

10:00 WORSHIP  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Dedication of the Crosses**

**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**

*“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”*

LBW 250

**Greeting and Response—Psalm 116:1-9**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we with you all.

**C And also with you.**

P: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;

**C: he heard my cry for mercy.**

P: Because he turned his ear to me,

**C: I will call on him as long as I live.**

P: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me;

**C: I was overcome by distress and sorrow.**

P: Then I called on the name of the Lord:

**C: “Lord, save me!”**

P: The Lord is gracious and righteous;

**C: our God is full of compassion.**

P: The Lord protects the unwary;

**C: when I was brought low, he saved me.**

P: Return to your rest, my soul,

**C: for the Lord has been good to you.**

P: For you, Lord, have delivered me from death,

**C: my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,**

P: that I may walk before the Lord

**C: in the land of the living.**

**Prayer of the Day** *“O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.*

**Praise Song**

*“I Love You, Lord”  
“Change My Heart, Oh God”*

BOB 107

BOB 33

**Children’s Message—Pigs for Pastors**

Sue DeJong

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-10**

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up. Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the word of his servant? Let the one who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on their God.

**Second Reading: James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

**Please stand**

Verse

*“Speak, O Lord”*

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to Mark, the 9th chapter (vs. 14-29)

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him. “What are you arguing with them about?” he asked. A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.” “You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.” So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered. “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.” “If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.” Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Sermon Hymn**

*“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

RED 365

**Please stand**

**Apostle’s Creed**

LBW p. 65

**Offering Hymn**

**Prayers of the Church**

*“We Give Thee but Thine Own”*

LBW 410

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Please stand**

LBW p. 71

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

*“On What Has Now Been Sown”*

LBW 261

P: Go into all the world.

C: **Go to be a blessing!**

Pianist: Elizabeth Schulte

Lector: Craig Randleman

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## Living Word's Calendar

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TODAY (9/15)	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	9:00	October Servant Team meets
	10:00	Worship
TUESDAY	9:00	Faith Circle
	7:00	Love Circle
WEDNESDAY	3:30	Confirmation
	3:30	Dynamic Disciples
THURSDAY	9:00	Community Coffee Fellowship
SUNDAY	Pastor	Bill Moberly will be here
	8:45	Sunday School
	9:00	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00	Worship
	11:00	<b>Potluck following Worship</b>

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## Announcements

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**Prayers** for Dave Hepper, Shirley Kindt, Collis Dahle.

**Radio Broadcast** is given by Dave & Linda Wagner in honor of their 55th anniversary which was August 30.

**Flowers on the altar** are given by Carol Forster & family.

On September 22<sup>nd</sup> **Pastor Bill Moberly** will be visiting LWLC and sharing information about the various mission projects that he is involved with. The projects in Cambodia and Vietnam are only a part of his involvement in sharing the love of Christ with the world. Pastor Bill will be visiting with the mission board, as well as delivering the sermon that Sunday. Following the church service there will be a potluck meal that will give you the opportunity to visit with Pastor Bill and his wife Sally. Part of the offerings that Sunday will be given to Pastor Bill for his mission work.

We have also received good news from Pastor Bill that the Vietnamese government is allowing clean water to be installed in 2 village churches. This will be a blessing to so many people. Hopefully our church will be able to participate in these projects.



## Mark Your Calendars

September 15—Dedication of the three Crosses  
September 22—Rev Bill Moberly, ALWM will be here  
Potluck following Worship



## 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 radio broadcast and/or providing flowers are on the table in the fellowship hall.

## Noisy Change

The **Noisy Change Offerings for September** will be collected for ALWM. Total through September 8 is \$330.79.

“**Women’s Connection**”, an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries, meeting will be held at Central Church, Milbank, SD on **Tuesday September 17, 2024** at **1:30 – 3:00 P.M.** in the church fellowship hall.

Tickets: \$5.00 – Light dessert will be served.

Speaker— Karen Blankenship of Peculiar, MO

“Write it Down - The Power of Journaling”

Special Feature — Silent Auction - “Annual Fundraiser “

Looking for crafts, baked goods, produce, baskets etc.

Bring donations by 1:00

Music - Vicki Strege - Piano

Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship together with women in our area.

For reservations: please contact:

Peg Dohrer – (605)949-0311 – pldohrer@itcmilbank.com.

## Servant Team

**October Servant Team** will meet **Sunday, September 15** during Coffee Fellowship at 10:00. **Servant teams help usher, greet, furnish and/or serve treats for coffee fellowship, help with weddings if scheduled during the month, and help and/or furnish for funerals that may occur 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 be easily accomplished throughout the year. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please prayerfully consider being a 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-chairs

Ballhagen, Chad

Beck, Warren & Janice

Busack, Aaron & Lacey

Christensen, Sandy

Dorry, Tom & Terie

Fenner, Marlin & Janice

Fish, Ethan and Cynthia

Gustafson, John

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Heinje, Howard & Marcia

Hepper, Dave & Mary

Hyde, Gary & Sharon

Redepenning, Jackie

Rehn, Arnie & Donna

Strege, Steve & Vicki



## Visitors

**Welcome 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. 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, Lois Helm, Betty Kloster,

Orlean Lardy, Rita Raffety, Marilyn Stemsrud,

**Avantara:** Elaine Hallberg, Lane Lindquist

**Wellshire Park Place:** Carol Forster

**Peaceful Pines:** Ann Sandbakken