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TWT CHANGE TO CHANGE THE WORLD: We collect change for our “Change to Change the World” project on the last weekend of the month. Save your coins and bring them in on September 26 and 27.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST: On Saturday, October 3, 2026, we are asking for 4-5 volunteers beginning at 7:30. See our website for the sign-up link.

LIFE CHAIN: Anyone wishing to participate in the “Life Chain” (holding pro-life signs for 1 ½ hours), please indicate on an attendance card. The date for this event is *Sunday, October 4th, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.* Please meet at church at 1:30 p.m., and we will go as a group.

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Listener Responses to The Word Today ~ Julia (West Africa)

“I thank TWR for showing us the way to paradise. I became a Christian, and the last Sunday I was baptized, God is good! My heart is in joy and I also that the producer of this program who allowed me to know you. You are of good help and I hope to continue to count on you.”

“I listen to your program with great attention and I think I must take a step by giving my life to the Lord. I have to put things in order, change my way of life today.”

"I thought that being humble is a behavior of the weak because I felt very well in my pride. But, listening to you, I realize that humility is a virtue of God."

"I am a regular listener of The Word Today in Jula. One day, I listened to your program, understood the Gospel, and the importance of confessing the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. So, thank you very much to the teachings of this program through which God has saved me."

"Last month my wife and I asked to be recommended to a church because we wanted to give our lives to Jesus Christ. Indeed, we went to the community where you sent us, we were welcomed, we repented of our sins and we are preparing the baptism of water. Thank you because we are joyful!"

"Your encouragements and recommendations have driven me to start reading the bible, and I discovered that I was losing a lot of things that I could not get from someone else. I feel joy reading and discovering biblical truth myself."

"The Akan ethnic group are identified as people who forgive with difficulty. It is true. The lack of forgiveness destroyed me from the inside. I felt like I was caught in my own trap. Thanks to God today, your program has taught me to forgive. I say thank you for the work you do in our lives."

"I am a Muslim and have just heard your program in Jula on the radio. The messages you give are true. I would like to know how do we obtain the forgiveness of sins?"

"I call to encourage you in regards to your program in Jula language. Personally, I am edified and more comforted on the path of God that I chose. Renowned by my parents and persecuted by Muslims everywhere, I will not go back to Islam. Thanks you for encouraging us, God bless you and keep up the good work!"

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The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM September 13, 2026

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS LOVE AND ZEAL: A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!

"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." ~ Romans 12:11

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in E Minor "Cathedral". . . J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 814 – O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: *Amen.*

Exhortation

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: *who made heaven and earth.*
P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C: *But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.*

Confession

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things that we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Absolution

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Prayer of the Day**P:** Let us pray,**C:** *O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)****Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 50: 15-21**Epistle:** Romans 14: 1-12**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 18: 21-35**P:** the Gospel of the Lord.**C:** *Thanks be to God!*

Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: LSB 845 – Where Charity and Love Prevail**Children’s Message****Message from the Word:****Sermon Series:** I Want Faith Like . . . David**Sermon Text:** 1 Samuel 17: 25-26; 41-60**Offering****Responsive Prayer****P:** Bless the Lord, O my soul,**C:** *and all that is within me, bless his holy name!***P:** Bless the Lord, O my soul,**C:** *and forget not all his benefits,***P:** who forgives all your iniquity,**C:** *who heals all your diseases,***P:** who redeems your life from the pit,**C:** *who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,***P:** who satisfies you with good**C:** *so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.***Prayers/Lord’s Prayer****Words of Institution/The Lord’s Supper (10:30 a.m.)**

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ’s body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord’s Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Communion Hymn: LSB 617 – O Lord, We Praise Thee**Post-Communion Canticle: Nunc Dimittis**

O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav’nly peace,

For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:

A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,

The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,

All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One:

For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,

God’s triune name resounding through all eternity.

Closing Hymn: LSB 816 – From All That Dwell Below the Skies**Benediction****Postlude:** Voluntary in E Minor . . . J. Stanley

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I started reading my Bible again and discovered The Word Today in Nzebi during a period when I had drifted far away from God’s Word. The teachings named ‘Lord’s Prayer: Daily Bread’ encouraged me to start reading the Bible again and, above all, to set aside time each day to listen to God. Today, I understand certain biblical passages better, and my relationship with the Lord has begun to change.

God spoke to me when I needed Him through the program named ‘Overjoyed.’ I regularly listened to TWT Nzebi while traveling around. One day through the topic named Overjoyed, the broadcast addressed a difficult family situation I was going through with remarkable accuracy. I realized that God could use even a radio program to encourage me and remind me that He had not abandoned me. Since then, I have become much more consistent in listening. My life has changed today, and I live a wonderful and presence of God all the days, enjoying TWT when I listen the program.

I found hope again through the topic named Restored. During a period of discouragement, I believed that some situations in my life could never change. But TWT’s teachings topic named Restore reminded me that God remains sovereign and that He can restore a life. I started praying with confidence again. I do not claim that all my problems have disappeared, but my way of facing them has completely changed. Today I am feeling free from all the burdens I was going through. Praise God.

God’s Word became more relevant to me. What I appreciate about TWT is the simple and practical way in which the Bible is explained. Some of the teachings have helped me understand truths that I used to read without really grasping them. I can then reflect on the teaching throughout the day and try to apply it to my daily life. The Word of God has become closer to me when it’s explained into my hometown language.

It changed the way I pray. Before I discovered TWT Nzebi, my prayers were often limited to my personal needs. The teachings taught me to seek God’s will more carefully and to pray with greater reliance on Scripture. Today, I spend more time thanking God, interceding for my family, and asking the Lord to transform my own life. The special thing is the pure word the productor use the Nzebi to touch our heart deeply to transform life of people. Is amazing.