

Living Word Lutheran Church



The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 2018



And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

Philippians 1:14

PASTOR: The Rev. Eric Hullstrom

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9 am at the Meridian Habitat & Community Center

(Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study available during the school year)

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Mission Statement: "We, God's people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture, are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ."

Motto: "Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Word Alone."

Affiliated with LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/September 23-29, 2018

This week's activities:

Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Movie Night: Paul, An Apostle of Christ at the LWLC Office
Wednesday	8:00 am 9:30 am 6:45 pm	LWLC Prayer for Guidance meet at the LWLC Office Living Way Morning Bible Study at the Krumwiede's Home Living Way Evening Bible Study at the LWLC Office
Thursday	8:00 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Thursday Morning Men's Devotional Bible Study at the LWLC Office Midweek Bible Study at the LWLC Office Choir Practice at the LWLC Office

**The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Jeff and Sarah DeBord
in celebration of of their soon-to-be baby!**

Today's Worship Assistants

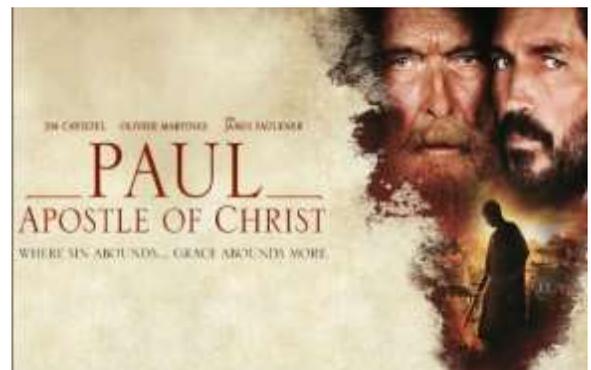
Set up/Tear Down (Team 2)- Al Auge, Ron Heilman, Gary Gjerstad, Joe Burdick, Jim Gronhovd, Daryl Olson, Ron Johnson
Larry Vollmer; **Ushers**- Don & Carol Brennan; **Acolyte**- Viviana Vashchenko; **Lector**- Kailan Burdick;
Communion Set-up/takedown- Nancy Martin, Lorraine Stargel; **Communion Assistants**- Al Auge, Lorraine Stargel, Carole
Williams-Wood; **Comm. Bread**- Gayla Fenimore; **Tellers** – Bob Martin, Al Auge; **Coffee Hour**-Clarice Liemohn, Judy Ostendorf;
Altar Setup/Take Down-Yvonne Olson, Sue Fields; **Sound System**-Ron Heilman;
Parking Lot Duty-Al Auge; **Julian Estates**-Mike & Gayla Fenimore

**The president of the board has called a special congregational meeting to take place immediately after
the service TODAY . The sole purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and vote by paper ballot on
whether to change the time of the Sunday service to 9:30 a.m.**

Next week's Scriptures:

Numbers 11:1-15, 31-33 Psalm 19
James 5:13-20 Philippians 1:18-26

MOVIE NIGHT



Movie Night at the Church office

Movie: Paul, An Apostle of Christ (2018)

In Paul, Apostle of Christ, Luke risks his life to visit Paul, who is held captive in a Roman prison under Nero's rule. Together, they struggle against a determined emperor and the frailties of the human spirit in order to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ and spread their message to the world.

When: This Tuesday, Sep 25 Time: 6:30 pm

Soda, Juice and popcorn will be served! Bring family and friends.

Please silence all electronic devices, including cell phones, upon entering the sanctuary.

Living Word Lutheran Church

Order for Worship

When you hear the bell, please be seated for the announcements.

Announcements

Please sign the attendance register and pass it down the row.

Our worship begins with the prelude. "Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe." (Hebrews 12:28)

Prelude

Opening Hymn

"Lord, You are Love"

ALL- 1. Lord, You are love, and we are Your chil - dren,
 WOMEN- 2. Lord, You are love, and we are Your bod - y,
 MEN- 3. Lord, You are love and pa-tience and kind - ness,

Called to Your fam - ily, drawn to Your heart.
 Shar - ing Your life, ex - tend - ing Your hand.
 Glad to for - give, so eag - er to bless.

One with Your Son, our goal is Your glo - ry.
 Help us to reach with ten - der com - pas - sion,
 You give Your all in joy - ful a - ban - don.

We live to prove how lov - ing You are!
 Read - y to give what love may de - mand.
 Help us, O Lord, to do noth - ing less!

REFRAIN - -ALL

Fa - ther Cre - a - tor, Shep - herd and Sav - ior,
 Ev - er with - in You guide and re - new,
 Help us to fol - low, trust - ing Your Spir - it,
 Spend - ing our days com - plete - ly in You.

We Worship with Confession.

Pastor: Remembering our baptism into Christ Jesus, we gather as we are to live in the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the LORD, let us draw near with faithful hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD. **C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD. **C: May God forgive the offense of my sin.**

P: (facing altar which symbolizes God's presence): *Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, **C: we confess to You that we are by nature sinners and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, pleading for and seeking Your grace for the sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.***

(Silence for personal reflection and self-examination.)

P: *Most merciful God... **C: You have given Your only begotten Son to die for us. Have mercy upon us, and for Jesus' sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.***

P: (facing the congregation declares God's grace): Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for Jesus' sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on Jesus' Name, He gives power to become children of God and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O LORD, unto us all. **C: Amen.** **All: Praise the LORD!**

We are sent to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19). We begin by sharing the peace of the LORD with one another.

Cantors sing verses 1-3, Congregation sings responsively the refrain.

Cantors: Vs 1- In our arrogance and pride We come to You. In our weakness and our guilt We look to You.

Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy, O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy.

Cantors: Vs 2- In our trouble and our pain We come to You. In our darkness and our grief We look to You.

Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy, O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy.

Cantors: Vs 3- Mighty God of love and power We come to You. You are here, and You are now. We look to You.

Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy, O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy.

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.

Glory to God

Congregation: (Refrain)

***Glory to God in the highest, Sing! Glory to God!
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on Earth!***

Verse 1: *Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father;
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory! C: (Refrain)*

Verse 2: *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer! C: (Refrain)*

**Verse 3: Women: For You alone are the Holy One,
Men: You alone are the Lord, the Most High, Jesus Christ,
All: with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father! C: (Refrain)**

P (spoken): *The LORD be with you.*

C: (spoken): ***And also with you.***

PRAYER OF THE DAY (All pray):

Holy God, we find our hope through Jesus Christ our Lord; crucified and raised for us. Strengthen us in that hope as we witness Your love and grace to others in the midst of suffering. May our response to suffering serve to glorify You. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

We Hear and Read God's Word

This reading is from the Book of Psalms, the 54th Psalm. (ESV)

(to be read responsively)

Reader: O God, save me by your name,

Congregation: and vindicate me by your might.

R: ²O God, hear my prayer;

C: give ear to the words of my mouth.

R: ³For strangers have risen against me;
ruthless men seek my life;

C: they do not set God before themselves.

R: ⁴Behold, God is my helper;

C: the Lord is the upholder of my life.

R: ⁵He will return the evil to my enemies;

C: in your faithfulness put an end to them.

R: ⁶With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;

C: I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

R: ⁷For he has delivered me from every trouble,

C: and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

LWLC Choir ***“Agnus Dei with How Great Thou Art”***

Michael W. Smith, Stuart K. Hine, arr. Joel Raney

This lesson is from the Book of James, the 4th chapter (ESV)

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore, it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and

he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

¹¹Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

¹²There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

(Here ends this reading)

Children's Time with Lydia Auge -As the young children gather in the chancel; children of all ages are encouraged to listen in.

Hymn of the Day

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

WOV #660

The preaching text is from the book of Philippians, the 1st chapter. (ESV)

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of

love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaims Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice.

(The Word of Our Lord)

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon

Pastor Eric Hullstrom

We Worship In Thanksgiving By Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

The offering is received

As the congregation stands, the ushers bring the offering forward.

"With Grateful Joy"

With grateful joy for you the source of all life
We raise one voice to you from whom all blessings flow.
You are the Giver of Life; you are the Lover of life,
the Good Sustainer of Life. We live in you. We live in you.

We pray together the offering prayer: P: Merciful Father...

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our LORD.

Amen

The Prayers of the church

(Each petition concludes with "LORD, in your mercy", to which the congregation responds: "hear our prayer")

We Worship by Receiving Our LORD in His Holy Meal

The Great Thanksgiving (Spoken)

P: *The LORD be with you.*

C: *And also with you.*

P: *Lift up your hearts.*

C: *We lift them to the LORD.*

P: *Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.*

C: *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

P: *It is indeed right and salutary . . . (Here the minister continues with the preface:)*

C: *Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest.*

The Words of Institution and The LORD'S Prayer (congregation sings)

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Holy Communion: Lutherans believe the LORD'S Supper is a holy sacrament in which Christ comes to us with His grace, love, compassion, and forgiveness. The crucified and risen Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine – He promises: "This is my body... This is my blood". Therefore, the Apostle Paul says we should examine ourselves lest we eat or drink in an unworthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27ff.). Martin Luther wrote, "Anyone who does not believe these words ('this is My body given for you this is My blood shed for you.'). is neither prepared nor worthy; for the words, 'FOR YOU' requires simply a believing heart." Therefore, all (including children who have received instruction) who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and LORD and who see His presence in the sacrament are welcome to commune with us.

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers in the water of the baptismal font and then make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of Christ's claim upon you through your baptism.
(For those with gluten allergies, we now have gluten-free wafers available for Communion on the Baptismal Font.)

The congregation sings: "**Lamb of God**"

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Communion Hymns:

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees,
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees,
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing
sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African-American spiritual
Tune: African-American spiritual

"He is Lord"

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is ris - en from the dead, and He is
 Lord! Ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con - fess That Je - sus Christ is Lord.

"Seek Ye First"

WOV #783

Post-Communion Prayer and Canticle

Thank God and sing praise! Raise our voic-es high - er! Pro - claim
 Christ's Way! Thank God and sing praise! Make the cir-cle wid - er!
 All who know the taste of grace! God's peop-le gath-ered all
 ov - er the world, led on in prom-ise, sent forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing all ov - er the world, sing Hal - le - lu - jah!

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The Benediction (Pastor)

The congregation sings 3-fold "Amen"

On Our Way Rejoicing**Closing Hymn****"Blessed Assurance"****WOV #699****We Worship By How We Live During the Week**

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Musician: Mary Kaye Owen

Choir Director: Dan Owen

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Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!

If you are a visitor, we are blessed that you have joined us for worship. We encourage you to pick up a 'Welcome' packet at the Visitor's table to introduce you to our church. Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us.

Thank You

September 6, 2018

To Men's Ministry of Living Word Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to our family. As I'm sure you're aware it means so much to us in our time of need. Since our mother passed, we have been spread thin in a multitude of ways, especially financially. We all are extraordinarily grateful for your kindness. Me and my oldest sister especially, as too often these burdens fall on our shoulders. Thank you and Thank the Lord,

Ostin Whited

Dear Men's Ministry of Living Word Lutheran Church, We're so grateful for your donation. With them, I will be able to get cat food, school supplies and other necessities I would have struggled to get. Thank you for your generosity.

Sioan Nelson

Dear Men's Ministry of Living Word Lutheran Church, I'm very thankful for your generous donation. It means a lot to our family. I know my brothers and my sisters and I have had a hard time with our mother's passing. Once again, thank you for your kindness in this hard time. Thank you and thank the Lord,

Alex Nelson

Dear Men's Ministry of Living Word Lutheran Church, we all are grateful for your donation. It helps a lot. After we lost my mother it has been hard but we can make it. Again, thank you so much. Thank you and thank the Lord,

Avery Nelson

Dear Men's Ministry of Living Word Lutheran Church, I'm so thankful for your donation. It means so much for our family. We've struggled so much after the loss of our mother. Once again, I'm so thankful for the donation. Sincerely,

Sarei Nelson

Thanking God for you today, for your partnership in ministry. Bridges of Love, Sherry Phinsey

A RIDDLE FOR SMART PEOPLE

Only 5% of Stanford University graduates
Figured it out!

Can you answer all seven of the following questions?
With the same word?

1. The word has seven letters...
2. Preceded God...
3. Greater than God.
4. More Evil than the devil...
5. All poor people have it...
6. Wealthy people need it....
7. If you eat it, you will eventually die.

Did you figure it out?

Try hard before looking at the answers (pg. 10)

NEXT WEEK's (September 30) Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down (Team 1)- Bill Zavadil, Andy Anderson, Skip Whelan, Dennis Krumwiede, Rick Fields, Larry Vollmer, Alex Burdick, Gary Heintz **Ushers**- Mary Vollmer, Tom Groce; **Acolyte**- Hannah Vashchenko; **Lector**- Linda Deas; **Communion Set-up/takedown**-Barbara Gjerstad, Yvonne Olson; **Communion Assistants**- Al Auge, Barbara Gjerstad, Carole Williams-Wood; **Comm. Bread**-Lonna Groce; **Sound System**-Ron Johnson;

Tellers – Morgan Olson, Judy Krumwiede; **Coffee Hour**-Mary Vollmer, Rosie Heintz; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Jan Halverson, TBD; **Sound System**-Ron Johnson; **Parking Lot Duty**- Tony Deas; **Flowers**-Lin Jeffery; **Julian Estates** -Ron & Sharon Johnson

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2Chronicles 7:14

Prayers for those who are serving our country (military, firefighters & police) and their families and keep them safe: Josh Jepsen, Chase, Seth Heard, Powell, Evan Gregory Blodgett, Ken Solbrack, Michael Elliott, Chris Berentson, Cole Lufkin (Gjerstad's grandson), Brady Woodman (Relma Burmeister's grandson), Devlin Durkin; Curtis & Riley McKenzie, Jacob Ramsey (Fenimore's grandson), Richy (Larry and Mary Vollmer's grandson); **Keith Sandlier** (Irene Feller's great grandson). *Our prayers for all those in harm's way are urgently needed during this time of turmoil and strife in this country.*

Prayers for those who have recently lost a loved one -Pray for God's peace and comfort for the family of **Lee Swanson** (Morgan Olson's sister) on her passing. Prayers of comfort for a friend & co-worker **Daren Will and his daughter Rochell and son Jayden** (Ken Solbrack) who lost their wife/mom after surgery.

Prayers for those with cancer or long-term illness. Roger (Gary Gjerstad's brother), Dixie (Sharlene Parker's sister). *Don Minnick* (Harold & Clarice Liemohn), *Bob Lungberg* (Bob & Nancy Martin), *Aunt Glenda* (Lorraine Stargel), *Cousin Sandy* (Lorraine Stargel), *Snookie Pankrantz*, *Taessa* (Dennis & Judy Krumwiede's daughter-in-law). *Tony Horne* (Bob Martin & Hal Martin), *Robert Hawthorne* (Jim & Mei Barker), *Wanee* (Sharlene Parker), *Mary Anne Horiskey* (Bonnie DeBord), *Suzu Davison* (Darlene Luberts) friend of Harold and Clarice Liemohn, *Pastor George Larson and his wife Norma*, *Dave & Judy's Ostendorf's daughter-in-law*. Pray for a health miracle and healing for **baby Eli** and comfort and strength for **his parents** (Jim & Sue Gronhovd). **Rich Bogle, (cousin's husband)** (Sharon Edwards) who is back on radiation chemotherapy after finding more cancer. 5-year-old **Lucas Bride** (Heidi Sturdivant) fighting brain cancer and prayers for strength, comfort in God's hands for his family.

Prayers for healing and strength for those with health concerns and those facing or recovering from surgery. **Thommy**, son of Dan and Mary Kaye Owen, who is suffering with various health issues. **Dave** (Jim & Sue Gronhovd) for doctor's discernment, healing, strength after a motorcycle accident. Prayers for granddaughter **Annie** (Harold & Clarice Liemohn) with viral meningitis, pray for healing and relief from severe back pain and headaches. Prayers for **Tom's mother** (Tom Groce) who is recovering from a car accident, pray for healing, comfort and strength. **Brian Feller** (Irene Feller's grandson), pray for healing and strength after a beating. **Ron & Sharon Johnson's son & daughter in law** 's pregnancy is in crisis with inadequate blood flow to baby. Continued prayers to protect baby, peace for family, doctor's discernment on treatment. Pray for healing, comfort and strength for **Bonnie Socey** after a fall and doctor's discernment to treat what causes the falls and relief from pain. Prayers for healing and strength for **Joe Plewnarz** (friend of Larry & Linda Schmidt) after his by-pass surgery. Prayers for the **family of Cindy Dzubay** who are suffering from many health and emotional stresses, pray for comfort, guidance and strength.

Prayers. **Safe travels to all the travelers in our congregation.**



NOTHING
NOTHING has 7 letters.
NOTHING preceded God.
NOTHING is greater than God.
NOTHING is more Evil than the devil.
All poor people have NOTHING.
Wealthy people need NOTHING.
If you eat NOTHING, you will die..

VOTING BALLOT

I VOTE THAT WORSHIP SERVICE TIME BE:

CIRCLE ONE

9:00 AM

9:30 AM

VOTING BALLOT

I VOTE THAT WORSHIP SERVICE TIME BE:

CIRCLE ONE

9:00 AM

9:30 AM