

## Worship Prayer...

*Father in heaven, I admit I am a sinner and cannot save myself, but trust only in your Son Jesus Christ—true God and true man—who died on the cross for me and rose again to give me new life now and forever. By your Holy Spirit's power take my heart and life and make me yours; turn me from my own selfish path to always love, trust and follow Jesus. Because you love and forgive me, help me forgive and love others. And now, as we gather together as your church in this place, make us one in truth and love according to the faithful leading and unfailing promises of your living Word. In Jesus' name....Amen!*

## Living Word exists to...

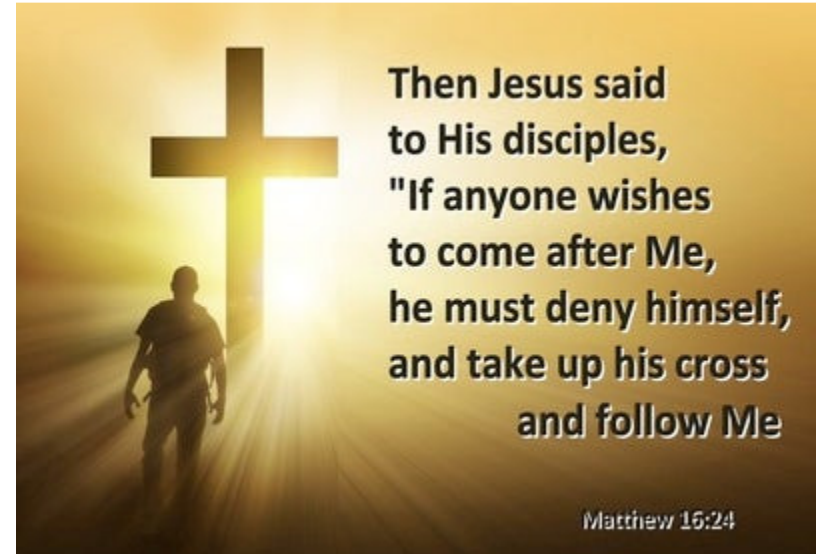
- ✓ Proclaim God's Love
- ✓ Expand God's Kingdom
- ✓ Mature God's People
- ✓ Live God's Word!



*Living in the Word...that the Word may live in others.*

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# Living Word



Then Jesus said  
to His disciples,  
"If anyone wishes  
to come after Me,  
he must deny himself,  
and take up his cross  
and follow Me

Matthew 15:24

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Hymnal Service

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

10:00 am Service

*'Come grow with us!'*

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## “Vindication”

Psalm 26:1 says, “Vindicate me, Lord!” Today we see how and why...

### Welcome to Living Word!

We invite our visitors to read the blue information card placed in the seat pocket next to you.

Order of Worship: Lutheran Service Book  
Divine Service, Setting Three  
p. 184-202

#### ~ Service Notes ~

Hymn of Invocation    “Beautiful Savior”    LSB #537

Today’s Psalm            Psalm 26            LSB front section

#### Scripture Readings (facing page):

Old Testament Reading            Jeremiah 15:15-16

Epistle Reading                      Romans 12:9, 18-21

Gospel Reading                        Matthew 16:21-28

Hymn of the Day    “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”    LSB #811

Sermon                                      “Vindication”

Closing Hymn            “When Peace, Like a River”    LSB #763

#### 1) Lord, vindicate me because I bear your NAME.

<sup>15</sup> LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. <sup>16</sup> When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart’s delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty.                                      Jeremiah 15:15-16

#### 2) Lord, vindicate me because I overcome evil with GOOD.

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good... <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.                                      Romans 12:9, 18-21

#### 3) Lord, vindicate me because I take up my CROSS.

<sup>21</sup> From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. <sup>22</sup> Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” <sup>23</sup> Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. <sup>26</sup> What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. <sup>28</sup> “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”                                      Matthew 16:21-28