



destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

## Please Stand Verse

### *“Ancient Words”*

**P:** The **Holy Gospel** according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.  
**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

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

# Sermon

## Sermon Hymn

## ***“The Battle Belongs to the Lord”***

BOB 205

**Please Stand**

## Apostles' Creed

## Offering Hymn

## *“Give Thanks”*

LBW p. 65

BOB 65

## Prayers of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

LBW p. 71

**Please Stand**

## Benediction

## ***“The Blessing”***

## Closing Hymn

## *“On Our Way Rejoicing”*

LBW 260

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

**C: Here am I, send me!**

Pianist: Bob Frink

Lector: Dave Wagner

10:00 WORSHIP

SEVENTEENTH  
SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



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## \*\*\* Community FYI \*\*\*

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**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.

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## Living Word's Calendar

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|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SUNDAY (today)   | 8:45                        | Sunday School               |
|                  | 9:00                        | Coffee Fellowship           |
|                  | 9:00                        | October Servant Team Meets  |
|                  | 10:00                       | Worship                     |
| TUESDAY (9/22)   | <b>Newsletter Items Due</b> |                             |
|                  | 9:00                        | Quilting                    |
|                  | 11:00                       | “What About Me” Study       |
|                  | 1:00                        | James Bible Study           |
| WEDNESDAY (9/23) | 3:30                        | Confirmation                |
|                  | 3:30                        | Dynamic Disciples           |
|                  | 9:00                        | Community Coffee Fellowship |
|                  | 12:00                       | “Experiencing God” Study    |
| THURSDAY (9/24)  | 1:30                        | Prayer Team Meets           |
|                  | 8:45                        | Sunday School               |
|                  | 9:00                        | Coffee Fellowship           |
|                  | 10:00                       | Worship                     |

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## Announcements

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**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.

**Radio broadcast** is sponsored today by Dick and Sandy Hansen in observance of their 66th wedding anniversary which is September 24 and Dick's 85th birthday which was September 19.

**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.

**Food & Fellowship** because fellowship is better when we slow down and share a meal. Meet in homes, restaurants, or wherever your group chooses. No fancy hosting required! If you are interested in taking part in this, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall.

**Gal Pals** will be having their next event on Saturday, September 26, at 1 p.m. There will be buggy rides at the Buggy Museum and then a visit to the Brown Earth Indian Church. If interested, please sign up in the fellowship hall.

**Women of Living Word Quarterly Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, October 7, at 6:30 p.m. Plans for the upcoming months will be discussed. All women are invited to attend.



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## Mark Your Calendars

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- October 4**      **MADE Men Fall Cookout**  
Schmidt's Landing, 3-7 p.m.
- October 4-7**    **LCMC Annual Gathering**  
Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines, IA
- 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.  
Sign up in the fellowship hall if you are interested in  
packing meals.



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## Radio Broadcast

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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.

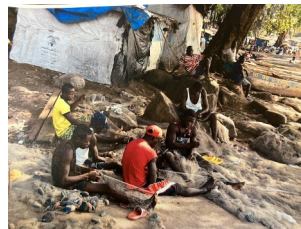


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## Noisy Change

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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 \$1,160.



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## Servant Team

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**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**

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## Welcome Visitors

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**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.

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## Shut-ins

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**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