



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**JUNE 8TH, 2025 + PENTECOST**

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM(\*please stand)

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

## HYMN:

**"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"**

**#399**

## GREETING

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.**

*Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

- 1**     *Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)*
- 2**     *Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)*
- 3**     *For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God our creator, **the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21**

*Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.*

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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

**PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (read responsively)**

*Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)*

<sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup> **All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17**

*Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.*

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (\*please stand)**

**#388**

***Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!***

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The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 14:8-27**

*Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.*

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him

nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

*Response:* The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN:** “Spirit of Gentleness” #396

**APOSTLE’S CREED (\*please stand)** 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**

*Response:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**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.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER**

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

**OFFERING HYMN:** “Thine the Amen” v 1-2 #826

## **BLESSING**

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

**HYMN** “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” #400

**SENDING** p.115

**Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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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.**

**Coffee and Fellowship Hosts:** Hosts are needed for our fellowship times before 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. **Hosting for the summer months occurs before the service, at 8:45.**

**Sub List for Communion Helpers and Counters:** We are building a list of substitutes for those Sundays when helpers are scheduled but are unable to attend. If you would like to help out on an occasional basis, please contact Ann in the office (845-1328) and we will add you to the list.

**Greeters for Sunday Worship:** We are looking for greeters for the North and South side doors to welcome worshippers to the service and hand out bulletins. We ask that you be there 15 minutes or so before the service begins. The sign-up sheet is located on the information countertop under the Missionary Calendar. No experience necessary and it is a great way to meet others in our church community.

**Good Samaritan Quilters at OSLC:** the quilters are asking you to keep them in mind as you do your spring cleaning. They can use (used) flat sheets, any size and any color except white. They also accept fabric. It can be dropped off Tuesday mornings, when the ladies meet downstairs or can be left in the office during normal office hours. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Foth (840-2242) or Kathy Anderson (840-1426). The quilts the ladies make are given as gifts for baptisms and graduations within the congregation and also to local charities and missions for those in need.

**Red Willow Bible Camp Registration:** For those of you planning to sign up for Bible Camp this summer, the payment code is now available. please call the office for that information.

**Rummage Sale at Faith Lutheran Church:** Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 9-5 and Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 9-3. Free will offering for any treasure you may find.

**Peggy Lee Day is Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.** There will be a free concert at 7pm at the VCSU Arts Center. Please bring a food item for our local food pantry.

**Hospital Visitation:** If you or a loved one is hospitalized or is in a care center and you would like a pastor to visit, please call the office to let us know with the person's name and location. We are glad to visit you and provide spiritual care! Hospitals and care centers do not automatically notify churches of an church member's admission.

**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**

**We are beginning a Sack Lunch Program for the summer.** On Fridays, from May 30<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>, sack lunches will be available to anyone who is in need of a meal, at no cost to them. This is an extension of the Senior High Lunch program, which will return next school year. Sack lunches will be served in the gathering space starting at 11am until supplies are gone for the day. We are looking for volunteers to help prep and serve on Friday mornings, as well as donations. Helpful Donations: Tubs of peanut butter, individual bags of chips, bottled water, sandwich size ziplock bags, brown lunch bags, and fruit cups. Thank you all for helping to feed our community!

**Eastern ND Synod Assembly will be held June 7-8 in Fargo.** The theme this year is “Grace Upon Grace.” Those attending from Our Savior’s include voting members Janet Brown, Kara Kramin, Leslie Rohde, John Thompson, Pr Nicholas Rohde and Pr Rich Kramer.

**Ann is looking to take some time off the last week of July.** We are looking for someone to be in the office from 9 am to 1 pm Monday through Friday. The only tasks required would be to answer the phone, open the mail and review emails to see if anything pressing needs a reply. Otherwise, you are free to read a book, work on crafts or other projects. Please contact the office if you have questions or would like to sign up to cover these times. We greatly appreciate your help while Ann is gone.

**Fridays are Pastors’ Sabbath feel free to contact them in case of emergencies.**

**A look ahead at the week of June 8<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

TODAY:	8:00 am   Eastern ND Synod Assembly, Fargo 8:45 am   Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 am   Worship led by Lay Members, no Holy Communion 9:30 am   Facebook Worship Livestream 11:00 am   KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast
TUES:	9:00 am   Quilters 10:30 am   Staff Meeting 1:30 pm   Pastors’ Text Study
WEDS:	9:30 am   Bible Study 6:00 pm   Sr High Youth 7:00 pm   Council
THURS:	2:00 pm   Prayer Shawl Ministry
SAT:	7:30 am   Men’s Bible Fellowship
SUN (6/15):	8:45 am   Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 am   Worship 9:30 am   Facebook Worship Livestream 11:00 am   KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast 11:15 am   Worship at St Petri (Nome)