



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 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

“God is Here!”

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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 always.  
**And also with you."**

## KYRIE

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of equity, we see integrity go unrecognized and honest voices silenced. Unbind us from systems that allow some carelessness and easy rage while denying others their dignity and freedom. Grant us all the wholeness of choosing our actions and relationships without fear. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PSALM: Psalm 95:1-11 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

<sup>2</sup> **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

<sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> **In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

<sup>6</sup> **O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

<sup>7</sup> For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

<sup>8</sup> **Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**  
<sup>9</sup> when your ancestors tested me and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.  
<sup>10</sup> **For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways.”**  
<sup>11</sup> Therefore in my anger I swore, “They shall not enter my rest.”

**READING: Romans 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 39<sup>th</sup> chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**LESSON: Genesis 39:1-20**

<sup>1</sup> Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. <sup>2</sup> The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup> His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. <sup>5</sup> From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. <sup>6</sup> So he left all that he had in Joseph’s charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate. Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. <sup>7</sup> And after a time his master’s wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, “Lie with me.” <sup>8</sup> But he refused and said to his master’s wife, “Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. <sup>9</sup> He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness and sin against God?” <sup>10</sup> And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. <sup>11</sup> One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, <sup>12</sup> she caught hold of his garment, saying, “Lie with me!” But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside. <sup>13</sup> When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, <sup>14</sup> she called out to the members of her household and said to them, “See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice, <sup>15</sup> and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside.” <sup>16</sup> Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, <sup>17</sup> and she told him the same story,

saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me, <sup>18</sup> but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside." <sup>19</sup> When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. <sup>20</sup> And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison.

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

### **SERMON**

### **HYMN**

**"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"**

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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**

**"We Place upon Your Table, Lord"**

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### **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.*

"What Feast of Love" #487

"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" #492

## 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:

"Soon and Very Soon"

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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 Tim & Ann Ripplinger in memory of Janet & Harold Pross on Harold's birthday.

**A Huge Thank You** to Faye Bubach, Sue Carlsrud, Pat Johnson, Jan Olafson and Karen Christianson for helping out in the office last week while Ann took some time off! It is always good to know that the office is in good hands when I need time away.

**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.

**Friday Senior High Lunch:** Volunteers are needed, along with dessert—cookies, bars, brownies etc. for 90. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Counter. A thank you for your help is a free lunch that day! Help as needed and kitchen clean up from 11:45 to 1:30. If providing treats, please indicate how many when signing up.

**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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 7 pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Ruth Nathan, Kathy & Rodney Nelson, Phyllis Nelson, Ray & Kandice Nelson and Shirley Nelson 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 8<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship  
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream  
10:15 am | NO 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  
5:30 pm | Lenten Meal served by the Children & Youth Committee  
Knoephla Soup  
6:30 pm | Wednesday Worship Service – Pr Nicholas Rohde, Longing for Wholeness  
7:00 pm | Confirmation – students meet with Kyla in the Youth Room after the service  
8:00 pm | Council

FRI: 12:00 pm | Sr High Lunch

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

SUN (3/15): 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  
6:00 pm | Community Closet Set-up