



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 10TH, 2024 + 25TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Gathered into one by God's Spirit, we are bold to confess our sins, our shortcomings, our failures, right here in the open, in the presence of God and of one another...

God of grace...**We confess that we have failed you, failed ourselves, failed one another. We assume the worst about those around us, rather than giving anyone the benefit of the doubt. We do the same to ourselves, and sometimes, even, we do the same to you. We are stubborn and determined to hold a grudge. We fail to exercise our imaginations, fail to recognize your works waiting to be born, if only we would step up to help, or sometimes, if only we would move out of the way. Forgive us, O God, and show us another way forward. Amen.**

Hear the good news of the risen Christ: God is making all things new! Your sins are forgiven. God's invitation is to another way of living. Thanks be to God! **Amen!**

### HYMN:

"Day by Day"

#790

### GREETING (p. 138)

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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... **O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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***

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16**

<sup>8</sup>The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>"Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup>But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

**PSALM: 146** *(Read Responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

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

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28**

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

p. 142

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

**GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44**

<sup>38</sup> As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

**SERMON**

**HYMN:**

**"Take My Life, That I May Be"**

**#583**

**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 plates are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary)**

**OFFERING HYMN:**

**"Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

**#186**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore in me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

**HOLY COMMUNION (p. 144)**

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.144)**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...we join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

**LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)**

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 HYMNS**

**"Lamb of God"**

**p. 146**

*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.*

**"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" #461**

**"Blessed Assurance" #638**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER (p. 146)**

**BLESSING**

May God bless you with the curiosity to continue growing into your own self.

May God keep you steady in the face of all that is unknown.

May God's face shine on you as you seek new answers to old questions being born anew.

**Amen.**

**HYMN**

**"For the Fruit of All Creation"**

**#679**

**SENDING (p. 146)**

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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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.**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is in memory of Jodi Kvien Opatz & Mark Kvien given by the Kvien-Opatz family

**Thanksgiving Food Baskets** for the community will be available again this year in partnership with Faith Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church. **Baskets will be filled on Thursday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> (5:30-6:00) and pick-up/delivery will happen on Friday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> (4:45-6:30).** We are still looking for volunteers to pack/distribute/deliver baskets. If you are interested in helping, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area or you can get in touch with Julie in the Faith Lutheran office at 845-4390. All ages are welcome to help! Monetary donations to make this ministry possible will be collected throughout November. To donate, earmark a check or cash to "Thanksgiving Food Baskets" and return to the church office or drop in the offering plate on Sunday. Online donations can be given to the Thanksgiving Food Basket fund through our website by clicking the "Give" button. Thank you for your continued support of this incredible ministry!

**Women of Our Savior's Bake and Quilt Sale** will be held Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 – 11:00. Rolls and coffee will be served

**Get started with our new church directory!** Access the directory digitally through the app or online with your email, or fill out a hard copy submission form with your details. Sign ups are also available for hard copies of the directory to be distributed later in the fall. Visit the Directory table for more information.

**The Hi-Liner Food Pantry**, serving VCHS students and families, continues to collect donations in the tote near the welcome center. To donate 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.** Suggested donations include: canned chicken or tuna, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, canned ravioli, Spaghetti O's, and granola bars.

**The Community Closet** will have an opening on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-7p.m. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 p.m. and to help take down on Monday beginning at 7p. No need to sign up, just show up. Any and all help is appreciated.

**Coffee and Fellowship Hosts:** Hosts are needed for our fellowship times following worship on Sunday mornings. Hosting can be as simple as making sure the coffee is on and running and providing a light treat. You can sign up on the clipboard on the counter in the Gathering Room and be in touch with Pr. Nicholas with questions.

**Vitalant Blood Drive - Sponsored by OSLC:** Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from noon - 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – noon, at the Americinn (280 Wintershow Road). Contact Vitalant at (877)258-4825 code to register to donate. Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts/receptionists. Contact Ruth Larson at 840-2913 to volunteer.

**The office and building will be closed next Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**A look ahead at the week of November 10<sup>th</sup> – November 17<sup>th</sup> 2024**

TODAY:           8:05 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal  
                      9:00 a.m. | Worship  
                      9:00 a.m. | Facebook Worship Livestream  
                      10:00 a.m. | Coffee & Fellowship  
                      10:00 - 10:45 a.m. | Sunday School  
                      11:00 a.m. | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast

TUES:             9:00 a.m. | Good Samaritan Quilters  
                      1:30 p.m. | Pastor's Text Study

WED:             9:30 a.m. | Bible Study  
                      6:30 p.m. | Confirmation @ OSLC  
                      7:00 p.m. | Committee Meetings  
                      8:00 p.m. | Council

FRI:               Office and building closed

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

SUN (11/17):    8:05 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal  
                      9:00 a.m. | Worship  
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