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NOVEMBER 1st, 2026, + ALL SAINTS DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*please rise in body and/or spirit)

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

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God, **you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: **"When Peace like a River"** **#785**

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.

KYRIE **p. 184**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

A reading from John: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." *(John 11:25-26)*

We are a remembering people. We remember that when we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

This day we remember and give you thanks, O God, for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place. For renewers of the church and all who shaped our faith throughout the ages, whose prophetic voices call us together around the gospel of salvation, let us give thanks to the Lord. **Alleluia.**

And, O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who shared their lives and faith among us, who proclaimed the gospel in this congregation and community, and who now rest from their labors…

Lila Bemis | Kaley Machart | Georgia Manstrom | Jean Swanberg | LeAnne Skretting Shirley Hoffmeyer | Kathy Edinger | Janine Mehus | Gordon (Gordy) Svenningsen | Gregory Anderson Jerrold (Jerry) Huckle | Roger Haga | Connie Dahl | Patricia Loven | Judy Karch |Beverly Krentz | Marlyn Legler | Douglas Quick …and all those not named here but known in our hearts.

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord. **Alleluia.**

As we remember these beloved children of God, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. As you have received our siblings in Christ who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence. In union with all your saints we may give you glory forever. **Alleluia.**

Almighty God, **you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF REMEMBERANCE **"For All the Saints"** **#422**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes
and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm
branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated
on the throne and to the Lamb!"11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the
four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen!
Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and
ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have
they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who
have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the
sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their
shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their
eyes."

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

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

(Read Responsively)

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**
5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the | LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**
9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

10 **The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

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

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **p. 142**

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter…**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Shall We Gather at the River"** **#423**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED **p. 105**

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 the abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERING HYMN: **"We Are an Offering"** **#692**

HOLY COMMUNION **p. 144**

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 **p. 144**

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 in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER **p. 145**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN **"Lamb of God"** **p. 146**

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.

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BLESSING **p. 146**

HYMN: **"Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In"** **See Insert**

SENDING

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

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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 the Mary Creviston in memory of her friend, Connie Dahl.

November Leadership
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 Service and Sharing Committee is partnering with Faith Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran to provide 175 Thanksgiving baskets to those in need in Valley City. 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 November 1 and Nov. 8, where you can donate in honor of or in memory of a loved one or sign up to volunteer.

- Thanksgiving baskets will be prepped on Thursday, Nov. 19th and delivered/picked up on Friday, Nov. 20th.

- Friday, Nov. 20th. if you are able to help deliver boxes and/or do traffic control for Thanksgiving basket delivery and pick-up, please use the Thanksgiving basket sign-up sheet located on the counter by the missionary calendar. Please put a checkmark in the box if you are willing to use your vehicle to deliver boxes.

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.

If you are in need of a Thanksgiving Basket, please call Faith Lutheran Church at 845-4390. ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL. Please let them know if you need your basket delivered. DEADLINE FOR CALLS IS FRIDAY, NOV. 6th.

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.

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.

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.

"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: Margie & Tracy Henningsgard, Andrea Hetland, Muriel Hintz, Carol Hochhalter, David & Diane Hochhalter, & Deb Hochhalter families.

A look ahead at the week of November 1 – November 8

Nov. 1	9:00 am | Coffee Fellowship
	9:00 – 9:45 am | Sunday School
	10:00 am | Worship – **All Saints Sunday**
	11:00 am | Radio Broadcast
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 | 7th-9th grade Confirmation | Our Savior's Lutheran Church
	7:30-9:00 pm | Senior High Youth Group
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 – Game Night | OSLC

OSLC EVENTS: Deadline for calls to receive Thanksgiving basket. | Nov. 6th. | 845-4390
WELCA Lefse making | Thurs., Nov. 19 | 8:30am
Thanksgiving Basket Prep. | Thurs., Nov. 19
Thanksgiving Basket Delivery | Friday, Nov. 20
WELCA Lefse, Bake, Quilt, and Holiday Treasure Sale | Sat., Nov. 21 | 8:30-11:00am

November Community Events:

- St. Catherine Annual Auction | Fri., Nov. 6 | Silent Auction & Bake Sale 5pm | Live Auction 6:30pm
- 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.
- Barnes County Ministerial Community Thanksgiving Service | Sun., Nov. 22, 4pm | Congregational Church with free meal to follow.

All Saints Sunday 2026 (11/3/25 - 11/1/26)

- Lila Bemis (11/17/2025)
- Kaley Machart (12/15/25) non-member
- Georgia Manstrom (12/24/25)
- Jean Swanberg (1/23/26)
- LeAnne Skretting (1/25/26) non-member
- Shirley Hoffmeyer (1/27/26) non-member
- Kathy Edinger (4/16/26) member
- Janine Mehus (4/29/26) member
- Gordon (Gordy) Svenningsen (4/30/26) member
- Gregory Anderson (5/25/26) member
- Jerrold (Jerry) Huckle (6/15/26) member
- Roger Haga (6/19/26) member
- Connie Dahl (7/7/26) member
- Patricia Loven (7/7/26) member
- Judy Karch (7/20/26) member
- Beverly Krentz (8/26/26) member
- Marlyn Legler (9/30/26) member
- Douglas Quick (10/12/26) non-member