



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

138 3rd Street NW, Valley City, ND 58072

(701) 845 - 1328 | oursaviorsvc.org

APRIL 26th, 2026 + 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

---

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING HYMN)

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#807

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM(\*please rise in body or spirit)

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

## KYRIE

p. 184

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENIOR RECOGNITION

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## NOISY OFFERING

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47**

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

<sup>42</sup> [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 23:1-6 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:19-25**

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

<sup>19</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION(\*please rise in body or spirit)**

**p. 188**

The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 10:1-10**

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Shepherd Me, O God”

#780

**APOSTLES CREED**(\*please rise in body or spirit)

p. 105

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*Each petition concludes: “Merciful God, receive our prayer.”*

*The final petition: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.*

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **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.)*

## **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

“We Are an Offering”

#692

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

p. 190

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.**

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

p. 190

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”  
“Lord, Be Glorified” #744  
“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” #484

p. 191

#### BLESSING FROM THE TABLE(\*please rise in body or spirit)

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's care. **Amen.**

#### BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

#### SENDING HYMN

“My Life is in You, Lord”

(see insert)

#### DISMISSAL

This worship is ended, Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

#### POSTLUDE

*Music and Liturgy are used with permission from Augsburg Fortress, Copyright 2026, under License SB159925. Our Savior's also streams and shares music and liturgy with permission under CCLI Copyright License B-1593895, Streaming License B-20353219, and One License w/Podcasting A-742031.*



# OUR SAVIOR'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

138 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW  
Valley City, ND, 58072

Connect with us!  
[oursaviorsvc.org](http://oursaviorsvc.org)  
**(701) 845 – 1328**

Office Email  
[oursaviorsvc@outlook.com](mailto:oursaviorsvc@outlook.com)

Facebook: @OurSaviorsValleyCity  
YouTube: "OSLC Valley City"

**Pastor Jared Carson**  
218-422-6461  
[Pastor.oursaviorsvc@outlook.com](mailto:Pastor.oursaviorsvc@outlook.com)

**Faith Formation Coordinator**  
Kyla Fetsch  
[Youth.oursaviorsvc@outlook.com](mailto:Youth.oursaviorsvc@outlook.com)

**Organist**  
Judy Karch

**Executive Committee**  
Tara Anderson, President  
Ross Powell, Vice President  
Sarah Wangrud, Secretary  
Haley Jenrich, Treasurer



**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 sponsored by K.M. Lahlum and Lori Lahlum to honor Howard and the late Audrey Lahlum's wedding anniversary on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

**Vacation Bible School registration is now open!** See insert for details.

**Summer Youth Trip July 20-21** - OSLC youth and friends in grades 7-12! Sign up now! Join Kyla on a two-day trip to Minneapolis and enjoy time volunteering at Global Health Ministries and Feed My Starving Children as well as Valleyfair! Sign up on the youth bulletin board today!

**Red Willow Bible Camp Sponsorship Code Forms** are now available and located on both youth bulletin boards! If your child plans to attend camp this summer, simply grab a form, complete it, and get it back to Kyla or the church office and then Kyla will be in touch with the OSLC code to register for camp. Contact Kyla with any questions!

**The Annual WELCA Treasure Sale** is Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 - 4pm, and Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30am – noon. Rolls, coffee and juice will be served in the small dining room on Saturday. The free will offering will go towards WELCA projects and activities. It is not too late to bring items you wish to donate. 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.

**The Valley Troubadours** still have a couple of concert dates left on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary spring tour. They will be singing Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 pm, at the Valley City Connect Church and again Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, at the Nome Schoolhouse. The concerts are free but a freewill offering will be taken.

**Red Willow Camp Clean Up Days** are May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 4pm, with lunch provided at noon. If you would like to help with clean-up projects at the camp, please contact the office or Kyla Fetsch. There are also opportunities to help as Summer Staff. Applications can be found at [redwillowministries.com](http://redwillowministries.com)

**Crop Walk is Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** – please join us in the Jefferson Elementary parking lot to connect and make a difference in our community and the world. For more information contact the office or Sharon Buhr.

**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.

**Displays in the Information Area:** Please take a moment to check out the displays in the Information Area bookcases. On the left side, Margaret Dahlberg has created a display detailing the stained glass windows in the chancel and nave of the church. There is also an information sheet explaining each window and the saints shown. On the right side, she has included information about the various outreach projects we here at OSLC participate in for World Relief. There is also an information sheet for those projects and how you can help.

**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.

**Hosting Coffee and Fellowship:** Host couples, or you and a friend, are needed to serve coffee and treats during fellowship time following worship during regular season and before worship time during the summer months. It can be as simple as making sure the coffee is on and running and providing a light treat. It is a great way to meet fellow members of the congregation. Sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**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 Larry & Mary Salberg, Andrew & Katie Sather, Colleen & Dale Sather, Stephen Sather and Jerome & Edith Schmidt 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 April 26<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.**

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship with Senior Recognition  
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream  
10:15 am | Coffee and Fellowship  
10:15 am | Sunday School  
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast

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

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

FRI: 1:00 pm | WELCA Treasure Sale

SAT: 7:30 am | Men's Bible Fellowship  
8:30 am | WELCA Treasure Sale

SUN (5/3 ): 9:00 am | Worship  
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream  
10:15 am | Coffee and Fellowship  
10:15 am | Last Day of Sunday School  
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 F Radio Broadcast