



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025 + 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

HYMN:

"How Firm a Foundation"

#796

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.

STEWARDSHIP INTRODUCTION & INSTRUCTIONS

Following the introduction, please complete your commitment card and bring it forward to the basket during the special music. We thank you for your generosity, which makes the work of this congregation possible.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, **without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

PSALM: Psalm 98: 1-9 (read responsively)

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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 21st chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and

great signs from heaven. ¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

SERMON

HYMN:

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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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: 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:

“We are an Offering”

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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.

"Canticle of the Turning" #723

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

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

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN

"When Peace like a River"

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SENDING

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **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 WELCA in memory of James Swanberg, Bonnie Burchill and Jim Manstrom.

Could you spare some time on Fridays to help with the Senior Lunch Program? Dessert—cookies, bars, brownies etc. for 90 are also needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Counter.

A thank you for your help is a free lunch that day! *11:45-1:30. Help as needed and Kitchen clean up *Providing treats (Please indicate how many)

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.

As you consider your involvement here at Our Savior's and ways that you can increase your participation, please take a moment to check out the bulletin board outside the office. There are groups and committees who are looking for new members to join them. You can contact the name listed or you can call Ann in the office for more details.

We will be decorating the Church for the Advent season on Saturday, November 29th at 10:00. All are welcome to participate.

Annual Fall Lefse, Bake, Quilt and new this year, Holiday Treasure Sale will be held on Saturday, November 22 8:30-11:30 in the lower level small and large dining rooms. Coffee, rolls and juice served. All Women of Our Saviors are encouraged to participate. Please bring your baked goods and "goodies" of all kinds on Friday, November 21 from 1-5 or the morning of the Sale. Your Thanksgiving/Christmas items can be brought to the church the week of the Sale. Mark your calendars and come do your Holiday baking and shopping all in one place!

Lefse Making for the Sale: There is a sign-up sheet on the counter below the Missionary Calendar if you would like to help make lefse on Thursday, November 20th, beginning at 8:30 am. All are welcome – no experience necessary! A great way to learn this skill and participate in a wonderful Scandinavian tradition. Even those of us who are non-Scandinavians can join in :)

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."**

Hymn Requests: If you have a favorite hymn you would like to see included in a future worship service, please jot the name and number down on the note paper back by the offering plates and place in the offering plate or contact Ann in the office. We don't promise to add it right away, but would do our best to include it in future worship services.

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 Kenneth Hoelmer, Lynn Holcomb, Dennis & Judith Holmgren, Phyllis Hook and Lois Hovel 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 16th, 2025 – November 23rd, 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)

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)
8:00 pm | Senior High Group

FRI: 12:00 pm | Senior High Lunch

SAT: 7:30 am | Men's Bible Fellowship
8:30 am | Lefse, Bake, Quilt, Holiday Treasure Sale

SUN (11/23): 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