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**AUGUST 23rd, 2026, 9:30 am + 13th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

#671

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.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

KYRIE

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SONG OF PRAISE

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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all peoples, **your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth

beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

PSALM: Psalm 138 (read responsively)

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION(*please rise in body or spirit)

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on

earth will be loosed in heaven.”²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”** **#596**

APOSTLES’ CREED(*please rise in body or spirit) **p. 105**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in God’s steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

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

The final petition:

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **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 **“For the Fruit of All Creation” v.1** **#679**

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. 153**

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.**

"Take My Life, That I May Be" #685

"Praise and Thanksgiving" #689

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

"We All Are One in Mission"

#576

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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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 in memory of Orville Rensby's birthday (August 25th) by Sandy Durand and Tami Rostad.

Radio Broadcasts: There are currently many Sundays open after October to sponsor. Please contact 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.

WELCA is hosting a Potluck on August 30, after worship at around 10:30am in honor of Pastor Jared. Come say thanks for his service to our congregation and wish him farewell and God speed. Please bring something to add to our brunch menu of egg bake and sausage which will be provided. Stay after the potluck for a large group game of Bunco!

The Congregational Council has approved the members of the Call Committee. They will soon begin working on our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) in cooperation with the Synod. Please keep the committee members in your prayers as we begin this journey to find our new pastor. The Call Committee consists of: Ross Powell, Dave Carlsrud, Addison Fetsch, Cadence Fetsch, Lindsey Johnson, Ruth Larson, Nicole Johnson, Jason Manlove, Brenda White, and Alan Olson.

August Noisy Offering will be received August 30 for Global Refuge. Search the car console and coach cushions for all your loose change. The children will collect the noisy offering after the children's message.

Blessing of the Backpacks - During the worship on August 30th we will bless teachers/professors, students, teachers aids, school staff/administrators and all those involved in education as they -begin a new academic year. Everyone involved in education is invited to bring a backpack, briefcase, or any other bag that represents their role in education and learning

VCSU Marketplace - Meet first year VCSU students!

Come join Pr. Jared at the **VCSU Marketplace on Tuesday, Aug 26, from 4:30–7:30 PM** as we welcome new and returning students to Valley City! This annual event gives students the opportunity to connect with campus and community organizations, and it's a wonderful chance for us to share the hospitality of Our Savior's. Friendly volunteers need to help greet students, visit with them, and invite them to worship. Please contact Janna Kohler or Pr. Jared to help. We hope you'll join us as we extend Christ's welcome to our neighbors on campus!

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 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 Cynthia Creviston, Mary Creviston, Paul & Margaret Dahlberg, Betty Dallmann and Ken & Ila DeKrey 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 August 23rd to August 30th, 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
 6:00 pm | Community Closet Set Up

TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters
 12:00 pm | Jamestown Conference

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study

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

SUN (8/30): 8:45 am | Coffee and Fellowship
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