



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JULY 13TH, 2025 + 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## 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:

**"As We Gather at Your Table"**

**#522**

### 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"**

**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

O Lord God, **your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

*Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.*

<sup>9</sup> The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup> when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>11</sup> "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10**

*Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. (Ps. 25:4)*

<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup> You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup> **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

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

p. 142

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

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37**

*Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.*

<sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN:**

**"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"**

**#750**

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

**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:* 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"**

**#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 pow'r 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.***

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## 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.

## DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

p.114

*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.*

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" #800

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You" #769

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

p. 114

## 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

"Jesus Calls Us: o'er the Tumult"

#696

## SENDING

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Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

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?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Where did the child Jesus and his parents flee for safety?

- A. Ethiopia
- B. Syria
- C. Rome
- D. Egypt

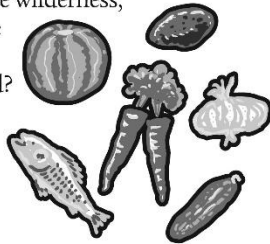


Answer: D (See Matthew 2:13.)

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?

- A. carrots and potatoes
- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers



Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)



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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 Cheryl Olson in honor of her 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with her husband, Keith.

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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm at the Eagles. Free will offering. (APOC is the Abused Persons Outreach Center here in Valley City, located at 160 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW. Their phone number is 701-845-0078. The crisis line is 701-845-0072)

**Crazy Days Bake Sale:** Faith Lutheran Church is planning a bake sale on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to noon, at the church. Proceeds will go to supporting the Bridges Backpack Program and Faith Lutheran Ministries.

**Epworth United Methodist Men's Annual Corn Feed** will be held on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 – 7:00 pm at the Methodist Church at 680 8<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Valley City. See flyers posted for details. Garden produce and bake sale will also be held at the same time. Corn Feed proceeds to support Epworth's Youth Ministry, produce and bake sale proceeds to support United Women of Faith missions.

**Giving Statements** for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2025 have been mailed out this past week. If you did not receive one or if you have questions about those statements, please call Ann at the office – 845-1328.

**An increasing number of you are experiencing a spam that is going around.** The scammers are pretending to be Pastor Rich, asking you to do a favor or to purchase gifts cards. DO NOT DO THIS!! The leadership of OSLC would never ask for things like this. This is entirely a scam. If for whatever reason you are contacted by someone who is claiming to be Pastor Rich or Pastor Nicholas and you are genuinely unsure, please reach out to the church office and verify before proceeding with any request. We want you all to be safe!

**Handbell Concert – change in time:** The concert on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> will now be held at 7 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 7<sup>th</sup>. Look for more details and sign up information as the date gets closer.

**We are hosting 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 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 an church member’s admission.

**Pr. Nicholas is out of the office July 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**A look ahead at the week of July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 Petri (Nome)

TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters  
9:30 am | President’s and Pastor’s Meeting  
10:30 am | Staff Meeting  
1:30 pm | Text Study

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study

THURS: 2:00 pm | Prayer Shawl Ministry

FRI: 11:00 am | Sack Lunch Program

SAT: 7:30 am | Men’s Bible Fellowship

SUN (7/20): 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 Messiah (Fingal)