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SEPTEMBER 6th, 2026, 9:30 am + 15th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

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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 Lord God, **enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the

Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40 (read responsively)

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Beloved, God's Chosen"

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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

"In the Singing"

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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.**

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”
“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” #470
“When We are Living” #639

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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

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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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 given by Mavis Dilts who is blessed to be worshipping at OSLC for 80 years!

New Worship Time - 10am begins 9/13

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is trying something NEW this Fall! Sunday Worship will begin at 10am, with Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship happening before worship at 9am. We are looking for SONG LEADERS to assist in worship. Contact the office if you are interested.

Rally Sunday - Sunday School Resumes

You are invited to Rally Sunday, September 13. Sunday School will resume beginning at 9am. Parents are encouraged to help with Sundays School or enjoy Coffee Fellowship in the Gathering Room, then attend worship with their Sunday School children at 10am.

Senior High Lunch – Held at 12:10 pm on Mondays that there is school. WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP! If you are interested in helping with serving, clean up, or providing desserts, please contact Kyla. We have served nearly 80 students each Monday since school has started. How blessed we are!

Confirmation Student/Parent Mtg - September 9

Student in 7-9th Grade and their parents who are interested in Confirmation Ministry and returning Confirmation students and parents are invited to the Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting on September 9 at 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Come learn about the confirmation ministry, questions welcome. Our Savior's, Faith, and Trinity Lutheran Churches partner together to teach confirmation ministry in Valley City. Regular Confirmation classes will begin Wednesday, September 16.

Parent/congregational members, small group leaders are needed for confirmation. Contact the church office if you are interested.

The Congregational Council

We are grateful to Pastor Kerry Boese, Pastor JoAnne Moeller, Alan Olson, Michelle Watne, Tara Anderson and Kyla Fetsch for leading our worship services September through November. Please keep the Call Committee members in your prayers as we begin this journey to find our new pastor.

Radio Broadcasts: 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.

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 Pat Edinger, Allyson Dockter, Dallas & Kirsten Dockter, Drew & Tina Dockter and Bradley Edin families. *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone" 1 Timothy 2:1*

Property Committee : An on STAFF CUSTODIAL POSITION will be opening. If interested please contact the property committee for a full job description.

- An OSLC apartment is for rent. Please contact Paul if interested.

Office and Building Hours/Emergency Needs

Office and building hours are Monday through Friday 9am-1pm. Sundays from 8am until after worship. If you need something outside those hours including emergencies requiring pastoral visits contact the office or Tara at 701-740-4849.

A look ahead at the week of September 6th to September 13th, 2026.

TODAY: 8:45 am | Coffee and Fellowship
 9:30 am | Worship – Pastor Kerry Boese
 9:30 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
 11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 F Radio Broadcast

MON: Building and office closed for Labor Day Holiday

TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters
 1:30 pm | Text Study

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study
 6:30 pm | Call Committee Meeting
 6:30 pm | Parents Confirmation Meeting @ Faith Lutheran Church
 7:00 pm | Committees Meeting
 8:00 pm | Church Council

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



SUN (9/13)

9:00 am | Coffee and Fellowship
9:00 am | SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 am | Worship – Pastor Kerry Boese
10:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast