



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## HYMN

### **“All Are Welcome” #641**

## GREETING & KYRIE

Hymnal Page 147

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

**And also with you**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal Page 148

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **LET THE CHILDREN COME...**

### **FIRST READING Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>8</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" <sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Here ends the reading.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 54**

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Here ends the reading.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Here ends the reading.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** The holy gospel according to Mark 9:30-37 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN**

**"Children of the Heavenly Father" #781**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING PRAYER & SONG**

**God's Work, Our Hands (v. 1 & 4)  
*Sung to the tune of "Earth and All Stars"***

1 God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world, raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and sheltering the cold. Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.

4 God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise! Washed and set free, humbled and honored, gifted by grace, we respond in God's love. Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your gospel.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed....we praise your name and join together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of power 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 hosanna.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**"One Bread, One Body" #496**

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**HYMN**

**"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" #547**



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### Mission Support

January – August 2021	
Year To Date Income	\$219,011.78
Year To Date Expense	235,160.30
YTD Expense over Income	-16,148.52
A week of OSLC ministry:	
General Fund Offering	\$7,196.17
from last week :	\$8,148.01

**We, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, welcome all to share Christ's love, grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God.**

**The Radio Broadcast** is in memory of David Dahl and in honor of Connie Dahl & family.

**Today** following the 8:30 a.m. service, you are invited to help put together and pack Personal Care, Baby, and School Mission Kits. Head downstairs after worship and join the assembly line as we do God's work with our hands.

**Sunday School registration** for students PreK-6<sup>th</sup> Grade is now open. Please go to <https://oursaviorsvc.org/youth.php> to register.

**It's SOCKTEMBER!** Donations of NEW socks & underwear of ALL sizes (adult & children) for the Community Closet will be collected in a bin at the back of our worship space in September. Pick up a package and share the love with our neighbors.

**Lutheran World Relief School Kits!** WELCA is again asking for your support by donating supplies to fill school bags. Each school kit consists of four 70-sheet notebooks, 1 box of 16, or 24 ct. crayons, 1 pencil sharpener, 1 ruler, 1 pair of blunt scissors, 5 unsharpened pencils, 5 black or blue ballpoint pens and one 2 1/2" eraser. Drop off in the tote in the hallway. Thank you.

**From wherever we are on Monday mornings,** we will start our week in prayer as we pause and pray for the people of Our Savior's as well as a variety of prayer concerns, This week, we hold in prayer: Jack Kukla; Matthew & Jodi Kvien, John, Sage, Lane; Maurice & Peggy Kvien; Jill Kvilvang, Nicholas, Noah; Chad & Keri Ann Lahlum, Ryan, Paetyn, Jaxtyn; Phillip & Amy Lamb, Wyatt, Easton; Bobbi Jo Langemo.

**Thank you for your ongoing generosity!** Offerings can be left in the back of the sanctuary, mailed to the church office at 138 3rd St. NW, Valley City, or given online at [www.oursaviorsvc.org](http://www.oursaviorsvc.org), by clicking the blue "Give Now" button at the bottom of the homepage.

**Please note: Please use the North Parking Lot Door to enter the church during the week.** The stairs at the West Entrance by the church office are unsafe at this time. Plans are for them to be repaired this summer.

**The Missionary Calendar** has many open dates for 2021. Show your support of the church around the world by signing up for a day and making a donation of \$25. You'll support the work of Global Health Ministries and our missionaries, Willie and Anne Langdji, who serve as ELCA Regional Representatives in Western Africa.

**Bible Book Club** meets on Tuesday, September 21 at 3:00 pm to discuss the book of 1 Peter. Read the book in advance or just come and be a part of the conversation.

**Begin a prayer and devotion reading practice this fall.** Copies of "Christ in Our Home" devotion books for October, November, and December are now available on the information counter.

**This Week: September 19-26**

**Pentecost 17**

TODAY 8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
8:30 a.m. Facebook Live  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

MON: 11:15 a.m. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Sr. High Lunch  
12:15 a.m. 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Sr. High Lunch

TUE: 9:00 a.m. Good Samaritans-Quilting  
9:30 a.m. Text Study  
3:00 p.m. Bible Book Club

WED: 9:30 a.m. Morning Bible Study  
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Kids for Christ  
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Confirmation-Parking Lot Party

SAT: 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship

**Pentecost 18**

NEXT SUN: 8:30 a.m. Worship  
8:30 a.m. Facebook Live  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

Deadline for announcements in the bulletin is Tuesday at 12:00 noon. Thank you