



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OCTOBER 11th, 2026, 10 am + 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

"Gather Us In" Vs. 1-3

ELW #532

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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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

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

- ¹ O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- ² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
- ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
- ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
- Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
- ⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 223 (read responsively)

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
- ² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**
- ³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- ⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION(*please rise in body or spirit)

Alleluia. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.
Alleluia. (Isa. 25:9)

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" See Insert

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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.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

“We Are an Offering”

ELW #692

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.**

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”

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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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Monday – Friday | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday | 8:00 am – after worship

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 Jim and Becky Verwey in support of the ministry.

October Leadership

Oct. 11 - Pastor JoAnne Moeller

Oct. 18 - Alan Olson (NO COMMUNION)

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

Oct. 18 is Bible Sunday! We will sing during worship and PreK and 3rd graders will receive their Bibles! No Sunday School October 25 – (No School Thursday/Friday).

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. Confirmation Students will be stopping at our houses around Valley City to ask for donations from 6:30-7:40 pm.

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 – BAKERS NEEDED Mondays at noon.

Love to bake? The kids would love your goodies, and we'd appreciate the help. They can be dropped off at the church before work. If you need before 9am, just let Brooke know and we can be flexible.

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 Service and Sharing Committee is partnering with Faith Lutheran

and Trinity Lutheran to provide 175 Thanksgiving baskets to those in need in Valley City. Thanksgiving baskets will be prepped on Thursday, November 19th and delivered/picked up on Friday, November 20th. Congregation members can help by signing up to deliver baskets on November 20th or by donating to support this project. The recommended donation is \$50 to sponsor one box for a family, but any dollar amount collected counts! The Service and Sharing Committee will be set up in the gathering area/hallway before worship on October 11, 18, 25, and November 1 and Nov. 8, where you can donate in honor of or in memory of a loved one. We are so grateful for the Our Saviors' congregation and their willingness to help with this project over the past years. If you have questions, please contact Janna Kohler or Lindsey Johnson.

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.

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

“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: Myrna Haugen, Wade Hatcher, Dianne Hatcher, Brian & Lori Heath, and Estelle Hanson families.

A look ahead at the week of October 11-October 17

OCT. 11	9:00 am Coffee Fellowship 9:00 – 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Radio Broadcast 11:20 am Bus Trip to musical Departs from OSLC Parking LOT
MON:	12:10 pm Sr. High Lunch 5:00 pm Community Closet
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 7:00 pm Committees 8:00 pm Council
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

October Community Events:

- Trinity Mission Brunch, BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, & chips | Sun., Oct. 11 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm (or until gone) | Trinity Lutheran
- APOC Baked Potato Fundraiser Supper – Mon., Oct. 12 | 5:00 – 7:00pm | Valley City Eagles Club
- Hjemdahl Lodge, Sons of Norway Presents, Presentation by Dr. Alexander Jorgenson – Fri, Oct. 16 | 7pm | Faith Lutheran | Free and Lunch will be served.
- Faith Lutheran Men’s Group Pancake Brunch – Sun., Oct. 18 | 9:30am-12:30pm | Faith Lutheran | Valley City