



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, who hears our longings and gives us life. **Amen.**

Loving God, who knows each of our stories, **We confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, actions, and inactions. We have been bound by jealousy, shame, and hatred. We have not listened to the cries of our siblings. We have participated in dishonest systems and benefited from violence done on our behalf. Forgive us, we pray. In your mercy free us from all that keeps us bound, and grant us healing and wholeness.**

Siblings in Christ, do not be afraid. In the name of + Jesus your sins are forgiven. May God speak kindly to you, restore your paths, and look upon you with favor all the days of your life. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

**"How Great Thou Art"**

**#856**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always. **And also with you."**

## KYRIE

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-knowing, all-loving God, When someone else receives what we ourselves desire, how quickly our hearts turn to anger and hatred. Free us from jealousy. Give us wholeness, security, and peace in your love, and grant us the generosity of heart to listen to each others' dreams. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PSALM: Psalm 32:1-11 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup> **Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

### **READING: Romans 5:12-19**

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION: (\*please rise in body and/or spirit)**

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***Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.***

A reading from the book of Genesis, the 37<sup>th</sup> chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **LESSON: Genesis 37:3-11**

<sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. <sup>4</sup> But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. <sup>5</sup> Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. <sup>7</sup> There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." <sup>8</sup> His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words. <sup>9</sup> He had another dream and told it to his brothers, saying, "Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." <sup>10</sup> But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?" <sup>11</sup> So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Here ends the reading. **Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

**THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING**

*(offering plates are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. The offering plates are brought forward during the singing of our offering hymn.)*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

God of wholeness, **we thank you for your faithful promises, for daily bread, and for the freedom and healing you give us in Christ. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and use them to restore dignity, mend what is broken, and unbind your people for generous living. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**OFFERING HYMN****"We Place upon Your Table, Lord"****#467****CREED (\*please rise in body and/or spirit)**

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

**SHARING OF THE PEACE****HOLY COMMUNION (Sung)**

**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, 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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### 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.*

"As We Gather at Your Table" #522

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me" #599

## DISTRIBUTION

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

Heavenly Father, You have met us at this table with Christ's body and blood that we might rejoice together in the bread you provide and never be thirsty again. Send us now into the world as signs of your unbound presence, seeking the wholeness of the kingdom of God, and inviting all who hunger to come and see your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### BLESSING

May the God of dreams and faithful promises, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and protect you always. **Amen.**

### HYMN:

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

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### SENDING

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This worship is ended, now the service goes on in the world. Go in peace, forgiven, whole, and free.  
**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.**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Marcella Jensen in honor of her 3 year old grandson and his new little brother. Their parents are Lisa and Trevor Erickson.

**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)

**The Missionary Calendar for 2026 has been posted.** Be sure to stop by and sponsor a special day. The cost for each day is \$25.

**Radio Broadcasts:** There are currently many Sundays open to sponsor. Please contact Ann in the office if you would like to help with this important outreach ministry. If you have a special Sunday in mind, please reserve it as soon as possible to ensure it is available. The cost to sponsor each Sunday broadcast is \$100.

**Epworth United Methodist Men's French Toast Brunch** will be held today, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Proceeds will be used to support Epworth's Youth Ministries. See posters around the church for details.

**The Hi-Liner Food Pantry,** serving VCHS students and families, continues to collect food donations in the tote in the Gathering Room. 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**

**Treasure Sale Donations:** Please remember as you begin your spring cleaning that the WELCA ladies are having their annual treasure sale in early May. Items can be brought anytime, as we have storage space available. Holiday, household, children's toys and other gently used items are welcome. No adult clothing, please. Contact Ann in the office, LouVay White or Jan Stowman with any questions.

**Good Samaritans Quilters are always looking for used sheets and fabric:** the quilters are asking, as you clean closets and downsize, to keep them in mind. They are looking for used sheets (no white, please) and fabric (cotton preferred). If you have questions, please contact Ann in the office or Carol Foth.

**Community Closet** will be open Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 7 pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm and also to help that Monday.

**Red Willow Summer Camp** registration is now open! Go to [www.redwillowministries.com](http://www.redwillowministries.com) for details. Contact Kyla Fetsch with further questions.

**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 McCulloch, Jim & Nicole McDaniel, Monte McDaniel, Wendy McDaniel and Janine Mehus 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 February 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.**

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship  
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream  
10:15 am | Sunday School  
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast  
1:00 pm | Youth Event in Youth Room

TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters  
12:30 am | Staff Meeting  
1:30 pm | Text Study

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study  
5:30 pm | Lenten Meal served by the Executive Team – French onion soup with toasted croutons, green salad, fresh veggies and fruit, bars  
6:30 pm | Wednesday Worship Service – Pr Jared Carson, Longing for Relationship

FRI: 12:00 pm | Sr High Lunch

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

SUN (3/01): 9:00 am | Worship  
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream  
10:15 am | Coffee & Fellowship  
10:15 am | Sunday School  
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 F Radio Broadcast