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SEPTEMBER 27th, 2026, 10 am + 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

"All Are Welcome"

ELW #641

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

KYRIE

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HYMN of PRAISE

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, **God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NOISY OFFERING

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9 (read responsively)

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² **My God, put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name,

¹⁰so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 twenty first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-23-32

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

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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.**



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Office and Building Hours
Monday – Friday | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday | 8:00 am – after worship

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"

ELW #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.**

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 HYMN

"Lamb of God"

ELW #154

BLESSING FROM THE TABLE(*please rise in body or spirit)

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

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

ELW #537

DISMISSAL

This worship is ended; We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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**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 in memory of Jerry Huckle given by Sharon Nilles.

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship Dec. 27, 2026 is available, or reserve a Sunday in 2027. Cost: \$100. Contact the church office to sponsor.

September & October Leadership

Sept. 27 - Pastor JoAnne Moeller

Oct. 4 - Pastor Kerry Boese

Oct. 11 - Pastor JoAnne Moeller

Oct. 18 - Alan Olson (No Communion)

Oct. 25 - Confirmation Sunday, with Lay Minister Michelle Watne.

Christ in Our Home Devotionals are available now for October, November, December 2026

Heroes on the Road Wed. | Sept. 30 | 1:30-3:30 pm | St. Raphael

Heroes comes to VC offering walkers, canes, wheelchairs, crutches, rollators, bath aid equip, incont. supplies, wound care supplies and more! Donations of these items also accepted.

Respiratory Clinic - TUESDAY, October 20th | 9:30-10:00 am | Our Savior's Lutheran Church. City-County Health will offer influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations. High-dose and conventional flu vaccines will be available for ages 6 months and older. Sign up for a slot on the clipboard located on the information counter. **Sunday clinics no longer offered.**

The Confirmation Students will be conducting a Food Drive on Wednesday, October 21st as a service project.

The food will be given to the Food Pantry here in town. If you'd like, you can also bring non-perishable items to the church and we will take them to the pantry with the items the students collect. Keep an eye open for more details.

10th Grade Confirmation Students **Oct. 18 - Rehearsal and Pictures**

3:30 pm - Ice Cream Social

4:00 pm - Pictures

4:30 pm - Confirmation Rehearsal

Oct. 25 - Confirmation Sunday

Senior High Lunch Mondays at noon.

In September we served over 240 youth meals! Adults interested in volunteering can contact Kyla.

Congregational Life Committee

Confirmation students, You are invited to an ice cream social at 3:30pm, October 18 before confirmation pictures and rehearsals.

FAMILIES, Join us for VCPR Trunk or Treat drive-thru style, October 30, 5:30-7:00 pm at Chautauqua Park Loop.

The Fall shipment of Lutheran World Relief kits is happening in October. You can be part of this by donating wrapped toothbrushes for Personal Care Kits or flannel/flannel sheets that can be cut for diapers and blankets for Baby Care Kits. Help is also needed to box kits and deliver them to Fargo.

OSLC Apartment Available Contact Paul for more information.

Bus Trip to New Rockford, ND for production of "Broadway Unbound: Vol 2" on Sun., Oct. 11, 2026
Bus will depart from Our Savior's Parking Lot @ 11:20 am sharp. Performance Time: 2:20 pm. Lunch reservations for our group have been made at Old Church Theatre – Preselection is required. See signup sheet. Cost is \$50 per adult and includes transportation and show. You are on your own for cost of lunch. Checks can be made payable to Our Savior's Lutheran Church. PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 5TH. Sign up by calling Ruth Larson at 845-4257 or Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 845-1328.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. To that end, be alert and preserve in praying for all the Lord's people." (Ephesians 6:18). This week we hold the people of Our Savior's in prayer, as well as those concerns close to our hearts: Mary Ann Gamrath, Ronald & Patricia Gienger, James Greene, Jessica & Kyle Gregerson, and Brian & Brooke Gubrud families.

A look ahead at the week of September 27- October 4

TODAY:	9:00 am Coffee Fellowship
	9:00 – 9:45 am Sunday School
	10:00 am Worship
	11:00 am Radio Broadcast
	7:00 pm 2027 National Youth Gathering INFORMATIONAL MEETING Faith Lutheran
MON:	12:10 pm Sr. High Lunch
TUES:	9:00 am Quilters
	1:30 pm Text Study
WED:	9:30 am Bible Study
	6:30 pm 7 th -9 th grade Confirmation Faith Lutheran
SAT:	7:30 am Men's Bible Fellowship
NEXT SUN:	9:00 am Coffee Fellowship
	9:00 – 9:45 am Sunday School
	10:00 am Worship
	11:00 am Radio Broadcast
	6:30 pm Gather – Service Night OSLC

October Community Events:

Epworth United Methodist Autumn Market – Sat., Oct. 3 | 11am – 1:00pm | Soup & sandwiches | Fall goodies
Faith Lutheran Fall Festival | Sat., Oct. 10 | 10am – 1:00pm | Faith Lutheran, Valley City

APOC Baked Potato Fundraiser Supper – Mon., Oct. 12 | 5:00 – 7:00pm | Valley City Eagles Club

Faith Lutheran Men's Group Pancake Brunch – Sun., Oct. 18 | 9:30am-12:30pm | Faith Lutheran | Valley City