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SEPTEMBER 13th, 2026, 10 am + 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

GATHERING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

#856

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

SONG OF PRAISE "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

#535

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: Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even

though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

PSALM: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 (read responsively)

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

² **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits—**

³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

⁶ **O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹ you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

¹² **As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

SERMON: Youth Presentation

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Come with Joy”

#482

APOSTLES’ CREED(*please rise in body or spirit)

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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

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

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

#678

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.**

BLESSING(*please rise in body or spirit)

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"

#595

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.

Kyla Fetsch and Tara Anderson will present today's message on celebrating our vibrant youth programs. Please note there will be NO COMMUNION today.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Dawn & Don Knutson in honor of their 69th wedding anniversary!

Rally Sunday: Sunday School Resumes

We had our first day of Sunday School today! We will gather most Sundays from 9-9:45am and we hope you will join us for worship to follow at 10am! The full 26-27 SS calendar is posted on the bulletin board. If you haven't signed up yet, no worries! All Pre-K - 6th graders are welcome to attend! Contact Kyla Fetsch for more details or if you would like to volunteer.

New Worship Time - 10am begins 9/13

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.

September Leadership During our transition, we are blessed by diverse voices leading our worship services. September includes: September 13 Tara Anderson and Kyla Fetsch – NO COMMUNION, September 20 Pastor Kerry Boese & September 27, Pastor JoAnne Moeller.

10th Grade Confirmation Students: Be sure to mark your calendar with the following dates! Attendance is required! Senior High Youth Group, Sept 16, Oct 7 & 21. Confirmation Rehearsal and Pictures: October 18 and Confirmation Sunday: October 25.

7-9th Grade Confirmation: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: 6:30pm - 8:00pm with an optional light meal at 6pm. September – October Classes will be hosted at Faith Lutheran Church. Small group leaders from OSLC are still needed. Contact the church office or Kyla if interested .

Senior High Youth Group: Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month in the youth room from 7:30-9:00pm. Anyone in grades 10-12 are welcome! Our first night will be Sept. 16th! Join us in the Spond app with code SSSZZ to get reminders and stay up to date on upcoming activities.

Senior High Lunch – Back on Mondays! Students who want to know what is on the menu should join us in the Spond app with the code HQIKQ. Adult volunteers who would like to help out with serving, cleanup, or desserts talk to Kyla, we would love to have you!

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 Jack & Evangeline Egan, Robert Eggert, Jason & Angie Elson, Scott Engler and Matt and Kyla Fetsch 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.

Community Announcements –

THE VALLEY TROUBADOURS –Fall rehearsals 7pm, Sept. 14 @ Epworth. The group is open to any male singer high school age and above.

Trinity Lutheran Church – Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe , TODAY, Sun. Sept. 13, 10:30am-12:30pm.

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 13th to September 20th, 2026.

TODAY:	9:00 am Coffee and Fellowship
	9:00 am SUNDAY SCHOOL
	10:00 am Worship – Kyla Fetsch and Tara Anderson – No Communion
	10:00 am Facebook Worship Livestream
	11:00 am KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast
MON:	12:10 pm Senior High Lunch
TUES:	9:00 am Quilters
WEDS:	9:30 am Bible Study
	6:30 pm Confirmation @ Faith Lutheran Church
	7:30pm Senior High Youth Group
SAT:	7:30 am Men's Bible Fellowship
SUN (9/20)	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