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AUGUST 31ST, 2025 + 12TH 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:

"God is Here"

#526

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, **you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-10 (read responsively)

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to 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 14th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

SERMON

HYMN:

"O God of Light"

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

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

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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

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

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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.

"We Plow the Fields and Scatter" #681

"As We Gather at Your Table" #522

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

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

#769

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 given by Don and Sandra Bauer in honor of family and their 64th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to you both and wishing you many more to come!

Next Sunday, September 7th, we return to regular worship hours. The worship service with Holy Communion will begin at 9:00 Worship with Coffee and Fellowship to follow.

Back to Sunday School and Blessing of the Backpacks : Sunday School kicks off on Rally Sunday, Sept 7th, with a Blessing of the Backpacks, bags and computer bags for students, teachers and education workers during the worship service and a pancake breakfast to follow.

Confirmation begins with a meeting for parents and students on Wednesday, Sept 10th at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church.

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.

The Jamestown Area Grief Support Team is hosting a Widow's Retreat October 10-12, 2025 at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND. This retreat is an opportunity for any woman who has experienced the death of her husband, whether recently or in the past, to explore and deal with her grief in a relaxing and supportive atmosphere. For more information or to receive a brochure and registration form, please call or text Carol at 701-320-3801. If leaving a voice mail message, be sure to include your name and mailing address.

A Letter to the Congregation: The Church Council met on August 13th and has made some decisions regarding the path forward for staff. A letter has been mailed to all member households. In it are details about discussion sessions and a congregation meeting to be held at 10:15 on September 21st. Discussion sessions will be held today and September 14th during the Coffee and Fellowship following the service. If you are unable to attend the discussion sessions, questions regarding the letter should be directed to Margaret Dahlberg (840-1206).

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**

Senior High Lunches start Friday, September 5th, in the dining hall downstairs. Contact Leslie Rohde (815-685-6628) if you would like to help.

Honey Sundays are September 28th and October 5th. People can fill out the form and bring it with payment (\$10/bottle) to the table set up in the Gathering Room area after the service or drop it off at the church office during the week between. All proceeds from the sales go to the youth at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

We're continuing a practice at Our Savior's to be mindful of our prayer for one another. Each week, staff will be praying for, and congregation members are encouraged to pray for families of the congregation, by name. This week we pray for the David & Sue Carlsrud, Curtis & Ardis Christianson, Kenneth & Karen Christianson, William Corwin and Connie Courtney families. *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone" 1 Timothy 2:1*

A look ahead at the week of August 31st– September 7th, 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

MON: Labor Day | Building and Offices Will Be Closed

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

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

SUN (9/7): 9:00 am | Worship
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
10:15 am | Pancake Breakfast, Sunday School Kickoff
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast

