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NOVEMBER 8th, 2026, 10 am + 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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: **"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"** [v.1&2] **#373**

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**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

PSALM: Psalm 70
(Read Responsively)

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"**

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

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

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not
grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through
Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that
we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16
For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet,
will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be
caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25th chapter…**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps
and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took
their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom
was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The
foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No!
there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10
And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the
wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open
to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the
day nor the hour."

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

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY: **"This is My Father's World"** **#824**

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

COMMUNION HYMN **"Lamb of God"** **p. 135**

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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POST COMMUNION PRAYER **p. 146**

BLESSING **p. 146**

HYMN: **"Go My Children with my Blessing"** **#543**

SENDING

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

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Office and Building Hours
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 Donald and Sandra Bauer in remembrance and honor of their four children and 65th wedding anniversary, August 27.

Nov. 8 – Pastor Kerry Boese
Nov. 15 – Alan Olson *(NO Holy Communion)*
Nov. 22 – Pastor JoAnne Moeller
Nov. 29 – Pastor Kerry Boese
Dec. 6 – Tara Anderson & Kyla Fetsch *(NO Holy Communion) (OSLC Christmas Program)*
Dec. 13 – Pastor Randy Schlecht
Dec. 20 – Pastor Jessica Miller, The Neighborhood Church
Dec. 24 – **Christmas Eve**
3 pm: Rev. Bryce Blank, Epworth United Methodist Church
5pm: Dr. Brian Wright from Evangelical Free Church of America

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

•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.

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.

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.
Barnes County Ministerial Community Thanksgiving service: Sunday, Nov. 22 @ 4 p.m.; Congregational United Church of Christ in VC. Free meal following the service. Monetary donations received will go to the Community Assistance fund of the Barnes County Ministerial Association. In-kind offering of non-perishable goods for the Barnes County Food Pantry will be accepted.
SMP Health St. Raphael Stocking Stuffer Cause: Dear faithful churches, we again are grateful every year you plan to donate to the Christmas gifts for our residents. Please see the list of items we can use (located by the Mission Calendar), purchased brand new please. Thank you!

"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: Kenneth Hoelmer, Lynn Holcomb, Dennis & Judith Holmgren, Phyllis Hook & Lois Hovel families.

A look ahead at the week of November 8 – November 15

Nov. 8	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
MON:	12:10 pm | Sr. High Lunch
TUES:	9:00 am | Quilters
	1:30 pm | Text Study
WED:	**THANK YOU VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE**
	9:30 am | Bible Study
	NO CONFIRMATION
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

OSLC EVENTS: Deadline for calls to receive Thanksgiving basket. | Nov. 8th. | 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
December Gift of Life Blood Drive | Mon., Dec. 14th | 11:45am to 6:00pm | Stoudt-Miller, VC
Tues., Dec. 15th | 8:00am to 1:00pm | Stoudt-Miller, VC

November Community Events:

- 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.