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

P: who satisfies you with good

C: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

P: The Lord works righteousness

C: and justice for all who are oppressed.

P: He made known his ways to Moses,

C: his acts to the people of Israel.

P: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: He will not always chide,

C: nor will he keep his anger forever.

P: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

C: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

P: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

C: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

P: as far as the east is from the west,

C: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Prayer of the Day: *“Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen*

Presentation of Bibles to Pre-K and Third and Sixth Graders

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

Reception of New Members

Praise Song *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”* RED 363

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died: ‘Say to Joseph, “Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.”’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**Please Stand
Verse**

“Sanctuary”

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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

Sermon

Sermon Hymn	<i>“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”</i>	LBW 448
Please Stand		
Apostles’ Creed		LBW p. 65
Offering Hymn	<i>“Create in Me”</i>	LBW p. 75
Prayers of the Church		
Lord’s Prayer		LBW p. 71
Please Stand		
Benediction	<i>“The Blessing”</i>	
Closing Hymn	<i>“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”</i>	BOB 72

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

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer
Lector: Sue DeJong

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*** Community FYI ***

“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”

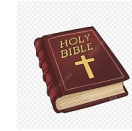
Special Feature - StoneCroft “Silent Auction”

Music - Vicki Strege

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

Living Word’s Calendar

SUNDAY (today)	RALLY SUNDAY 8:45 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Worship 11:00 Chapel Communion 11:00 Potluck/Games for All
TUESDAY (9/15)	9:00 Faith Circle Meets 11:00 “What About Me” Study 7:00 Love Circle Meets
WEDNESDAY (9/16)	1:00 James Bible Study Begins 3:30 Confirmation 3:30 Dynamic Disciples 5:00 LIFT
THURSDAY (9/17)	9:00 Community Coffee Fellowship 12:00 “Experiencing God” Study 1:30 Prayer Team Meets
FRIDAY (9/18)	CHURCH/OFFICE CLOSING AT 2 P.M.
SATURDAY (9/19)	9:00 WOW Gathering, Mankato, MN
SUNDAY (9/20)	8:45 Sunday School 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:00 October Servant Teams Meets 10:00 Worship



Announcements

Prayers for Myles Maas, Bob Hornstein, Jon Liebe, Bob Johnson, Heather Zimny, Marshall Voeltz, Hailey Heinje, Sandy Christensen, Alyssa Jonker, Sandy Peeke, and Luke Plaga.

Sympathy and prayers to the family of Larry Brook who passed away on Monday, September 7. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 19, at 2 p.m. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Congratulations to those receiving Bibles today:

Pre-K - Eleanor Maas and Grayson Maas

3rd Grade - Karlie Bakeberg, Carter Busack, Koda Campbell, and Reid Roscoe

6th Grade - Amelia Dallman, Alex McMahon, and Kateri Morsette

Sunday School Teachers: Laurie Maas, Sue DeJong, Jessica Lewno, Sarah Hill, Angel Campbell, Rachel Berdan, Kelly Gustafson, Adam McMahon, Tina Balling, Lori Dockter, and Colette Barton.

Welcome to the Living Word Church Family: Shane and Megan Bilben and daughters, Morgan and Madison; David Hystad; Joel Yaeger; and Stacey and Kelly Gustafson.



Mark Your Calendars

- 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.
- October 11** **Mercy Meals Event** at 3:30 p.m. at the OGT building
followed by a Chili Cook-off at 5 p.m. at church



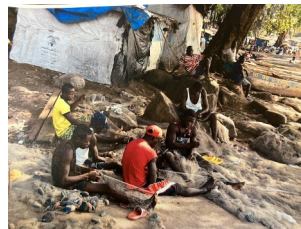
Radio Broadcast

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. The total Collected to date is \$1,030.



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
Lance & Sheila Bien
Shane & Megan Bilben
Deb Buttke
Terie Dorry
Kurt & Jean Flaig
Doug Forster
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Troy & Tamra Peschong
Jackie Redepenning
Arnold & Donna Rehn
Todd & Brenda Seehafer
Steve & Vicki Strege
Eileen Willprecht

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: Lil Colberg, and Rita Raffety

Avantara: Lane Lindquist

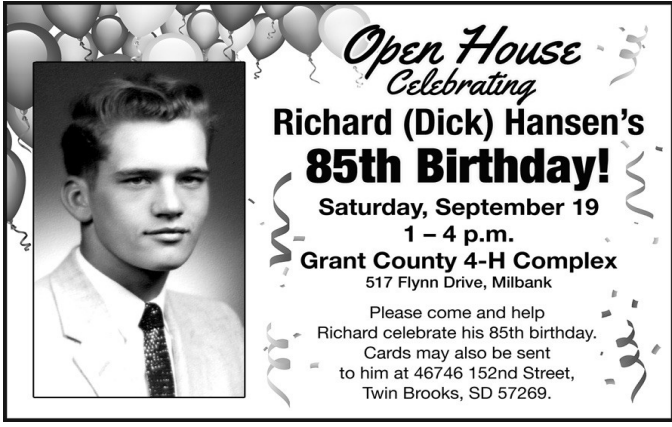
Fairway View-Granite View: Bob Hornstein

Announcements

Backyard Bulldogs Child Care is a non-profit organization, serving children 6 weeks to preschool across three programs in Milbank. The child care program has been in operation for 10 years. Last year, the preschool opened to help meet the need of preschool openings in Grant County. This fall, the organization opened a child care program at the elementary school - which serves the employees of the school district. As a non-profit organization, any donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your support! See bulletin insert for more information.

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.cbsclass.org or call Darrel Kessler at 605-380-4515 or Joyleen O' Farrell at 605-949-0854.

Thank You “Friday PM, August 21, at St. Williams Care Center, singing voices could be heard coming from the guest family room--”Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet” and ”One day at a time, Sweet Jesus, that’s all I’m asking from You. Just give me the strength to do every day what I have to do.” The small group of LWLC people had gathered to celebrate Lil Colberg’s 99th birthday. They were also good sports in reading alternately two Psalms--103 (God’s forgiveness of sins) and 145 (Praising God). “NO!” we did not sing “Happy Birthday.” One is never too old to enjoy angelfood cake as birthday cake. A grateful “Thank You” to all who participated and helped make my 99th birthday special. Thank you!” *Lil*



Open House
Celebrating

**Richard (Dick) Hansen's
85th Birthday!**

**Saturday, September 19
1 – 4 p.m.**

Grant County 4-H Complex
517 Flynn Drive, Milbank

Please come and help
Richard celebrate his 85th birthday.
Cards may also be sent
to him at 46746 152nd Street,
Twin Brooks, SD 57269.