



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

### HYMN:

**"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"**

**#510**

### 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.**

### KYRIE *(Read Responsively)*

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;

for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE:

**"Glory to God"**

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth...

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9**

*The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. <sup>2</sup> I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; <sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; <sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. <sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps <sup>7</sup> their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. <sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28**

*In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. (Ps. 22:22)*

<sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

<sup>20</sup> **Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup> **I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> **For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup> **For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (\*please stand in body and/or spirit)**

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***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39**

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.*

<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" —<sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN:**

**"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"**

**#843**

#### **APOSTLE'S CREED (\*please stand in body and/or spirit)**

**p. 105**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Response:* God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

#### **THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**(offering plates are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary)**

#### **OFFERING HYMN:**

**"As the Grains of Wheat"**

**#465**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**p. 107**

**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

p.108

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...we join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. 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, 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.

#### DISTRIBUTION

#### COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

p.114

*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.*

"One Bread, One Body" #496

"Oh, Praise the Gracious Power" #651

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

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#### BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

#### HYMN

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

#798

#### SENDING

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Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **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.**

**Our radio broadcast today** is sponsored by Carol Hochhalter in honor of the wedding anniversaries of friends, Myron & Jenneice Sommerfeld and Bob & Fay Bubach.

**Coffee and Fellowship Hosts:** Hosts are needed for our fellowship times before worship on Sunday mornings. Hosting can be as simple as making sure the coffee is on and running and providing a light treat. You can sign up on the clipboard on the counter in the Gathering Room and be in touch with Pr. Nicholas with questions.

**Sub List for Communion Helpers and Counters:** We are building a list of substitutes for those Sundays when helpers are scheduled but are unable to attend. If you would like to help out on an occasional basis, please contact Ann in the office (845-1328) and we will add you to the list.

**Lutheran World Relief:** A BIG THANK YOU to Thrivent and all who helped with the Spring Shipment! It is time to start preparing for the Fall Shipment. Items needed for Personal Care Kits are bath towels (dark preferred), toothbrushes and soap. For Baby Care Kits items needed are t-shirts (onesies can be used), sleepers and sweaters and sweatshirts (sizes 3 month to 3T), flannel sheets for diapers and blankets and ivory soap. Summer is a good time to start accumulating items for school kits. So notebooks, pencils, pens (no gel) and boxes of 24 crayons are particularly needed. Many other items are ordered in bulk, so donations to purchase items are always appreciated.

**The Bridges Backpack Program will again sponsor the Summer Grocery Store** on Wednesdays this summer, at the High School, June 4th through August 6th, 5-7pm. Enter through door #W6 and look for the "OPEN" sign by the door. The store is open to all, single or family, who find they need help making ends meet now that children are not in school during the summer. Donations can be mailed to Bridges Backpack Program, Inc, 674 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072

**We are hosting a Sack Lunch Program for the summer.** On Fridays, from May 30<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>, sack lunches will be available to anyone who is in need of a meal, at no cost to them. This is an extension of the Senior High Lunch program, which will return next school year. Sack lunches will be served in the downstairs dining area starting at 11am until supplies are gone for the day. We are looking for volunteers to help prep and serve on Friday mornings, as well as donations. Helpful Donations: Tubs of peanut butter, individual bags of chips, bottled water, sandwich size ziplock bags, brown lunch bags, and fruit cups. Thank you all for helping to feed our community!

**Hospital Visitation:** If you or a loved one is hospitalized or is in a care center and you would like a pastor to visit, please call the office to let us know with the person's name and location. We are glad to visit you

and provide spiritual care! Hospitals and care centers do not automatically notify churches of a church member's admission.

**The "Christ in Our Home" issue for July, August and September** is now available and located in various places throughout the building. It comes in both regular and large print. Feel free to take one for a friend if you think they would like one.

**Our Savior's is again sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive.** The date is August 7<sup>th</sup>. Look for more details and sign up information as the date gets closer.

**We are looking for someone to staff the office Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>** from 9 am to 1 pm. Ann has appointments in Fargo that day and Nicholas is taking some time off as well. No office work is required, simply answer the phone and be a presence in the building. You are free to read a book, work on crafts or any other activity during that time. Please call the office if you are able to help us out that day.

**Fridays are Pastors' Sabbath feel free to contact them in case of emergencies. Nicholas is gone the weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, so for emergencies, please contact Pr Rich.**

**A look ahead at the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

TODAY:        8:45 am | Coffee & Fellowship  
                  9:30 am | Worship  
                  9:30 am | Facebook Worship Livestream  
                  11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast  
                  11:15 am | Worship at Messiah (Fingal)

TUES:         9:00 am | Quilters  
                  9:30 AM | Pastors Meeting with Congregation President  
                  10:30 am | Staff Meeting  
                  1:30 pm | Text Study

WEDS:        9:30 am | Bible Study

THURS:       2:00 pm | Prayer Shawl Ministry

FRI:            11:00 am | Sack Lunch Program

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

SUN (6/29):   8:45 am | Coffee & Fellowship  
                  9:30 am | Worship  
                  9:30 am | Facebook Worship Livestream  
                  11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast