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NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023 + FACES OF OUR FAITH: "PHILEMON"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.
Amen.

Together, we bow before God in humility confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God...**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

HYMN:

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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GREETING (p. 203)

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.**

KYRIE (Read Responsively)

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;

for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"

p. 204



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;

2 "Wor- thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex- alt- ed thus!"

3 Je- sus is wor- thy to re-ceive hon- or and pow'r di- vine;

4 Let all cre- a- a- tion join in one to bless the sa- cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.

"Wor- thy the Lamb," our lips re- ply, "for he was slain for us!"

and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for- ev- er thine.

of God who sits up- on the throne, and to a- dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... **O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Response: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 1 (Read Responsively)

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

²but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Response: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

READING ACCLAMATION:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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SECOND READING: Philemon 1

Response: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

FACES OF OUR FAITH SERIES-“Philemon”

HYMN:

“All Are Welcome”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED (p. 105)

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 THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERING HYMN:

"Come Now, You Blessed"

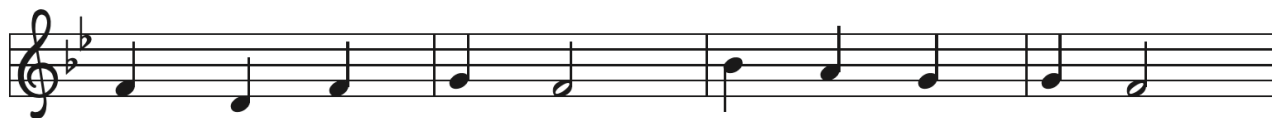
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1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble,"
2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirst - y?
3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren,
4 Christ, when we meet you out on life's road - ways,



said Je - sus Christ to the righ - teous a - bove.
When were you home - less, a strang - er a - lone?
when you gave wel - come to war's ref - u - gees,
look - ing to us in the fac - es of need,



"When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and home-less,
When did we see you sick or in pris - on?
when you re - mem - bered those most for - got - ten,
then may we know you, wel - come and show you



sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."
What have we done that you call us your own?
you cared for me in the small - est of these."
love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

HOLY COMMUNION (p. 206)

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (p.206)

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and all places....we praise your name, and joint their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (p. 207)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n 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 in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (p.207)

LORD’S PRAYER (p. 208)

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.

COMMUNION HYMN (p. 208)

“Lamb of God”

- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (p. 208)

BLESSING (p. 209)

HYMN:

“Soon and Very Soon”

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GIVE ONLINE

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 Inez Eggert & Susan (Eggert) Gion given by Bob Eggert and family. Inez's Birthday would have been on the 21st and Susan's would have been on the 30th of November.

Decorate for Advent. Join the Worship and Music Committee and help decorate for Christmas. All are welcome on November 28th at 6:30pm.

The Christmas Story Study | Sundays (12/3, 12/10 & 12/17) at 9:40 a.m. in the Conference Room – Dive deeper into the characters and events of the Christmas story each Sunday in Advent in between worship services. Grab your coffee and treats and gather in the conference room for this time of growth and reflection.

The Hi-Liner Food Pantry, serving VCHS students and families, continues to collect donations in the tote near the welcome center. During October, donations of canned vegetables are especially welcome. To donate directly to the Bridges Backpack Program, please make your check out to and mail to: **Bridges Backpack Program, Inc., 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072.**

Want a quick and easy way to support the mission and ministry of OSLC? Visit oursaviorsvc.org and click the blue "GIVE" button or, call or stop by the church office to complete a Simply Giving Form to set up a recurring donations to OSLC today. Recurring gifts allow us to share God's love with neighbors near and far week in and week out. Thank You!

The 2023 Missionary Calendar is up! For \$25 a day you can show your support of our Missionaries Willie and Anne Langdji, who support the work of the Lutheran Church in Western Africa. They work alongside medical centers, schools, churches, food ministries to support and encourage local efforts. The calendar also supports the work of Global Health Ministries that ship medical supplies and support medical facilities all over the globe. Sign up on the calendar and earmark your donation for "Missionary Calendar."

The Community Closet will be having an opening from 5 - 7 p.m. on Monday, December 11th. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Sunday, December 10 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. and to clean up on Monday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m.

OSLC and the Kiwanis Club Valley City are sponsoring a 'Giving Tree' to help families in Barnes County. To participate, take a tag off the Giving Tree located in the gathering area at OSLC. Purchase the items, wrap them, put the tag back on the gift and return to OSLC by December 15th. These gifts will then be distributed to local families before the holidays. With questions, contact Tara Anderson 701-740-4849 or Allison Swenson 701-367-5117.

Our Savior's is hosting a Vitalant Blood Drive at the AmericInn on December 18th from 1:45 to 6:00 and December 19th from 8:00 to 12:30. Volunteers are needed to donate and to serve as receptionists. To schedule an appointment, one can go to <http://www.vitalant.org>. To volunteer as receptionists, please call Ruth Larson at 845-4257.

16th Annual "Sounds of the Season" Brown Bagger Series listen to Christmas music on your lunch hour from 12:10-12:50pm. So, bring your lunch if you haven't had it yet or just come to listen to the music of the holiday season and enjoy provided refreshments. Wednesday, December 6th features performer is yet to be determined. Wednesday, December 13th, will feature Faye Bubach. Wednesday, December 20th will feature Beth Quick Berge. These listening opportunities will be held in the sanctuary of Our Savior's Lutheran Church located at 138 3rd St. N.W. in Valley City.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. To that end, be alert and persevere in praying for all the Lord's people." (Ephesians 6:18). This week we hold these people of Our Savior's in prayer, as well as those concerns close to our hearts: Cameron Lentz; Mike & Kathy Lentz; Ryan & Missy Leroux, Mackenzie, Lexi, Bailey; Sandi Ley; Jarrod & Danielle Lindemann, Oakely, Cru, Indee, Wrenley; Susan Lloyd; Robert & Beverly Loken.

November 26-December 3

TODAY: 8:30 a.m. Worship
 8:30 a.m. Facebook Live
 No Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

MON: 11:50 a.m. Sr. High Lunch

TUES: 9:00 a.m. Quilters
 1:30 p.m. Text Study
 6:30 p.m. Decorate for Advent

WED: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation @ Our Savior's Lutheran

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

NEXT SUN: **Advent 1**
 8:30 a.m. Worship
 8:30 a.m. Facebook Live
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Christmas Program Practice
 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

Mission Support

January-October 2023

Year To Date Income	\$265,475.23
Year To Date Expense	219,705.00
YTD Income over Expense	45,770.23
A week of OSLC ministry:	\$7,116.00
General Fund Offering:	\$3,162.38

2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital Appeal



\$830,680.00 Total Pledged
 By 125 Households
 through June 4, 2023

\$715,502.33 Total Given
 through November 20, 2023