



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

**Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you.**

Be with us today, and empower us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen.

**Come, Holy Spirit! Let the fire of your love consume us.**

## GATHERING HYMN

“Give Me Jesus”

#770

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

“ Now the Feast and Celebration”

ELW 167

## GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of all the worlds, as we **Observe the 250 Anniversary of the signing of the declaration of Independence, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as “prisoners of hope.”*

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14 (read responsively)**

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> **LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup> that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a**

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

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

**p. 124**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup> "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup> 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' <sup>18</sup> "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." <sup>20</sup> Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup> "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida!

For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. "For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you."

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"This is My Song"**

**#887**

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

**p. 105**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*Each petition concludes: "God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**"*

*The final petition:*

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our 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**

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"**

**#512**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**p. 129**

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. 130**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### 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

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! Amen.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”

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“Day by Day” #790

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #742

### BLESSING FROM THE TABLE

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

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

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

“Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

#888

### DISMISSAL

This worship is ended; Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

OR

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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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.**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Ranee Svenningsen in memory of her husband, Gordon.

**7/12 picnic announcement** – Outdoor worship at City Park Bandshell at 9:30 am. All are welcome to come and enjoy the outdoor worship with us. Bring chairs and bug spray. There will not be fellowship before at church, but feel free to bring your coffee. There will be a picnic provided afterwards at the park. If rain an announcement will be made by 8:30 am on Facebook, and service will be held at church.

**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!

**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.

**The Summer Grocery Store** through The Bridges Backpack Program will be open again this year. It will be open every Wednesday evening from June 4 through August 6, 5-7pm. Enter the High School through door #W6 and watch for the OPEN sign by the door. This is a free program open to everyone during the summer when school lunches are not available. The program receives some food from the Great Plains Food Bank but is also supported by local churches and organizations. Perishable items such as fresh fruits and veggies, and refrigerated or frozen items, can be dropped off at Faith Lutheran Church and they will make sure they are given to the Store. Suggested donation items include: canned chicken or tuna, soup, fruit, ravioli, Spaghetti O's, boxed

cereal, pasta and mac & cheese, Hamberger Helper, potato chips, syrup, baking items and rice. These items can be left in the tote in the Gathering Area here at OSLC. **Donation checks can be made out to and mailed to: Bridges Backpack Program, Inc, 674 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072.** If you would like to volunteer on one of these Wednesdays, please contact Pr Jared or the office.

**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.

**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.

### **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 Bruce & Kathy Anderson, Dan & Judy Anderson, Julia & Darin Anderson, Marjorie Anderson and Tara Anderson 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 July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

TODAY: 8:45 am | Coffee and Fellowship  
9:30 am | Worship  
9:30 am | Facebook Worship Livestream  
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast

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

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study

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

SUN (7/12): 9:30 am | Worship and picnic at City Park  
10:30 am | Fellowship and picnic  
9:30 am | Facebook livestream

