



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OCTOBER 18th, 2026, 10 am + 21ST 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

Sunday School Students

CHILDREN'S TIME

BIBLE PRESENTATION

MISSION UPDATE from The Neighborhood Church by Pastor Jessica Miller

GREETING

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

SONG OF PRAISE

"Beautiful Savior"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron;

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

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

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] (read responsively)

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION(*please rise in body or spirit)

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty second chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

SERMON given by Alan Olson

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.**

OFFERTORY HYMN: "We Are an Offering"

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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

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.**



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

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 "Thy Word" sung by Trisa Olson

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

#866

"We are Marching in the Light of God"

DISMISSAL

This worship is ended; Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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.**

**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 Sandy Durant, Tami Rostad & their families in loving memory of Vivian Rensby, remembering her especially on her October 16th birthday.

October and November Leadership

Oct. 18 - Alan Olson

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

Nov. 1 – Pastor Kerry Boese

Nov. 8 – Pastor Kerry Boese

Nov. 15 – Alan Olson

Nov. 22 – Pastor JoAnne Moeller

Nov. 29 – Pastor Kerry Boese

REMINDER: 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.

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 Lunch served Mondays at 12:10.

Congregational Life Committee

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, Nov. 19th and delivered/picked up on Friday, Nov. 20th. 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 18, 25, and November 1 and Nov. 8, where you can donate in honor of or in memory of a loved one or sign up to volunteer. 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

Our church is seeking a Treasurer to manage deposits, bill payments, payroll, bank reconciliations, tax filings, and financial reporting. The Treasurer attends Executive and Council meetings and assists with annual financial reporting and budgeting. The Treasurer works closely with church leadership and will receive assistance during the transition. Strong organizational skills, attention to detail, and basic bookkeeping experience are helpful. This is a paid position. Compensation will be discussed with qualified applicants.

“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: Lois Hovel, Jerrod Huckle, John & Bobbi Jo Hurlimann Scott Hurlimann & Joyce Huseby families.

A look ahead at the week of October 18-October 25

OCT. 18 9:00 am | Coffee Fellowship
 9:00 – 9:45 am | Sunday School
 10:00 am | Worship: **BIBLE SUNDAY**
 11:00 am | Radio Broadcast
 10th Grade Confirmation Students
 3:30 pm | Ice Cream Social
 4:00 pm | Pictures
 4:30 pm | Confirmation Rehearsal
MON: 12:10 pm | Sr. High Lunch
TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters
 9:30-10:00 am | **Respiratory Clinic**
 1:30 pm | Text Study
WED: 9:30 am | Bible Study
 6:30 pm | 7th-9th grade Confirmation | Faith Lutheran
 6:30-7:40 pm | **Confirmation Food Drive**
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 – **Confirmation Sunday**
 11:00 am | Radio Broadcast

October Community Events:

- Faith Lutheran Men’s Group Pancake Brunch – Sun., Oct. 18 | 9:30am-12:30pm | Faith Lutheran | Valley City
- Trinity Lutheran Church Fall Festival | Sat., Nov. 7 | 10:30-1:30pm: Bake, craft, & quilt sale | 11-1:30pm: Lunch
- Trinity Lutheran Church Murder Mystery Theater | Sun., Nov. 15 | 2pm | Reservations by Nov. 11