

10:00 WORSHIP
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 27, 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 *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”* vs. 1,3,4,6,7 LBW 328

Greeting and Response—Psalm 25

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: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;

C: let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

P: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

C: they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

P: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

C: teach me your paths.

P: Lead me in your truth and teach me,

C: for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

P: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

C: for they have been from of old.

P: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C: according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

P: Good and upright is the LORD;

C: therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

P: He leads the humble in what is right,

C: and teaches the humble his way.

P: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

C: for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Prayer of the Day: *“Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen*

Praise Song	<i>“There Is a Redeemer”</i>	BOB 211
Children’s Message	<i>“Jesus Loves Me”</i> vs. 1	RED 555

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-18

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Please Stand	<i>“Speak, O Lord”</i>
Verse	

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

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

Sermon		
Sermon Hymn	<i>“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”</i>	LBW 499
Please Stand		
Apostles’ Creed		LBW p. 65
Offering Hymn	<i>“Take My Life, that I May Be”</i> vs. 1,4	LBW 406
Prayers of the Church		
Lord’s Prayer		LBW p. 71
Please Stand		
Benediction	<i>“The Blessing”</i>	
Closing Hymn	<i>“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”</i>	RED 365

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

Pianist: Vicki Strege
Lector: Laurie Maas

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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)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship
TUESDAY (9/29)	11:00	“What About Me” Study
WEDNESDAY (9/30)	1:00	James Bible Study
	3:30	Confirmation
	3:30	Dynamic Disciples
THURSDAY (10/1)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
	12:00	“Experiencing God” Study
	1:30	Prayer Team Meets
SUNDAY (10/4)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship/Communion
	3:00	MADE Men Fall Cookout, Schmidt's Landing

Announcements

Prayers for Myles Maas, Jon Liebe, Bob Johnson, Heather Zimny, Marshall Voeltz, Hailey Heinje, Sandy Christensen, Sandy Peeke, Luke Plaga, and Garrett Rehn, grandson of Arnie and Donna Rehn and son of Jason Rehn.

Radio broadcast is sponsored today by Susan Hippen.

Sympathy and prayers to the family of Bob Hornstein who passed away on Wednesday, September 23. Bob's funeral will be held at the church on Tuesday, September 29, at 10:30 a.m.

Women of Living Word Quarterly Meeting will be Wednesday, October 7, at 6:30 p.m. All women are invited to attend.

LCMC Annual Gathering, Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines, IA, will be October 4-7. Delegates from LWLC will be Tim and Sue DeJong.

Mercy Meals Event will take place on Sunday, October 11, at 3:30 p.m. at the Orphan Grain Trail building with a meal to follow. Please sign up in the fellowship hall if you are interested in taking part in this activity. A **Chili Cook-Off** will be held following the event at 5:00 p.m. at the church.

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.



Mark Your Calendars

- October 12** **Columbus Day** - Church/Office Closed
- October 28** **LIFT** from 5-7 p.m. for 5th Grade on up.
- November 1** **All Saints Day** - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 15** **Annual Meeting** following the church service.



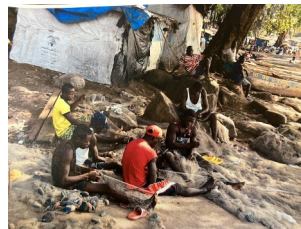
Radio Broadcast

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 \$1,680.



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)

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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: Lil Colberg, and Rita Raffety

Avantara: Lane Lindquist