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OCTOBER 19TH, 2025 + 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ the giver of all good, the source of all joy. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God of all, **you have given us all that we need and you ask that we share your abundance. We confess that we have not responded to your call to be open channels of your grace. We clench our fists when you ask for open hands; we close our minds when you ask for grace toward our neighbors. Open our hearts to live in the abundance of your creation; loosen our grip and restore our souls, that we may freely give and receive. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God makes all things new. In the name of Christ, ☩ you are forgiven. Your hearts are unfurled; your grasping is unbound. You are free to live as flowing streams of God's abundant grace. **Amen.**

HYMN:

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

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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

Eternal God, **you listen to the cries of those in pain, Grant us persistence to do what is right. When the world is broken, work through us to repair it. When systems are unjust, give us the will to carry on and work toward your justice. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (*please rise 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 18th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

SERMON

HYMN:

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

#705

APOSTLE'S CREED (*please rise 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, receive 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

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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 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.

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #693

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest" #694

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

Abundant God, You have nourished us with life, love and grace. Fill us to the brim with your care, that we may go into the world with open arms and open hearts to share your peace with the world. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May God bless you and keep you. May God's mercy flow freely through you. May you be filled with the abundance of God's love ✠ and held in God's peace. **Amen.**

HYMN

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

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SENDING

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Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **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 in memory of Vivian Rensby on her October 16th birthday by her daughters, Tami Rostad and Sandy Durand, and their families.

Senior High Lunches are being offered once again on Fridays, in the dining hall downstairs. Any students with open campus privileges during their lunch break are welcome. The meal is free. Contact Kyla Fetsch (701-840-4540) if you would like to help.

Altar Committee is looking for new members. If you are looking for a way to become more involved here at OSLC, the Altar Committee is looking for new members. Members serve for 1 month at a time and duties include making sure the altar is set up for worship services on Sundays, including preparations for communion. This is usually done on Fridays but can be done at other times, as well. Please contact Ruth Nathan if you would like to participate in this function here at OSLC.

The Faith Lutheran Church Men's Group is holding a pancake brunch from 9:30 to 12:30 today. It is a free will offering fundraiser. They are serving pancakes, fried potatoes, sausage, apple sauce, milk, juice and coffee. To go containers are available to those who would like to take their meal home

Community Closet will be open on Monday, October 26th from 5-7pm. Set up will be on Sunday, the 25th, from 6-8pm. Volunteers are needed for both.

St Catherine School is holding a silent auction and bake sale on Friday, November 7th at 5pm and live auction at 6:30 pm at the Eagles.

We continue our Stewardship emphasis today in worship. Our theme is *What We Can Do: Responding to God's Generosity*. Join us each Sunday as we consider what is possible for us to do for our community, the world, and our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

A Big Thanks to Cheryl Olson and Pat Johnson for helping out in the office this past week when Ann took some time off. It is very much appreciated!

Once again, the totals for Lutheran World Relief kits has exceeded the year before. Thank You to everyone who help in contributing, shopping, sewing, assembling and packing the 82 Baby Care, 150 Personal Care, 353 School Kits that will be sent to those in need in the US and around the world. Along with the kits, we include dollars for shipping. The amount suggested for the amount of kits we are sending is \$1500. Please consider giving a free will offering to defray this cost. The 80 plus boxes are taken to Midwest Motors in Fargo the week

of October 20-24. If you are going to Fargo and could take some boxes please contact Jan Stowman. Along with Kits, the Good Samaritan Quilters meet on Tuesdays to lovingly make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and also for those in need in our community. In 2025, 104 Quilts are being sent. With more hands, more quilts can be made, so volunteers are always welcome. There are jobs for everyone, quilting experience is not necessary! Contact Carol Foth if interested. Thanks again—our work is not done! Now we start on the Spring shipment!

The Confirmation Students conducted a Food Drive this past Wednesday. We would like to thank all who donated to this project. The food will be given to the Food Pantry here in town.

Community Thanksgiving Basket Mission: We are once again partnering with Faith and Trinity Lutheran Churches to provide food baskets to those in need in our community. Volunteers are needed to pack and deliver baskets on Thursday and Friday, November 20th & 21st. Please call Ann in the office to sign up. Monetary donations can be mailed to the church (138 3rd St NW, Valley City, ND 58072), dropped off at the office, or drop off at the table located near the information counter. **Please label as “Thanksgiving Baskets.”**

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 Dennis & Judy Gumke, Matt & Joleen Hagen, Brett & Toni Haglund, Videlle Hamilton and Danielle Hanson 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 October 19th, 2025 – October 26th, 2025

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
10:15 am | NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:15 am | Flu Shot Clinic
10:15 am | Coffee & Fellowship
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast
11:15 am | Worship at St Paul's (Kathryn)
4:00 pm | Confirmation practice (OSLC)

MON: 6:30 pm | PEO

TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters
10:30 am | Staff Meeting
1:30 pm | Text Study

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study
6:30 pm | Confirmation (at Faith)

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

SUN (10/26): 9:00 am | Worship, Bible Sunday
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
10:15 am | Coffee & Fellowship
10:15 am | Sunday School Halloween Party
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast
11:15 am | Worship at Waldheim (Kathryn)
6:00 pm | Community Closet