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MARCH 1ST, 2026 - 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*please rise in body and/or spirit)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, who hears our longings and gives us life.
Amen.

Loving God, who knows each of our stories, We confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, actions, and inactions. We have been bound by jealousy, shame, and hatred. We have not listened to the cries of our siblings. We have participated in dishonest systems and benefited from violence done on our behalf. Forgive us, we pray. In your mercy free us from all that keeps us bound, and grant us healing and wholeness.

Siblings in Christ, do not be afraid. In the name of + Jesus your sins are forgiven. May God speak kindly to you, restore your paths, and look upon you with favor all the days of your life. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

#779

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.
And also with you."

KYRIE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of harmony and justice, violence tears our dreams to pieces. We long for an end to mourning, betrayal, and fear. Free us from hatred in our hearts and violence at another's hands. Restore us to the wholeness of siblings who speak plainly and live in peace. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM: Psalm 121:1-8 (read responsively)

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

² **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ **He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸ **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION: (*please rise in body and/or spirit)

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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

A reading from the book of Genesis, the 37th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

LESSON: Genesis 37:12-36

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴ So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶ "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷ The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²² Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵ Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. ²⁹ When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. ³⁰ He returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone, and I, where can I turn?" ³¹ Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. ³² They had the ornamented robe taken to their father, and they said, "This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not." ³³ He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph has surely been torn to pieces." ³⁴ Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days. ³⁵ All his sons and all his daughters sought to comfort him, but he

refused to be comforted and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." Thus his father bewailed him. ³⁶ Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

Here ends the reading. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN

"Spirit of Gentleness"

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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.)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of wholeness, **we thank you for your faithful promises, for daily bread, and for the freedom and healing you give us in Christ. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and use them to restore dignity, mend what is broken, and unbind your people for generous living. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (vs 1)

#674

CREED (*please rise in body and/or spirit)

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

HOLY COMMUNION (Sung)

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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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. 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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

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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.

"God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven" #564

"Come, Let Us Eat" #491

DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*please rise in body and/or spirit)

Heavenly Father, You have met us at this table with Christ's body and blood that we might rejoice together in the bread you provide and never be thirsty again. Send us now into the world as signs of your unbound presence, seeking the wholeness of the kingdom of God, and inviting all who hunger to come and see your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God of dreams and faithful promises, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and protect you always. **Amen.**

HYMN:

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

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SENDING

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This worship is ended, now the service goes on in the world. Go in peace, forgiven, whole, and free. **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.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by WELCA in memory of Jean Swanberg, Shirley Hoffmeyer and LeAnne Skretting.

Confirmation Students: You should attend the Wednesday worship service at 6:30 and meet afterwards with Kyla in the Youth Room until 8:00.

Transition Listening Sessions

Pr. Jared is facilitating four Transition Listening Session to help OSLC move forward in ministry. Please make plans to participate in one of these sessions. We want each person to know that their participation and voice matters. Listening Session are Wednesdays (3/4 & 3/18) from 7-9pm or Sundays (3/8 and 3/22) from 10am - Noon.

"Pastor and Friends Variety Show" acts needed

Help create the entertainment for the Palm Sundays Breakfast with Pr. Jared. The "Pastor and Friends Variety Show" is looking for soloist or groups to perform instrumental or vocal music, dance routines, dramatic readings, skits, jokes, or even magic tricks. Help fill the set list! Contact Pr. Jared to get in on the fun.

First Communion Milestone: Pr. Jared will be leading a First Communion Milestone for those who would like to begin receiving communion. There are two sessions, Instruction on Sunday, March 29 from 11am-12pm and Bread Baking on Wednesday, April 1 from 6-7:30pm. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children. Families with participants will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 2 at the 6:30pm worship service. RSVP appreciated to the church office.

Could you spare some time on Fridays to help with the Senior Lunch Program? Dessert—cookies, bars, brownies etc. for 90 are also needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Counter. A thank you for your help is a free lunch that day! *11:45-1:30. Help as needed and Kitchen clean up *Providing treats (Please indicate how many)

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.

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 Hi-Liner Food Pantry, serving VCHS students and families, continues to collect food donations in the tote in the Gathering Room.

To donate to the Bridges Backpack Program, please make your check out to and mail to: **Bridges Backpack Program, Inc., 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072**

Community Closet will be open Monday, March 16th from 5 pm to 7 pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Sunday, March 15th from 6 pm to 8 pm and also to help that Monday.

Jamestown Area Grief Support Team to host Widower' Day. JAGST is hosting Just For Men – A Day for Widowers on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Gladstone Inn Anton Klaus Room. This is a day for any man who has experienced the death of his wife. The day will include a special guest speaker, Tommy Jones. Lunch will be included. The event is free of charge, but pre-registration is required. To register call Justin at 701-368-2699.

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 John Molstad, Sandra Myers, Dennis & JoAnn Nathan, Jeff and Bobbi Jo Nathan and Joshua Nathan 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 March 1st to March 8th, 2026.

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship
 9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
 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
 4:30 pm | Exec Team Meeting
 5:30 pm | Lenten Meal served by the Worship & Music Committee
 BBQ, chips, bars
 6:30 pm | Wednesday Worship Service – Pr Bryce Blank, Longing for Mystery
 7:00 pm | Confirmation Students meet Kyla in the Youth Room
 8:00 pm | Sr High Youth Group

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

SUN (3/08): 9:00 am | Worship
 9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
 10:15 am | Coffee & Fellowship
 10:15 am | Sunday School
 11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 F Radio Broadcast