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NOVEMBER 2ND, 2025 + ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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

Faithful God, you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, \oplus in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

HYMN: "Beautiful Savior" #838

GREETING (p. 138)

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.**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

A reading from John: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." (John 11:25-26)

We are a remembering people. We remember that when we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

This day we remember and give you thanks, O God, for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place. For renewers of the church and all who shaped our faith throughout the ages, whose prophetic voices call us together around the gospel of salvation, let us give thanks to the Lord. **Alleluia.**

And, O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who shared their lives and faith among us, who proclaimed the gospel in this congregation and community, and who now rest from their labors...

Audrey Corrine Lahlum | Ethel Gusaas | Gerald Gamrath | Shirley Risser | Gerald Nelson Judith Olstad | Patricia McDaniel | Darlene Miller | Bonnie Burchill | James Manstrom James "Art" Swanberg | ...and all those not named here but known in our hearts.

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord. Alleluia.

As we remember these beloved children of God, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. As you have received our siblings in Christ who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence. In union with all your saints we may give you glory forever. **Alleluia.**

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN OF REMEMBERANCE

"For All the Saints"

#422

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

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

PSALM: Psalm 149:1-9 (Read Responsively)

- ¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- ² Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.
- ³ Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
- ⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.
- ⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.
- ⁶ Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,
- ⁷ to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
- 8 to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,
- ⁹ to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 6th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. ²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you."

This is the gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN: "Rejoice, Ye Pure of Heart"

#873

<u>AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED</u>

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

Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore in me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

HOLY COMMUNION p. 144

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.144

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 in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)

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.

<u>COMMUNION HYMNS</u> "Lamb of God" p. 146

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.

"I Am the Bread of Life" #485
"Behold the Host Arrayed in White" #425
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #619

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

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

BLESSING (p. 209)

HYMN: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" #536

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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.



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<u>Our radio broadcast today</u> is given by Jerry Huckle and family in memory of his wife, Marilyn.

<u>Senior High Lunches</u> 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.

Ann will be on vacation December 1st through the 15th so we are looking for someone to staff the office from 9 am to noon Mondays through Thursdays and 9 am to 1 pm on Fridays. No office work is required, simply answer the phone and be a presence in the building. You are free to read a book, work on those last minute gifts or any other activity during that time. It would be a great time to get those Christmas cards done! Please call the office if you are able to help us out one of those days.

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

<u>Trinity Lutheran Church will be holding its Fall Festival</u> on Saturday, November 8^{th} . 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.

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!

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 were taken to Midwest Motors in Fargo the week of October 20-24. 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!

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

<u>Community Thanksgiving Basket Mission:</u> 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 Jordyn & Jill Heck, Natalie & Aaron Heck, Rocky Hefty & Laval Eberhart, Daryl & Rebecca Heise and Margie & Tracy Henningsgard 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 November 2nd, 2025 – November 9th, 2025

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship

9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream

10:15 am | Sunday School

10:15 am | Coffee & Fellowship

11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast

11:15 am | Worship at St Petri (Nome)

TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters

10:30 am | Staff Meeting 1:30 pm | Text Study

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study

4:30 pm | Exec Team Meeting 6:30 pm | Confirmation (at OSLC)

FRI: 12:00 pm | Sr High Lunch

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

SUN (11/9): 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 Messiah (Fingal)