

Affirmation
of Baptism



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OCTOBER 26TH, 2025 + REFORMATION SUNDAY
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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:

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

#503

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

God of all, **you created us for humility and grace.** Where there is contempt, may we share your mercy, Where there is brokenness, may we turn again toward healing. Hold us in your love, through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

LITURGY FOR DEPARTURE OF AN INTERIM PASTOR FROM A CONGREGATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM: Psalm 46:1-11

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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 John, the 8th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are

descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Be Strong"

OSLC Choir

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

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Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION

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You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? *Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support these beloved children of God and pray for *them* in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us rejoice together: **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

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.

"Take My Life, That I May Be" #685

"As Saints of Old" #695

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 "The Church's One Foundation" #654

SENDING p.115

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 by Mavis Dilts in memory of Oscar, Leroy and Arnold.

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.

Community Closet will be open on Monday, October 26th from 5-7pm. Set up will be tonight, 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.

The Ladies of Our Savior's WELCA will be having their Annual Lefse & Bake Sale November 22nd. They will be serving rolls and coffee as well as lefse and baked goods. The ladies of Good Samaritan Quilters will also be selling quilts. New this year will be a holiday-themed Treasure Sale with decorations and gifts. Mark your calendars and take care of your holiday baking and shopping in one place!

Trinity Lutheran Church will be holding its Fall Festival on Saturday, November 8th. Bake Sale 10:30 – 1:30, Luncheon 11:00 – 1:30. Tickets are \$10, 6 & under \$5. Look for the flyer posted around our church.

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!

Pr Jared Carson will be joining us as Interim Pastor beginning November 1st, with his first worship service on November 2nd. We welcome him and his gifts of ministry.

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 Estelle Hanson, Dianne Hatcher, Wade Hatcher, Myrna Haugen and Brian & Lori Heath 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 26th, 2025 – November 2nd, 2025

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship
 9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
 10:15 am | Sunday School Halloween Party
 10:15 am | Coffee & Fellowship
 11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast
 6:00 pm | Community Closet Set Up

MON: 5:00 pm | Community Closet

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 (11/2): 9:00 am | Worship, Bible Sunday
 9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
 10:15 am | Coffee & Fellowship
 10:15 am | Sunday School
 11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast
 11:15 am | Worship at St Petri (Nome)