



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023 + FACES OF OUR FAITH: "PUAH & SHIPHRAH"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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:

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

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GREETING (p. 165)

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:

"This is the Feast"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...**Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Response: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138 *(Read Responsively)*

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

²**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

³On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

⁴**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Response: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

READING ACCLAMATION:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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FACES OF OUR FAITH READING: Exodus 1

Response: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“FACES OF OUR FAITH: PUAH & SHIPHRAH”

HYMN:

"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"

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1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
3 The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,
4 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side,



op - pressed so hard they could not stand,
to lead the childr'n of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
a fire by night, a shade by day,
at God's com-mand it did di - vide,



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo - ple go!

- 5 When they had reached the other shore, let my people go;
they sang the song of triumph o'er, let my people go. *Refrain*
- 6 Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go;
and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go. *Refrain*

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"

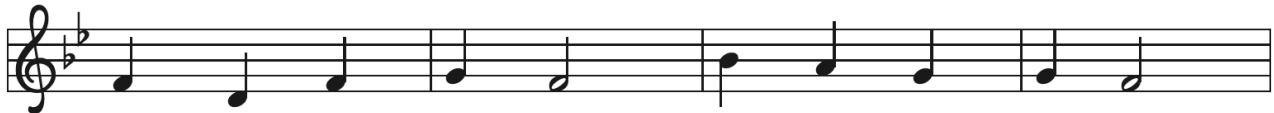
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1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble,"
2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirst - y?
3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren,
4 Christ, when we meet you out on life's road - ways,



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. 172)

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.173)

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. 173)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (p.173)

LORD'S PRAYER (p. 173)

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. 174)

"Lamb of God"

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.

DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN:

"Voices Raised to You"

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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 celebration of our 66th wedding anniversary given by Don & Dawn Knutson.

"**Faces of our Faith: Bold and Untold Stories**" - Sundays, 9/17 - 11/26, we will walk through this immersive worship series about the 'bold and untold' stories of those often overlooked in our biblical narratives, hoping these characters remind us that we all play a role in shaping God's story of redemption and grace. Join us at 9:30 a.m. Bible Study each Wednesday as we dive into the context of these stories before we hear them on Sunday.

Be a Senior High Lunch Supporter by signing up to provide dessert to those high school kids who enjoy a free lunch at the church on Mondays during the school year. A sign-up sheet can be found on the information counter. Be in touch with Pr. Kyle if you have questions.

The Hi-Liner Food Pantry, serving VCHS students and families, continues to collect donations in the tote near the welcome center. During September, donations of canned tuna or chicken are especially welcome. Thank You!

Christ in Our Home: Copies of "Christ in Our Home" devotion books for October, November, and December are now available on the information counter.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Growing in Grace Capital Appeal! As you prayerfully consider your 2023 support, you can find appeal materials and pledges cards on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Again, thank you for all the "above and beyond" ways you continue to support the mission and ministry of OSLC.

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."

“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: Norma Hoiland; Lynn Holcomb; Beth Holden, Danielle, Carly; Kathryn Holleque; Dennis & Judith Holmgren, Lois Hovel.

This Week: **September 24-October 1**
 TODAY: 8:30 a.m. Worship
 8:30 a.m. Facebook Live
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast
 MON: 12:05 p.m. Sr. High Lunch
 TUES: 9:00 a.m. Quilters
 1:30 p.m. Text Study
 WED: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation @ Faith Lutheran
 SAT: 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Fellowship
 NEXT SUN: 8:30 a.m. Worship
 8:30 a.m. Facebook Live
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
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Mission Support

January-August 2023

Year To Date Income	\$216,339.80
Year To Date Expense	178,630.62
YTD Income over Expense	37,709.18
A week of OSLC ministry:	\$7,116.00
General Fund Offering:	\$5,218.38

2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital Appeal



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

\$686,148.95 Total Given
 through September 5, 2023