

9:00 WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
June 25, 2017

Prelude

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Opening Hymn

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

LBW 522

Greeting and Response

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: Sing to the Lord, bless his name.

C: Tell of his salvation from day to day.

P: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

C: but the Lord made the heavens.

P: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him;

C: but the Holy spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith.

P: In the same way, he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth,

C: and preserves it in unity with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

P: In this Christian church, he daily forgives abundantly all my sins, and the sins of all believers,

C: and at the last day will raise me and all the dead, and will grant everlasting life to me and to all who believe in Christ.

P: Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

C: Tell of his salvation from day to day. This is most certainly true. Amen

Hymn of Praise

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

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Prayer of the Day *“Lord God, heavenly Father, the helper of all who are nurtured in your steadfast fear and love, help us to have a constant fear and love of your holy name; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” Amen.*

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-7

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as

the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

Second Reading: Galatians 3:7-9, 16-18

Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

Verse

“Thy Word”

Insert

Gospel: Matthew 1: 1-17

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

TODAY	9:00	Worship
	10:00	Coffee Fellowship
TUESDAY	9:00	Quilting
THURSDAY	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship -Open to the Public
FRIDAY	5:30	Rachel Berger & Dan Berdan Wedding Rehearsal
SATURDAY	4:00	Rachel Berger & Dan Berdan Wedding
SUNDAY	9:00	Worship/Communion
	10:00	Coffee Fellowship

Anyone who wishes to participate in a **Welcome Shower** for **Pastor Kent and Kay** may put their gifts in the special box in the Fellowship Hall. Some suggestions would be paper products, such as napkins, tissues, paper towels, etc. Grocery store gift cards would also be a good idea. We plan to present the gifts to them during coffee fellowship on the first Sunday they are here, July 2nd.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers needed - July is Living Word Lutheran Church's month to deliver Meals on Wheels. If you are able to volunteer a half hour of your time for one week or only a couple of days a week that would be greatly appreciated. Sign up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall.

Vacation Bible School

Registration for Vacation Bible School began on May 1st. There are registration forms in the church foyer. Vacation Bible School will kickoff on Sunday, July 16th and at Living Word. VBS runs the week of July 17th - 20th with a program on Wednesday July 19th. If you are interested in helping, we will need many hands and feet! For more info please talk to Mary Kinder 880.9705. All area children are welcome to attend this great week learning about our wonderful Lord & Savior!

St. Dymas Worship Thursday, August 3rd. Sign up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall. We can take up to 12 members. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit those in prison. **If you have signed up please pick up forms on the table in the fellowship hall. These forms need to be turned into Pam in the office by July 7th. For more information contact Dave Wagner.**

Living Word Women are asking all members of the congregation to join us during the month of June, July and August in donating school items. All school supplies are needed (prefers Crayola products). Drop off at the church, place them in the baskets under the table in the fellowship hall. Your gift will be much appreciated.

Living Word Lutheran Church Shut ins would welcome a visit or phone call.

Clara Pederson – 520 Friendship Circle #A3

St. William’s Care Center: Joyce Strube 254, Ruth Modin, Lois Helm - 204, Phyllis Murphy - 223

Golden Living Care Center: Marvel Black, Evy Berg - 106, Norman Barlund - 505, Clarice Durbin - 310

Park Place: , Frank Brown - 206, Curt & Elaine Hallberg - 310, Chris Nelson , Janice Johnson - 313, and Luvilla Weber – 324,

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Ken and Kay Strandvold - 1103 Washington Drive

Marlene Storm - 1107 Washington Drive

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August Servant Team will meet on **Sunday, July 16th** during Coffee Fellowship at 10:00. **Servant teams help with ushering, greeting, furnish and/or serve treats for coffee fellowship, help with weddings if scheduled during the month and help and/or furnish for funerals that maybe during the month. If every member, who is able, volunteers for at least one area of service during their month, the work of the church will easily be accomplished throughout the year. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please prayerfully consider being co-chairman for your Servant team.**

“When a person trusts Jesus Christ for salvation, he or she is made a member of the body of Christ” ([1 Corinthians 12:27](#))

Co-chairman:

Dale & Lisa Aker

Virgil & Evelyn Dittes

Cynthia Fish

Ethan & Ruth Fish

Dave & Mary Hepper

Scott & Jeannie Leininger

Gene & Cleo Mann

Jackie Redepenning

Arnold & Donna Rehn

Kent & Susan Sime

Marilyn Stemsrud

Marlene Storm

Steve & Vicki Strege

Charles & Nadine Veen

Robert & Gretta Yaeger

Harold & Bev Ziegler

“Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Verse 1

When I feel afraid, and I think I’ve lost my way,
still You’re there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Verse 2

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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Dr. Lowell Gess to Speak at Central Church

Dr. Lowell Gess, missionary Doctor of Ophthalmology, will be the guest speaker at Central United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, June 25. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Gess is known throughout the Milbank community as numerous individuals and church organizations have made generous contributions to the medical missionary work that Dr. Gess has been associated with in Sierra Leone, Africa.

Dr. Gess began his work as a missionary in Nigeria in 1952. After additional medical training in the U.S. he went to Rotifunk, Sierra Leone in 1957 as a general medical doctor. The need for eye care caused him to gain further training as an ophthalmologist. The Gesses continued to serve under appointment in Sierra Leone at Rotifunk and Taiama. They returned to the United States in 1975 but continued to serve for three months every year in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Due to very limited facilities for his work, five men from Central Church went to Freetown and in a three-year project, constructed a building which held a waiting room, exam area, and surgical area as well as a second-floor apartment for the Gesses and visiting doctors.

From that single clinic building today the campus consists of four buildings. Three surgeons do around 2,000 cataract surgeries and other procedures a year. These surgeons are trained by the Christian Blind Mission of Germany. The Sierra Leone Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and Central Global Vision Fund, Inc. assist in the support and management of the eye clinic today.

The Gess UMC Eye Hospital was the only medical facility that remained in operation during the Ebola epidemic that plagued West Africa in 2014-2015. In the midst of that epidemic Dr. Gess--though advanced in years--returned to Freetown to assist those offering medical care relating to that contagious disease. While there, Dr. Gess discovered that live Ebola virus could be found in the eyes of some of the patients who had recovered from the Ebola disease. The Center for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, and Doctors Without Borders responded and their involvement, along with research being done by Emory University in post-Ebola treatment, continues today.

The work that was begun by Dr. Gess and his late wife, Ruth, continues under the leadership of Roger Reiners of Milbank, the support of Central United Methodist Church, the Dakotas and Minnesota Conferences of the UMC, and the Advance of the General Church. Numerous local churches including St. Lawrence Catholic Church and School, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church, La-Bolt Covenant Church, Twin Brooks Presbyterian Church, Central UMC and First United Methodist Church of Florence have all made generous contributions to this ongoing ministry.

Dr. Gess will be speaking about the work of the Gess UMC Eye Hospital that has grown to include new programs for pediatric eye care and retinal disease as well as following the eye complications of Ebola survivors. All are welcomed to attend this most informative event. A time of fellowship around refreshments will follow Dr. Gess's presentation.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ATTENTION: All area children are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Living Word Lutheran Church. Hosted by Living Word and Central United Methodist Church, the event begins with a Kick-off on Sunday evening, July 16th at 5:30 pm with a meal & kick-off to follow.

Preschool Classes (age 3 thru students who finished kindergarten) are July 17-July 20th, Monday through Thursday 9:00 am -12:00 pm.

Day Camp Classes for students who finished 1st through 5th grade are July 17-20th, Monday through Thursday 9:00 am -3:00 pm.



A VBS program will be held on Wednesday evening, July 19th with a Meal served beginning at 5:30 pm and a VBS Program at 6:30 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Registration forms are available at Living Word or Central United Methodist Church. For more info call Mary @ 880-9705.



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