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JULY 6TH, 2025 + 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*please stand in body and/or spirit)

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

HYMN:

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

#803

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.**

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

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, **you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— ¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. ¹² For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. ¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

SECOND READING: Galatians 6:1-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

¹ My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads. ⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (*please stand in body and/or spirit)

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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 Luke, the 10th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' " ⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." ¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

SERMON

HYMN:

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

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APOSTLE'S CREED (*please stand in body and/or spirit)

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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: God of Grace, **hear 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:

"As the Grains of Wheat"

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HOLY COMMUNION

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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

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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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

DISTRIBUTION

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.

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" #445

"Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word" #663

POST COMMUNION PRAYER(*please stand in body and/or spirit)

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BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN

"Spirit of Gentleness"

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SENDING

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Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **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.

Our radio broadcast today is sponsored by Derrell Diegel in memory of his wife, Bev's, birthday, which was July 31st.

Altar Flowers are given this Sunday by Bob and Bev Loken in memory of Bev's brother, Richard (Dick) Monson who passed away earlier this week.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is once again partnering with VCSU to support our Viking athletes by providing a nourishing **Viking Athletic Meal** on Sunday, August 17th, before on-campus dining options are available. This tradition allows us to extend hospitality and care to these young athletes as they begin their school year. We are seeking monetary donations to help cover the cost of the meal, with a goal of raising \$250. If you feel called to support this event, please consider contributing to this meaningful outreach. To donate, please mark your gift "Viking Meal" and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office. Thank you for your continued generosity! -Sharing and Service Committee

APOC Spaghetti Fundraiser: on Monday, July 14th, 5-7pm at the Eagles. Free will offering. (APOC is the Abused Persons Outreach Center here in Valley City, located at 160 2nd St NW. Their phone number is 701-845-0078. The crisis line is 701-845-0072)

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.

The Bridges Backpack Program will again sponsor the Summer Grocery Store on Wednesdays this summer, at the High School, June 4th through August 6th, 5-7pm. Enter through door #W6 and look for the "OPEN" sign by the door. The store is open to all, single or family, who find they need help making ends meet now that children are not in school during the summer. Donations can be mailed to Bridges Backpack Program, Inc, 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072

We are hosting a Sack Lunch Program for the summer. On Fridays, from May 30th to August 15th, 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 downstairs dining area 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!

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 a church member's admission.

Handbell Concert: On Sunday, July 20th, 5 pm, in the OSLC sanctuary, Nikki Evans and her friend, Ingrid Daniel, will be presenting a free handbell concert. A free-will offering will be available to help Nikki offset expenses.

The "Christ in Our Home" issue for July, August and September is now available and located in various places throughout the building. It comes in both regular and large print. Feel free to take one for a friend if you think they would like one.

Our Savior's is again sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive. The date is August 7th. Look for more details and sign up information as the date gets closer.

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

Pr. Nicholas is out of the office July 7th – 10th.

A look ahead at the week of July 6th – July 13th, 2025

TODAY: 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 Paul's (Kathryn)

TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters
1:30 pm | Text Study

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study
7:00 pm | Council

THURS: 2:00 pm | Prayer Shawl Ministry

FRI: 11:00 am | Sack Lunch Program

SAT: 7:30 am | Men's Bible Fellowship

SUN (7/13): 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)

