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RALLY SUNDAY + THE GOOD BOOK: "A IS FOR ALABASTER"

WELCOME AND 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:

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

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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"

p. 139

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... Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | SUNDAY SCHOOL BLESSING

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4 – 7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

PSALM: Psalm 146 (Read Responsively)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

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

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

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

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

⁹The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

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 14:1 – 9

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 14:1 – 9. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people." ³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me.

⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

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

SERMON

HYMN:

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

#691

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:

"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.

*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.*

**"Strengthen for Service, Lord" #497
"This Little Light of Mine" #677**

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:

"God's Work, Our Hands"

#1000

- 1 God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world, raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together, following Jesus to places unknown, walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 3 God's work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear, praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 4 God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored, gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your gospel.**

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.

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Don & Dawn Knutson in celebration of their 67th wedding anniversary on September 7th.

Today, September 8th! Join us as we kick off the program year with festive worship and morning of service opportunities. Sunday School and Fellowship begin at 10:00 a.m. And join us for some of these "God's Work. Our Hands." service opportunities: **Bring non-perishable food items for our local food pantries** - all morning; **Global Health Ministry Bandage Making** - 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.; **OSLC Kitchen Construction Prep** - 3:00 p.m.

Sundays, Sept. 8th - Oct. 27th, join us for worship as we reclaim the "good" of the Good Book. Walking with the stories of our ancestors in faith from A to Z, together we'll learn and relearn why we love to tell this old, old story, and why it continues to hold meaning for us here and now.

Join us as we grow in loving our neighbors better with a five-session series called "Fear of the Other" beginning Sunday, Sept. 15th. For five weeks after worship at 10:00 a.m., we'll meet in the conference room to wrestle with the gospel command to love (and not just tolerate) neighbors, others, and enemies. Here's a look ahead: 9/15 - "Saved by the Other"; 9/22 - "The Other, My Enemy"; 9/29 - "Learning to Fear Like Christians"; 10/6 - "Loving the Other in Church"; 10/13 - "Jesus, the Other"

Sunday School registration will open online on August 25th.

Pre-k (must be going into kindergarten 2025-2026 school year) through 6th grade. Sunday School will start on Rally Sunday, September 8th from 10am-10:30am. If anyone would like to be a Sunday School teacher, or has any question email me at oslcsundayschool@outlook.com Katie Sather, thank you.

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.** If you would like to contribute food, some suggested items are canned chicken or tuna, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, canned ravioli, Spaghetti O's, and granola bars.

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.

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. Kyle or Pr. Nicholas with questions.

All women are invited to the ELCA Women's Annual Fall Convention on Saturday, September 28 at Sharon Lutheran Church in Grand Forks. Sessions begin at 9 am. There will be speakers, vendors, a service project and noon lunch. To register or get more information, contact Jan Stowman at 840-1808.

“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: Dennis & Judy Holmgren; Phyllis Hook; Jerry Huckle; John & Bobbi Jo Hurlimann, Scott Hurlimann; Jeff Huseby; Joyce Huseby.

September 8-15, 2024

TODAY:

Rally Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Facebook Live
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast
- 4:00 p.m. Fair Hills

TUES:

9:00 a.m. Quilter

WED:

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 6:30 pm 7th-9th grade Confirmation-Students/Parents meet & Faith Lutheran Church
- 7:00 p.m. Committees meet
- 8:00 p.m. Council

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
- 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Loving Neighbor Better Study
- 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

**Mission Support
January-July 2024**

2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital Appeal

Year To Date Income	\$171,040.69
Year To Date Expense	206,541.46
YTD Expense over Income	(-36,746.12)
A week of OSLC ministry:	\$6,875.75
General Fund Offering:	\$6,716.31

\$ Total given.
\$842,444.19

