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JUNE 16TH, 2024 + 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider...**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

HYMN:

"As Rain from the Clouds"

#508

GREETING (p. 98)

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:

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

#843

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...**All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 22-24 (*Read Responsively*)

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²**to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“We Will Glorify”

***We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
we will glorify the Lord of Lords, who is the great I am.***

***Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah the Lamb;
hallelujah to the Lord of Lords, who is the great I am.***

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 4:26-34. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” ³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN:

"God of the Fertile Fields"

#1063



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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:

"As the Grains of Wheat"

#465

HOLY COMMUNION (p. 107)

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.108)

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

*Holy, holy, holy 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.*

LORD'S PRAYER (p. 112)

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. 112

*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.*

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" #461

"For the Fruit of All Creation" #679

"Lord, Your Hands Have Formed" #554

DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (p. 114)

BLESSING (p. 114)

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

HYMN:

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

#449

SENDING (p. 115)

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.

The Radio Broadcast is in honor of all the father's sponsored by Myron & Jenneice Sommerfeld

For pastoral emergencies between Friday, June 7th through June 17th.

Please contact the church office and Brenda will put you in contact with Pr. Robert or Pr. Nicholas.

Pick up your Christ in Our Home for July, August, September 2024.

Wednesday, June 26th from 5:30 – 8:30pm Valley City Green Dot Church-Based Bystander Training will be at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. (138 3rd St. NW).

This training will be led by Pr. Sharayah Robinson (Kathryn/Nome/Fingal Lutheran Parish) and will be tailored to situations we as church members, leaders, and volunteers might experience. Supper will be provided, so we ask that you register ahead at vcgreendot.com/upcoming-events. With questions, contact Pr. Sharayah Robinson at vcgreendot@gmail.com.

Summer Book Club – The World According to Mister Rogers: This June and July, people of all ages are invited to read this book that will help us shape our understanding of "love, friendship, respect, individuality, and honesty." Books will be available for reading and sharing throughout the month of June and July on the information counter. Donations to help us offset the purchase of the books are welcome at \$12 a copy. Later in July, we will gather on a Sunday morning following worship and share thoughts, insights, and questions.

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.**

Want to be a part of our Livestream Team?! Individuals of all ages and technical abilities are invited to join the rotating group of individuals who livestream our Sunday morning worships. Livestreaming worship is simple and straightforward and allows us to connect with people near and far. If you'd like to be trained on the livestream, or want more information, contact Pr. Kyle or Paul Dahlberg and/or Nathan Johnson from the Technology Committee.

Radio broadcast of the 9:00 a.m. worship is on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on KOVC 1490 AM. To sponsor a broadcast, please contact the church office at 845-1328. The cost is \$100 and may be given in memory or in honor of someone or a significant event. Your gift to this ministry is appreciated.

“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: Brian Bitz, Melissa Bitz, Adam, Grace; Loren Bjerke, Zoe; Brenda Bjork, Amanda, Rylee, Haylee; Doris Blume; Judy Bowen; Kelly Branam, Mckyla, Eliana.

June 16-23, 2024

TODAY: 9:00 a.m. Worship
 9:00 a.m. Facebook Live
 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Foundation Meet
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

TUES: 9:00 a.m. Quilters
 1:30 p.m. Text Study

WED: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study

SAT: 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Fellowship

NEXT SUN: 9:00 a.m. Worship
 9:00 a.m. Facebook Live
 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

**Mission Support
 January-May 2024**

Year To Date Income	\$122,472.93
Year To Date Expense	137,383.96
YTD Expense over Income	14,911.03
A week of OSLC ministry:	\$6,875.75
General Fund Offering:	\$4,839.38

2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital Appeal



\$822,560.00 Total Pledged
 By 125 Households
 through June 4, 2023

\$830,050.85 Total Given
 through June 10, 2024