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OCTOBER 25TH 2026 + REFORMATION SUNDAY + AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by God's Spirit, we are bold to confess our sins, our shortcomings, our failures, right here in the open, in the presence of God and of one another...

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! **Amen!**

HYMN:

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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GREETING (p. 138)

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.

KYRIE (*Read Responsively*)

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;

for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... **Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NOISY OFFERING

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ² “Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ¹⁵ “You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

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

PSALM 1: (Read Responsively)

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

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

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹ You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-46

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:34-46. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your

enemies under your feet” ’? ⁴⁵ “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN:

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

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Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION

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You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these beloved children of God and pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT BLESSINGS

Stir up in (name) the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice together: **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**



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SHARING OF THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERING HYMN: "We Are an Offering"
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HOLY COMMUNION

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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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...we join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in
the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.***

LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

COMMUNION HYMN

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"Lamb of God"

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.***

DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING

HYMN**“This Little Light of Mine”**

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SENDING

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We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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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 given by the Women of Our Savior's (WELCA) in memory of Connie Dahl, Patty Loven and Judy Karch.

October and November Leadership

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

Nov. 1 – Pastor Kerry Boese

Nov. 8 – Pastor Kerry Boese

Nov. 15 – Alan Olson *(NO Holy Communion)*

Nov. 22 – Pastor JoAnne Moeller

Nov. 29 – Pastor Kerry Boese

Confirmation Students: Reminder, November-January classes will be hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

The Fall shipment for Lutheran World Relief was sent October 20 and the 405 school kits sent hit a 15 year all time high! A big thank you to Robert and Bev Loken for covering basically the tri-state area searching for supplies. A big source of funds is the use of Thrivent grant funds. If you have Thrivent and would like more info, the Lokens would be a good resource. Thank you to all of you who have supported LWR with items and cash donated, assembling and packing kits and taking the shipment to Fargo.

Women of Our Savior's (WELCA) annual Lefse, Bake, Quilt and Holiday Treasure Sale is November 21. Lefse making will happen on Thursday, November 19 at 8:30. Your baked goods of all kinds are greatly appreciated. If you have some Holiday treasures that you are no longer wanting, you can bring them any time to the “Treasure Room” in the church basement. All women of our church are considered members of WELCA and are encouraged to participate in any way that they are able. Read more in our November newsletter.

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 25, 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.

Thank you to our property committee and many others who have put their time and labor into our parsonage, we appreciate you. For the next phase, if you have any painting talent or not, we can use people to tape, prep, take off light covers, make sandwiches or keep people company when they paint...we can find jobs for everyone. Time and date will be announced soon. If interested let the office or property committee know.

FAMILIES, join our congregational life committee for Trunk or Treat, Oct. 30. It is drive-thru style from, 5:30-7:00 pm at Chautauqua Park Loop.

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.

Welcome to A.J. Goodman OSLC's new custodian. He started this week. A.J. will assist with general custodial and maintenance work along with assisting in setting up and take down for events at the church. His position is half time.

"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, Jordyn & Jill Heck, Natalie & Aaron Heck, Rocky Lefty & Laval Eberhart, and Daryl and Rebecca Heise and families.

A look ahead at the week of October 25-October 1

OCT. 25	9:00 am Coffee Fellowship 9:00 – 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship: Reformation Sunday 11:00 am Radio Broadcast 6:30 pm Gather Epworth
MON:	12:10 pm Sr. High Lunch
TUES:	9:00 am Quilters 9:30-10:00 am 1:30 pm Text Study
WED:	9:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm 7 th -9 th grade Confirmation Faith Lutheran
FRI:	5:30-7:00 pm Trunk or Treat Chautauqua Park Loop.
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 – All Saints Sunday 11:00 am Radio Broadcast



OSLC EVENTS: WELCA Lefse making | Thurs., Nov. 19 | 8:30am

WELCA Lefse, Bake, Quilt, and Holiday Treasure Sale | Sat., Nov. 21 | 8:30-11:00am

October/November Community Events:

- 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. 7.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

October 25th, 2026

We are given many names in life. In our baptism, God gives each of us the name "Child of God" and claims us as God's own. It is important to be reminded of that name and what it means to be God's child and to live in God's ways. That is why we affirm, remember, and reclaim our baptism: to be reminded of who and whose we are. Today, we celebrate with these beloved children of God who affirm their baptisms:

Austin Anderson

Parents: Bob and Misty Anderson

Baptismal Date: October 9, 2011

Baptismal Sponsors: Nick and Kari Borns

"So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

-1 Corinthians 10:31

Cooper Anderson

Parents: Darin and Julia Anderson

Baptismal Date: December 5, 2010

Baptismal Sponsors: Chad and Tracey Zaun and Matthew Anderson

"I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles." -Psalm 34:4,6

Reese Anderson

Parents: Tara Anderson

Baptismal Date: August 28, 2011

Baptismal Sponsors: Krisi Lund and Leif Anderson

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." -Matthew 6:34

Addison Fetsch

Parents: Kyla and Matthew Fetsch

Baptismal Date: June 19, 2011

Baptismal Sponsors: Shelby McKee and Ross and Caron Berg

"There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." -Galatians 3:28

Josie Heck

Parents: Jordyn and Jill Heck

Baptismal Date: January 30, 2016

Baptismal Sponsors: Bradley and Jenny Baumgartner and Tana Plecity

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast." -Ephesians 2:8-9

August Hochhalter
Parents: David and Diane Hochhalter
Baptismal Date: December 5, 2010
Baptismal Sponsors: Hal and Deanna Weiser and John Westereng
"Do to others as you would have them do to you." -Luke 6:31

Brady Lautt
Parents: Thomas and Jenna Newman
Baptismal Date: June 19, 2011
Baptismal Sponsors: Matthew Lautt, Micheal Lautt and Kyla Lubenow
"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord and not for human masters."
-Colossians 3:23

Avery Marthaler
Parents: Tyler (Kayleen) Marthaler and Lacey (Casey) Stoudt
Baptismal Date: April 10, 2011
Baptismal Sponsors: Corey and Amy Johnson
"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." -Joshua 1:9

Hayley Sather
Parents: Andy and Katie Sather
Baptismal Date: June 2, 2010
Baptismal Sponsors: Kelli Stearns and Sara Adair
"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come." -Proverbs 31:25

Julia Stainbrook
Parents: Jennifer and Jon Stainbrook
Baptismal Date: October 28, 2012
Baptismal Sponsors: Luke and Loni Trapp
"When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through the rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you." -Isaiah 43:2

Simon Trapp
Parents: Luke and Loni Trapp
Baptismal Date: January 24, 2011
Baptismal Sponsors: Shane and Lyndi Brorson, Patrick Coles, and Jennifer and Jon Stainbrook
"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." -Philippians 4:13

Kaitlyn Wangrud
Parents: Sarah and Dale Wangrud
Baptismal Date: January 9, 2011
Baptismal Sponsors: Steven Kraft, Nancy Wiebe and Jessica Mohs
"Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." -Isaiah 41:10