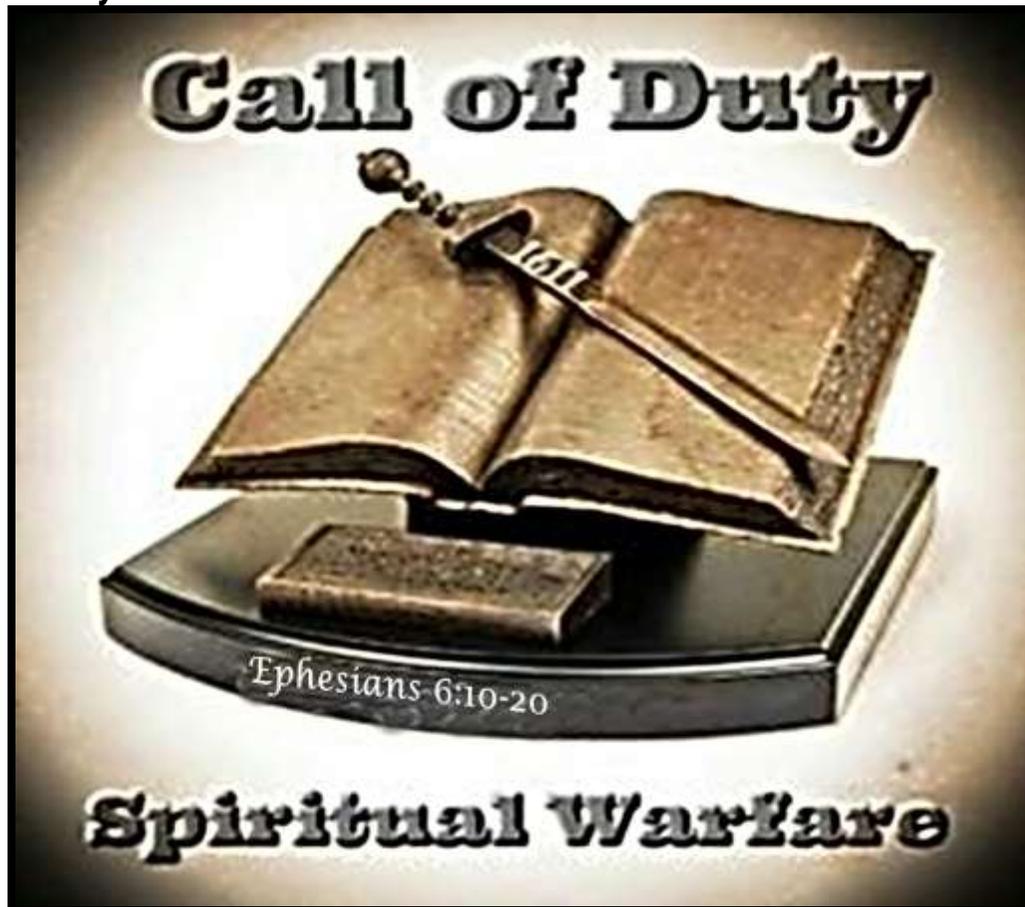


Living Word Lutheran Church

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 7, 2018



“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.” Ephesians 6:12

Pastor: The Rev. Gary R. Jepsen

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 October 7-13, 2018

This week's activities at Living Word:

Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 10:30 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study
Monday	2:00 pm	Office Closed Rainier Vista Care Center Visit
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Ministry Board meet at the LWLC Office
Wednesday	8:00 am 9:30-11:00 am 6:00 om 6:45 pm	LWLC Prayer for Guidance at the LWLC Office Living Way morning Bible Study at the LWLC Krumwiede's Home HR Meeting at the LWLC Office (Pastor's Office) Living Way evening Bible Study meet at the LWLC Office
Thursday	10:30 am 7:30 pm	Mid-week Bible Study at the LWLC Office Choir Practice at the LWLC Office
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Ministry Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the children and Sunday School teachers by Andy & Ruth Anderson.

Today's Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down (Team 2)- Al Auge, Ron Heilman, Gary Gjerstad, Joe Burdick, Jim Gronhovd, Daryl Olson, Ron Johnson, Joey Ramos; **Ushers** – Ron & Chalieo Heilman; **Acolyte**-Olivia Vashchenko; **Lector**-Tony Deas; **Communion Setup/Takedown**-Lorraine Stargel, Ardis Kilber; **Communion Assistants**-Al Auge, Skip Whelan, Kitty Jepsen; **Communion Bread**-Gayla Fenimore; **Sound System**-Andy Anderson; **Tellers**- Dave Ostendorf, Judy Krumwiede; **Altar Setup/Take Down**- Barbara Gjerstad, Laura Burdick; **Coffee Hour**-Carol Brennan, Jan Halverson; **Parking Lot**-Duane Claiborne
Julian Estates-Skip Whelan, Sharlene Parker

Women's Ministry Reminder:

Tomorrow, volunteers will be meeting at Rainier Vista Care Center at 920 – 12th Ave SE in Puyallup at 2:00 pm for visitation. Volunteers are not limited to women; **men are also encouraged to visit.** Living Word Lutheran Church is scheduled **every second Monday of the month at 2:00 pm.** See Yvonne Olson for more



Sunday, Oct 14 at 6 PM a new worship service will begin. It's called the **Acts 2 Church** and it will meet at the home of Pastor Eric and Connie. The focus of the worship is God, of course, but based in Acts 2:42 where it says, "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." That's it. There is no order of worship just preaching/teaching, fellowship, the Lord's Supper and prayer. The only materials needed are your Bibles. Children are welcome to be kids; playing nearby or involved in worship. It will be an intimate time to go deeper together in our faith. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Eric or Connie. Hope to see you there. To God be the glory.

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

Our worship begins with the 'Prelude' by the pianist. When you hear the bell ring and the prelude begin, please be seated and quietly prepare your hearts for worship. Thank you.

**Living Word Lutheran Church
Order For Worship**

Prelude / Announcements

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

We Worship with Thanksgiving! (Psalm 100:4)

Opening Hymn

"The Son of God Goes Forth to War"

LBW #183

***We Worship with Confession.* (LBW p.77)**

Pastor: Remembering the covenant God has established with us through 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.

C: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may more fully love You and more worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

P (invites worshippers to confess their sins): The First letter of John (1:8) reminds us that, 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.

Silence for personal reflection and self-examination

P (facing altar which symbolizes God's presence): *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 (facing the congregation, declares God's forgiveness): In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for Jesus' sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by Jesus' authority I declare to you, *being penitent*, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the (✠) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

We are called to make disciples of all nations; we begin by sharing the peace of God with one another.

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: *In peace, let us pray to the LORD.*

C: LORD, have mercy.

P: *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.* **C: LORD, have mercy.**

P: *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the LORD.*

C: LORD, have mercy.

P: *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the LORD.*

C: LORD, have mercy.

P: *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.*

C: Amen.

This Is the Feast of Victory For Our God!

Refrain: ***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!***

1. ***Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing, and glory are His. R:***

2. ***Women: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Men: Blessing and honor and glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.***

3. ***This is the feast of victory for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. Alleluia!***

P: *The LORD be with you.*

C: ***And also with you.***

PRAYER OF THE DAY (All pray): **Holy and blessed God, we are subject to the tricks and deceptions of the evil one. With slings and arrows of incomparable cunning he attacks us and tempts us to doubt You and Your Word. Forgive us our weakness and for doubting You. Enable us always to trust in Jesus who through His life, death, and resurrection has gotten us the victory over sin, death, and evil. To You be the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and through eternity. Amen.**

We Worship by Reading God's Word

This lesson is from the Book of Genesis, the 2nd chapter. (NKJV)

In our understanding of creation, there are what are called "orders of creation". These are the structures God has woven into life such as: family, church, the need for some type of government, some type of economic system, etc. Human beings need these "orders" so life does not fall into chaos. Notice how in the reading below God establishes the sexes/genders. God created us male and female for a reason. Affirming this fact helps us alleviate some of the chaos and confusion of our day. What's more, when we affirm our God give physiology, we can more readily celebrate the opposite sex saying, "This now is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." Thanks be to God! Pr. J

¹⁸And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." ¹⁹Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought *them* to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

²¹And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²²Then the rib which the LORD God

had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

²³And Adam said:

*"This is now bone of my bones
And flesh of my flesh.*

*She shall be called Woman,
Because she was taken out of Man."*

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

(Here ends this lesson.)

This lesson is from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, the 6th chapter. (NKJV)

You are about to enter into a wrestling match. No! worse than that, you are about to go into battle. And your opponent is far more cunning; he is more deceptive and dangerous – having far more tricks and treachery – than anything else you have ever faced before. What's more, he has ages of experience. So, upon whom or what will you call to will enable you to withstand the treachery of the evil one? The Apostle Paul calls on us to put on Christ" (Gal.3:27) and to "put on the full armor of God" (Eph.6:11). Pr. J.

The Apostle Paul writes: ¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the LORD and in the power of His might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and having shod your feet with the

preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints -- ¹⁹and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

(Here ends this reading.)

The congregation stands and sings: (LBW p.83)

Alleluia. LORD to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! (John 6:68)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter. (NKJV) **C: Glory to you, O LORD.**

Jesus here affirms the "order of creation" that God established regarding marriage as a relationship between one man and one woman. But, because of sin, marriage has not always been the blessing that God intended. Sadly, divorce happens, Jesus says, as a symptom of the hardness of the human heart. What a contrast that hardness is to the innocence and trust of a small child. ¹⁷" Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" (Luke 18:17 - ESV). Pr. J.

¹Then He (Jesus) arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again. ²The Pharisees came and asked Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce *his* wife?" testing Him. ³And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses permitted a *man* to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss *her*."

⁵And Jesus answered and said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. ⁶But from the beginning of the creation, God '*made them male and female.*' ⁷*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh;* so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."...

¹⁰In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same *matter*. ¹¹So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. ¹²And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought *them*. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw *it*, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." ¹⁶And He took them up in His arms, put *His* hands on them, and blessed them.

(The Gospel of our LORD.)

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith

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.

Hymn of the Day

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

LBW #294

Sermon

"The Fight is On"

Gary R. Jepsen, Pastor

We Worship In Thanksgiving By Offering Our Gifts

The offering is received.

As the congregation stands, the ushers bring the offering forward (LBW, p.86):

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, LORD, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with Your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Let us pray together the offering prayer: **Blessed are You, O LORD our God, King of the universe. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made 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 (LBW p.88)

Offering Hymn:

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

LBW #486 vs 1 & 4

Verse 1

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
And make me love you as I ought to love.*

Verse 4

*Teach me to love you as your angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame.
The baptism of the heav'n descended dove,
My heart an altar, and your love the flame.*

The Great Thanksgiving:

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

The Words of Institution & The LORD's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. 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.)

(LBW, p.92) **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:

"Because He Lives"

1 God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus; He came to
2 How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by And feel the
3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's

love, heal, and for - give. He lived and died to buy my
pride and joy He gives; But great - er still the calm as -
fi - nal war with pain. And then as death gives way to

par - don; An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
sur - ance This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.
vic - t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

Refrain
Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause He lives
all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture,
And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives.

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"Blessed Assurance"


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, Vis-ions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sa - vior am hap-py and blest,
 Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.
 An - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove E - choes of mer - cy, whis-pers of love.
 Watch-ing and wait-ing, look - ing a-bove, Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.

Refrain
 This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sa - vior all the day long:
 This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sa - vior all the day long.

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 Tune: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

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"LORD, Listen to Your Children Praying" (2x)

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
 Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

Post-Communion Prayer and Canticle (LBW, p.92)

***Thank the LORD and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
 Let everyone who seeks the LORD rejoice and proudly bear His name.
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
 With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

The Benediction (Pastor)

The congregation sings 3-fold **"Amen"**

On Our Way Rejoicing!

Closing Hymn

"Onward Christian Soldiers"

LBW #509 (vs. 1 – 3)

We Worship By How We Live During the Week

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

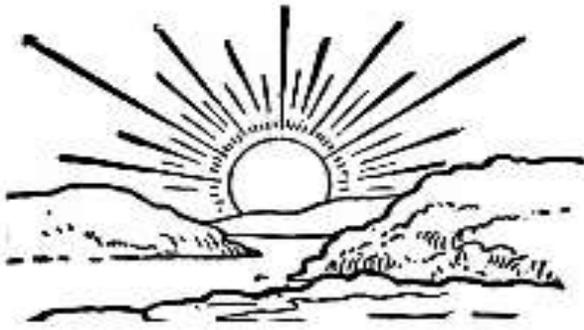
C: Thanks be to God!

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, please sign the red registrar book. We are blessed that you joined us for worship service, coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us.



**What are the
REWARDS
for Stewardship?**

*WE SEEK NO REWARDS for
our stewardship. We do it for
the JOY OF SERVING GOD.*

*Yet we know that God does reward stewards
by filling their needs in life and by giving new
opportunities to care, share and participate
in the wholeness of life.*



Stewardship is the responsibility of the
Christian life, making our prayers,
worship, study of the Scriptures and
Christian action truly **SINCERE**.

**Sooo-
OUR WHOLE LIFE
is a partnership with GOD.**



**EACH OF US can live as God's
Steward.**

**"From everyone to whom much has
been given, much will be required..."**

Luke 12:48

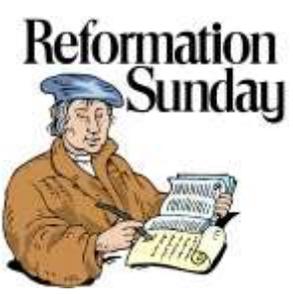


Bible Verse of the Day: "And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love." *2John 1:6*

Quote of the Day "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, I used everything you gave me." *Erma Bombeck*

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Oct 8th</p>	<p>Busy Women’s Bible Fellowship, 6:30-8-00 pm at the LWLC Office. Book: <i>Twelve Women of the Bible</i>, Light dinner, Bible study and fellowship. See Sharlene Parker.</p>
<p>Oct 13th</p>	<p>The Cider Squeeze at the Meeker Mansion will be from 10am-4 pm on Saturday. Purchase apples and a jug, and squeeze the apples in a manual or powered press. 312 Sprint St., Puyallup. Great family fun!</p> 
<p>Oct 14th</p>	<p>Acts 2 Church Sunday, at 6 PM at the home of Pastor Eric and Connie, 212 Johns St. E., Orting, WA 98360. A new worship service based on Acts 2:42- <i>“And they devoted themselves to the <u>apostles’ teaching</u> and the <u>fellowship</u>, to the <u>breaking of bread</u> and the <u>prayers</u>.”</i></p>
<p>Oct 21st</p>	 <p>Stewardship Sunday- Don’t forget your Time, Talent, Treasure (be sure to write your name on it) and Pledge forms.</p>
<p>Oct 21st</p>	<p>Calling all MEN and BOYS! Sunday, at 4pm in the gym at Sunrise Baptist, you are invited to a MEN'S "T"</p> <p>You provide the appetite, they will provide the meal. MEN'S "T" isT-Bone Steak, Baked Taters, Texas Toast, Tossed salad, Iced Tea and TOOTSIE ROLLS, Twinkies and Twix for desert! Men, you have to <u>RSVP by Sunday, October 14th</u>, please sign up at the back table or calling the John Woodruff, 253 732 8929 and tell 'em you'd like to reserve spots for the Men's T. This year we are asking a \$8 donation per person to help cover the cost.</p>
<p>Oct 28th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reformation Sunday & Living Word’s 9th Anniversary as a church body.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Following worship, we will be having a German Potluck Feast to celebrate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please wear RED clothing as that is the ‘color of the day’ for Reformation.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Because Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, many Christians remember that day and the major changes, or Reformation, that resulted.</p>  
<p>Nov 4th Daylight savings ends</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Remember: Daylight Savings ends at 2am – be sure to turn your clocks <u>back</u> 1 hour!)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please wear WHITE as that is the ‘color of the day’.</i></p> <p>WHO ARE THE SAINTS? God declares everyone who has been baptized and believes the promise of the gospel to be justified, holy, and blameless. The communion of saints therefore includes both those still living on earth and those who have died in the faith and are now living in heaven.</p> 



The Women’s Ministry and Special Events Chair are the coordinators for the Oct 28th Reformation Sunday Potluck Feast. Please extend your support and sign up for a main dish, dessert or salad at the Visitor’s Table beginning next Sunday.

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 Hearld, 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- 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), **Pastor George Larson and his wife Norma** (friend of Harold and Clarice Liemohn), **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 Prayers for granddaughter **Annie** (Harold & Clarice Liemohn) with viral meningitis, pray for healing and relief from severe back pain and headaches. 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 Dick & Lori 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. Continued prayers for **Ron & Sharon Johnson's son & daughter in law's** new son **Elijah**, pray for growth and healing without complications. Daughter **Jeanette** (Al & Darlene Luberts) having emotional problems and prayers for **Suzy** improving in a home for brain injured people. Cousin **Dale Weston** (Bill & Debbi Zavadil) who had a minor stroke last week and prayers for Bill on his upcoming physical. Brother **Bill** (Ruth Anderson) pray for strength and quick healing after hip surgery. **Elaine Flammang** who fell and fractured her left shoulder. Pray for continued healthy pregnancy for **Sarah DeBord**.

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

A Prayer to Heal Stress

Dear Lord,

I need you now because I am full of stress and anxiety. Reading your Word brings comfort, as I ask you to come and take my heavy burdens. I take each burden, one by one, and lay them at your feet. Please carry them for me so that I don't have to. Replace them with your humble and gentle yoke so that I will find rest for my soul today. I receive your gift of peace of mind and heart. Thank you that I can lie down tonight in peace and sleep. I know that you, Lord, will keep me safe. I am not afraid because you are always with me. Please keep me daily, Lord, in your perfect peace. Amen.

Next Week's (Oct 14) 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** – Judy Williams, Bill Zavadil; **Acolyte**-Olivia Vashchenko; **Lector**-Pastor Jepsen; **Communion Setup/Takedown**-Lorraine Stargel, Ardis Kilber; **Communion Assistants**-Gary & Kitty Jepsen, Sharlene Parker; **Communion Bread**-Gayla Fenimore; **Sound System**-Bill Zavadil; **Tellers**- Kaye Sims, Al Auge; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Linda Schmidt, Kitty Jepsen; **Coffee Hour**-Irene Feller, Jothi Holmes; **Parking Lot**-Dave Ostendorf; **Julian Estates**-Dave & Judy Ostendorf, **Flowers**-Gary & Barbara Gjerstad

Outline for October 7

1. Ephesians 6: ¹⁰“Finally, be strong in the LORD and in the power of His might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” (RSV).
2. Eph.4:¹“I, therefore, the prisoner of the LORD, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ²with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (ESV).
3. Eph.1: ⁴“He (God) chose us in Him (Christ) before the foundation of the world” (NKJ).
4. Eph.1: ¹⁰“(God has a) plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him (Christ)” (ESV).



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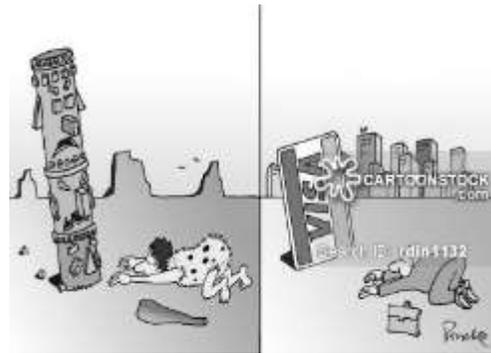
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11. ⁵“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit” (ESV).
12. Paul is saying that we are living in the midst of a war zone. There is a battle taking place right now and the battle field is each and every human heart.
13. And the battle is between “Spirit and flesh”, although, we might add...“good & evil”;

“truth & lie”;
 “light & darkness”;
 “God & Satan”;

We will focus on Spirit vs. flesh.

14. John 1: ¹⁴“And the Word (Jesus) became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth” (RSV).
15. Rom. 1: ²²“Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. ²⁴Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen” (ESV).
16. Romans 13:13 “Let us walk properly as in the daytime (not in darkness as in spiritual darkness), not in orgies and drunkenness (or intoxication), not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires” (ESV).
17. 1Cor. 6: ¹²“ ‘All things are lawful for me,’ but not all things are helpful. ‘All things are lawful for me,’ but I will not be enslaved by anything” (RSV).
18. Rom. 1: ²²“Claiming to be wise, they became fools... and ²⁵worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator” (ESV).
19. God says in Genesis 2: ¹⁷“From the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die” (NAS).
20. Satan says: Genesis 3: ⁴“You shall not die!
⁵For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil” (NAS).
21. Rom. 1: ²²“Claiming to be wise, they became fools...
22. It’s that age old conflict between...
 - “things of the flesh” vs. “things of the Spirit” ...
 - “good vs. evil”;
 - “truth vs. lie”;
 - “light vs. darkness”;
 - “God vs. Satan”.
23. Eph. 6: ¹⁰“Be strong in the LORD and in the power of His might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places...
¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.”