



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**AUGUST 9th, 2026, 9:30 am + 11th SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING HYMN

**"Shout to the Lord"**

**#821**

### 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.*

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, 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.**

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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

O God our defender, **storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

*On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.*

<sup>9</sup> At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup> He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>11</sup> He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, <sup>12</sup> and after the

earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup> He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

**PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13 (read responsively)**

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup> **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> **Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15**

*A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.*

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." <sup>14</sup> But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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 fourteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33**

*Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.*

<sup>22</sup> [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,<sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.<sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.<sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.<sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."<sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.<sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"<sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"<sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.<sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"**

**#763**

### **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**

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 Give Thee but Thine Own" v.1**

**#686**

## **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.**

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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## 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.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"  
"I Come with Joy" #482  
"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" #484

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### 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

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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### 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 sponsored in loving memory of Dale Hanson and to honor his birthday, given by his daughter, Brenda Hanson Hull & son-in-law, Jamie Hull.

**Howard Lahlum's family welcomes you to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday** with him today, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 2:30 – 4:00 pm at the Valley Senior Center. (no gifts, please)

**Radio Broadcasts:** There are currently many Sundays after October open 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.

**Jamestown Area Grief Support Team is offering a Grief Support Group.** The group will meet once a week on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 424 1st Ave S, Jamestown, beginning August 26th and will run for six weeks. Anyone who has experience the death of someone important to them is encouraged to attend, whether the loss was recent or in years past. The group is free of charge, but registration is required to ensure that enough materials are available. Participants should plan to attend all six sessions. For more information or to register, call Char at 701-320-3297 or Cecelia at 269-4236.

### **VCSU Fall Athletics Banquet at Our Savior's**

The Service and Sharing Committee is excited to host the annual VCSU Fall Athlete Meal on Sunday, August 16th to welcome the Viking football and volleyball teams to Valley City. This is an event these teams look forward to every year and we are fortunate to continue offering it! Bill Poukka will cater the meal with desserts provided by the congregation. If you are willing and able to donate 1-2 dozen bars or cookies, please bring them to the downstairs kitchen by 4 PM on August 16. Thank you for your support!

### **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. We'd also appreciate donations of homemade bars and other individually wrapped treats to share at our table. 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 Robert & Rosalyn Bruhschwein, Bob & Faye Bubach, James & Sharon Buhr, Robert Burchill and Dave & Sue Carlsrud 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 9<sup>th</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup>, 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

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

WEDS:        9:30 am | Bible Study  
                  7:00 pm | Council

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

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                  9:30 am | Worship  
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