10:00 WORSHIP
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Prelude
Special Music
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 ***"Lift High the Cross"*** LBW 377

Greeting and Response--Psalm 70
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: Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
C: O Lord, make haste to help me!
P: Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!
C: Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!
P: Let them turn back because of their shame
C: who say, "Aha, Aha!"
P: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!
C: May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
P: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!
C: You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

Prayer of the Day: ***"Lord, when the day of wrath comes we have no hope except in your grace. Make us so to watch for the last days that the consummation of our hope may be the joy of the marriage feast of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen***

Praise Song ***"Seek Ye First"***

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24
Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Please Stand
Verse ***"Sanctuary"***

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and

those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

Sermon

Sermon Hymn	***"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"***	LBW 230

Please Stand

Apostles' Creed		LBW p. 65
Offering Hymn	***"Give Thanks"***	BOB 65

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer		LBW p. 71

Please Stand

Benediction

Closing Hymn	***"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"***	BOB 72

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

Pianist: Kristi Seehafer
Lector: Jerry Brown

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Community

"Women's Connection" will be held at Central Church, Milbank, on Nov. 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Tickets: $5.
Speaker - Steve Tadevich of Forest Lake, MN - "Diamonds are Not Forever"
Special Feature - Robin Patnoe of Milbank - "Clean Living for Better Health"
Music - Group "Sing-A-Long"
Reservations: contact Peg Dohrer (605) 949-0311 or pldohrer@itcmilbank.com

Living Word's Calendar

SUNDAY (today)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship
	11:00	Chapel Communion
TUESDAY (11/10)	9:00	Quilting
	1:00	Impact Meeting
	5:30	Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY (11/11)	3:30	Confirmation
	3:30	Dynamic Disciples
THURSDAY (11/12)	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
	1:30	Prayer Team Meets
SUNDAY (11/15)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	9:00	December Servant Team Meets
	10:00	Worship
	11:00	Annual Meeting



Announcements

Prayers for Myles Maas, Jon Liebe, Bob Johnson, Heather Zimny, Marshall Voeltz, Hailey Heinje, Sandy Peeke, Garrett Rehn, and Jeanne Anderson.

Flowers at the altar today are given by the family of Warren Beck in observance of his 80th birthday on November 9.

Radio broadcast is given in memory of Betty Kloster by her family.

Mitten Tree items for local children and adults (gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, stocking caps, etc.) is the November mission project of the women of the church. Donated items can be placed on the tree located in the fellowship hall.

Altar Guild will meet today, November 8, at 9 a.m. A short meeting as well as signing up for 2027 duties is planned. New members are welcome to attend.

Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 15, following the church service. All members are encouraged to attend.

Women of the church are invited to attend the once-a-month Bible study groups who meet the third Tuesday of every month either in the morning at 9 a.m. or the evening at 7 p.m. The study for next year will be "Luke" by Kent Groethe. If interested in joining either group, please sign up in the fellowship hall as study guides need to be ordered.

Mark Your Calendars

November 15 **Annual Meeting**
November 26 **Thanksgiving Day**
November 26-27 **Church/Office Closed**
November 29 **First Sunday of Advent**

December 12 **St. Lucia Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.**
December 13 **Youth Christmas Program**



Radio Broadcast

Prayerfully consider sponsoring a Radio Broadcast of our church service on KMSD Sunday mornings at 8 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 November will go to the **Visiting Neighbor Program**. This program is designed to assist the elderly and disabled people 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. The total collected to date is $10.

Noisy Change collected in the month of October for the Gospel House Orphanage in Vietnam to purchase Christmas gifts for the children totaled $1,043.

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
Park Place: Ken Kunde
Peaceful Pines: Sue Hippen