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OCTOBER 4th, 2026, 10 am + 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

"When I Survey the Wonderous Cross"

ELW #803

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

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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 Lord, **God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

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

PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15 (read responsively)

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

¹² **Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts, look I down from heaven;**

¹⁵ behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] ³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Special Music

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

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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



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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

"We Are an Offering"

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.**

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 HYMN

"Lamb of God"

ELW #154

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

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

"Soon and Very Soon"

ELW #439

DISMISSAL

This worship is ended; We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
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 given by Evelyn Delmore in memory of Jack Delmore and Arland Wisted.

October Leadership

Oct. 4 - Pastor Kerry Boese

Oct. 11 - Pastor JoAnne Moeller

Oct. 18 - Alan Olson (No Communion)

Oct. 25 - Confirmation Sunday, with Lay Minister Michelle Watne.

Christ in Our Home Devotionals are available now for October, November, December 2026

Respiratory Clinic - TUESDAY, October 20th | 9:30-10:00 am | Our Savior's Lutheran Church. City-County Health will offer influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations. High-dose and conventional flu vaccines will be available for ages 6 months and older. Sign up for a slot on the clipboard located on the information counter. **Sunday clinics no longer offered.**

Oct. 18 is Bible Sunday! We will sing during worship and PreK and 3rd graders will receive their Bibles! No Sunday School October 25 – (No School Thursday/Friday).

The Confirmation Students will be conducting a Food Drive on Wednesday, October 21st as a service project.

The food will be given to the Food Pantry here in town. If you'd like, you can also bring non-perishable items to the church and we will take them to the pantry with the items the students collect. Keep an eye open for more details.

10th Grade Confirmation Students **Oct. 18 - Rehearsal and Pictures**

3:30 pm - Ice Cream Social

4:00 pm - Pictures

4:30 pm - Confirmation Rehearsal

Oct. 25 - Confirmation Sunday

Senior High Lunch Mondays at noon.

In September we served over 240 youth meals! Adults interested in volunteering can contact Kyla.

Congregational Life Committee

Confirmation students, You are invited to an ice cream social at 3:30pm, October 18 before confirmation pictures and rehearsals.

FAMILIES, Join us for VCPR Trunk or Treat drive-thru style, October 30, 5:30-7:00 pm at Chautauqua Park Loop.

The Service and Sharing Committee is partnering with Faith Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran to provide 175 Thanksgiving baskets to those in need in Valley City. Thanksgiving baskets will be prepped on Thursday, November 19th and delivered/picked up on Friday, November 20th.

Congregation members can help by signing up to deliver baskets on November 20th or by donating to support this project. The recommended donation is \$50 to sponsor one box for a family, but any dollar amount collected counts! The Service and Sharing Committee will be set up in the gathering area/hallway before worship on October 11, 18, 25, and November 1 and Nov. 8, where you can donate in honor of or in memory of a loved one. We are so grateful for the Our Saviors' congregation and their willingness to help with this project over the past years. If you have questions, please contact Janna Kohler or Lindsey Johnson.

The Fall shipment of Lutheran World Relief kits is happening in October. You can be part of this by donating wrapped toothbrushes for Personal Care Kits or flannel/flannel sheets that can be cut for diapers and blankets for Baby Care Kits. Help is also needed to box kits and deliver them to Fargo.

OSLC Apartment Available Contact Paul for more information.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. To that end, be alert and preserve in praying for all the Lord’s people.” (Ephesians 6:18). This week we hold the people of Our Savior’s in prayer, as well as those concerns close to our hearts: Dennis & Judy Gumke, Matt & Joleen Hagen, Brett & Toni Haglund, Videlle Hamilton, and Danielle Hanson families.

A look ahead at the week of October 4-October 11

OCT. 4	9:00 am Coffee Fellowship
	9:00 – 9:45 am Sunday School
	10:00 am Worship
	11:00 am Radio Broadcast
	6:30pm Gather – Service Night OSLC
MON:	12:10 pm Sr. High Lunch
TUES:	9:00 am Quilters
	1:30 pm Text Study
WED:	9:30 am Bible Study
	6:30 pm 7 th -9 th grade Confirmation Faith Lutheran
	7:30 pm Sr. High Youth Group
	8:00 pm Council
SAT:	7:30 am Men’s Bible Fellowship
NEXT SUN:	9:00 am Coffee Fellowship
	9:00 – 9:45 am Sunday School
	10:00 am Worship
	11:00 am Radio Broadcast
	11:20 am Bus Trip to musical Departs from OSLC Parking LOT

October Community Events:

Faith Lutheran Fall Festival | Sat., Oct. 10 | 10am – 1:00pm | Faith Lutheran, Valley City

APOC Baked Potato Fundraiser Supper – Mon., Oct. 12 | 5:00 – 7:00pm | Valley City Eagles Club

Faith Lutheran Men’s Group Pancake Brunch – Sun., Oct. 18 | 9:30am-12:30pm | Faith Lutheran | Valley City