

9:00 WORSHIP
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 2, 2018

Prelude

Announcements

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Opening Hymn

“God Himself is Present”

LBW 249

Greeting and Response: Psalm 40:1-5

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: I waited patiently upon the Lord;

C: he stooped to me and heard my cry.

P: He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;

C: he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

P: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;

C: many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

P: Happy are they who trust in the Lord!

C: They do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

P: Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! How great your wonders and your plans for us!

C: There is none who can be compared with you.

Prayer of the Day *“O Lord, keep your church, we pray, in your perpetual mercy and, because the frailty of our nature cannot but fail without you, keep us from all things harmful, and lead us to all things helpful for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” Amen.*

Praise Song

“Here in this Place”

BOB 87

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no

might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Verse

“God’s Word is Our Great Heritage”

LBW 239

Gospel: Mark 11:29-39

Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Was the baptism of John from heaven or from man? Answer me.” And they discussed it with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But shall we say, ‘From man’?”—they were afraid of the people, for they all held that John really was a prophet. So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

Sermon

Sermon Hymn/Offering

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues”

LBW 559

Offertory

“Create in Me”

Apostle’s Creed

Prayers of the Church

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Agnus Dei

Distribution of Communion

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Communion Hymns

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

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“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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Communion Blessing

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

LBW 390

P: Grow in faith!

C: **Impact the world!**

Pianist Judy Sprung

Lector Craig Randleman

Flowers on the altar on the right side are given in honor of Don and Carol Weber's 55th Wedding Anniversary on August 31st.

Flowers on the altar on the left side are given in honor of Joanne Nelson's 80th birthday on September 4th by Jeff and Julie Berger and family

Rally Sunday/Mortgage Burning will be on Sunday, September 9th with **Sunday School at 8:45 and Worship at 10:00**. We will be having a meal and games and inflatables after church.

Prayers for Charles Scheff, Tammy Christensen, Robert Hornstein, Renee (Hallberg) Noehre, Dennis Estenson (Frances Kunde's son), Joyce Strube, Bill Lewis (Bud Remund's nephew), Bud Remund, Sally Hanson (Tim Ramsey's sister), Marvel Black, and Jersey Peschong.

Living Word Lutheran Women General Meeting on Tuesday, September 4th at 7 PM. Guest speaker will be Claire Frazee from The Milbank Hope in God. She will speak on child sexual abuse and adult sexual assault in the Milbank area. Make plans to attend and bring a friend.

The Mission Project for our Living Word Women's organization in September is **Non Food** Items for the Grant County Food Pantry. Some examples would be personal care items, paper products, soaps, etc. Anyone who wishes to contribute may drop off items at the church or take them to the Court House.

Prayerfully consider sponsoring a **Radio Broadcast** of our church service on KMSD. The service is broadcast on KMSD at 8:00 AM on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$65. Sign-up sheets to sponsor Radio and/or provide flowers are on the table in the fellowship hall.

We welcome visitors this morning to our worship service!

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 and a book titled "Miracles and Milestones" written by Pastor Groethe. Thanks for visiting Living Word, and come back often.

Visitors please sign our guest book located in the fellowship hall. Thank you for worshipping with us at Living Word Lutheran Church. We hope your worship experience is a blessing.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you." Numbers 6:24

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