

10:00 WORSHIP
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 4, 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 *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”* LBW 230

Greeting and Response-Psalm 80

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: Restore us, O God of hosts;
C: let your face shine, that we may be saved!
P: You brought a vine out of Egypt;
C: you drove out the nations and planted it.
P: You cleared the ground for it;
C: it took deep root and filled the land.
P: The mountains were covered with its shade,
C: the mighty cedars with its branches.
P: It sent out its branches to the sea
C: and its shoots to the River.
P: Why then have you broken down its walls,
C: so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
P: The boar from the forest ravages it,
C: and all that move in the field feed on it.
P: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see;
C: have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.
P: They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;
C: may they perish at the rebuke of your face!
P: But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
C: the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

P: Then we shall not turn back from you;
C: give us life, and we will call upon your name!
P: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!
C: Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Prayer of the Day: *“God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen*

Praise Song	<i>“Meekness and Majesty”</i>	BOB 157
Children’s Message	<i>“Feed My Lambs”</i> chorus only	BOB 55

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Please Stand	<i>“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”</i>	WOW 612
Verse		

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

“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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

Sermon

Sermon Hymn	<i>“Jesus Shall Reign”</i> vs. 1,2,3,5	LBW 530
Please Stand		
Apostles’ Creed		LBW p. 65
Offering Hymn	<i>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	LBW 564
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>“Remember Me”</i>	BOB 188
	<i>“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”</i>	LBW 423
	<i>“There Is a Redeemer”</i>	BOB 211
Post-Communion Canticle		LBW p. 72
Please Stand		
Benediction	<i>“The Blessing”</i>	
Closing Hymn	<i>“To God Be the Glory”</i>	RED 8

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

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer
Lector: Dave Hystad

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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 at 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/Communion
	3:00	MADE Men Fall Cookout, Schmidt's Landing
TUESDAY (10/6)	11:00	"What About Me" Study
WEDNESDAY (10/7)	1:00	James Bible Study
	3:30	Confirmation
	3:30	Dynamic Disciples
	6:30	Church Women Quarterly Meeting
THURSDAY (10/8)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
	12:00	"Experiencing God" Study
	1:30	Prayer Team Meets
SUNDAY (10/11)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship
	11:00	Chapel Communion,
	3:30	Mercy Meals Event
	5:00	Chili Cook-Off

Announcements

Prayers for Myles Maas, Jon Liebe, Bob Johnson, Heather Zimny, Marshall Voeltz, Hailey Heinje, Sandy Peeke, Luke Plaga, Garrett Rehn, and Mary Peterson.

Radio broadcast is in honor of Terry Forster's 68th birthday today.

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

Mercy Meals Event will take place on Sunday, October 11, at 3:30 p.m. at the Orphan Grain Trail building. 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.

Non-food items for the Grant County ICAP office (food pantry) is the October mission project of the women of the church. Donated items can be placed in the baskets located in the fellowship hall.

"Women's Connection" will be held at Central Church, Milbank, on Oct. 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Tickets: \$5.

Speaker - Trudy Hartman of Brandon "Then Sings My Soul"

Special Feature - The Milbank Boys and Girls Club

Music - Trudy Hartman

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



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 a.m. 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 October is designated for the Gospel House Orphanage in Vietnam to purchase Christmas gifts for the children. The four “Gospel houses” are the unofficial foster homes where about 40 rescued children live who are not able to be raised by their birth moms. The orphanages have grown out of the passionate prolife work of the staff leader, Dr. Hang.



Noisy Change collected in the month of September for Dr. Yeh for his work with Ebola in the Congo totaled \$1,775.80.



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

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