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NOVEMBER 24TH, 2024 + CHRIST THE KING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (* Please Stand)

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:

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

#855

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Glory to God"

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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

Let us pray... Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

PSALM: 93 (Read Responsively)

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for evermore.

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

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b - 8

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (* Please Stand)

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

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 18:33 - 37

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN:

"Lift High the Cross"

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

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

In response to "Merciful God", please reply **"Receive our Prayer"**

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"

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*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"

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*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.*

**"Come to the Table" #481
"God Extends an Invitation" #486**

DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Please Stand)

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BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned,
the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

HYMN

"Soon and Very Soon"

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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 Inez Eggert and Susan (Eggert) Gion given by Bob Eggert and family.

Pastor Rich Kramer will be here next Sunday, celebrating worship with us and beginning his interim ministry. We will be welcoming him after the service in the Gathering Room. Please stop by and introduce yourselves. Name tags will also be available so he can get to know us.

Women of Our Savior's Bake and Quilt Sale was held yesterday morning. We want to thank everyone who contributed in any and all ways. We would also like to thank all who attended. Your generosity and support is much appreciated.

The Worship and Music Committee plans to decorate the church for the upcoming Advent/Christmas season on Tuesday, November 26th at 5:00. You are welcome to join with committee members to get the church ready for our advent worship season.

We will once again enjoy the "Sounds of the Season" concerts on Wednesdays during December (Dec 4, 11 and 18), from 12:10 - 12:50 in the church sanctuary. During this busy month, take time each week to relax over your lunch hour with some Christmas music. This year the programs will be streamed on Facebook, so you can listen from your workplace or home if you can't get to the church for the concert.

Property Manager Position at OSLC After a number of years, Bobby Koeplin has decided to retire, effective Dec. 31, 2024. We appreciate his dedicated service to Our Savior's. We are currently searching for a replacement. This position manages OSLC's apartments and parsonages, along with supporting the infrastructure needs of our church home. Please contact LouVay White, Margaret Dahlberg, or Pastor Nicholas if you would like more information.

Beginning in January, we will use a slightly different offering envelope strategy. If you currently receive offering envelopes in the mail, you will now receive them bimonthly (every 2 months) instead of monthly. If you give online but still receive envelopes in the mail, please let the office know if you would like to opt out of the envelope mailing.

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 which are now being distributed. 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 Congregational United Church of Christ (217 4th Street NW) is holding a Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at 4:00pm today, Sunday, November 24th. A "Be Grateful" dinner will follow at 5:00pm. They are asking that everyone bring a non-perishable item or monetary donation for the Barnes County Food Pantry. The meal is free and open to the public – all are welcome.

The Community Closet will have an opening on Monday, December 16th from 5-7p.m. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Sunday, December 15th 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 16th from noon - 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 17th 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.

A look ahead at the week of November 24th – December 1st 2024

TODAY: 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

THURS – FRI: Thanksgiving holiday, building and office closed

SAT: 7:30 a.m. | Men's Bible Fellowship
 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. | Quilt and Bake Sale

SUN (12/1): 8:05 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 | Worship
 9:00 a.m. | Facebook Worship Livestream
 10:00 a.m. | Coffee & Fellowship, Welcome for Pastor Rich
 11:00 a.m. | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast