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NOVEMBER 15th, 2026, 10 am + 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS(*please rise in body 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 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" [v. 1-3] #619

GREETING

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: A reading from Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there.

15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

The PSALM for today is: Psalm 90: 1-8 [9-11] 12. Please read responsively the verses in bold.

1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past**
and like a watch in the night;
5 you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
7 For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

8 **Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**
11 Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?
12 **So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

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

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please rise in body or spirit) p.142

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:14-30
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter… **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

SERMON given by Alan Olson

HYMN OF THE DAY "Blessed Assurance" #638

APOSTLES' CREED(*please rise in body or spirit) 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."**

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

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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING

THE OFFERATORY 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN "He's Always Been Faithful to Me" sung by Trisa Olson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING(*please rise in body or spirit)
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

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.**

SENDING HYMN "My Life is in You Lord"

DISMISSAL
This worship is ended; Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
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 Mavis Dilts in memory of her mother Isabel Erickson and her grandmother Gusta Billet.

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
5 pm: Dr. Brian Wright from Evangelical Free Church of America

An FYI for Women of Our Savior's (WELCA) on upcoming events:
Our annual Lefse, Bake, Quilt and Holiday Treasure Sale is Sat., Nov. 21 from 8:30am-11:00am. Your baked goods of all kinds would be most appreciated. They can be brought to the church Friday until 5pm. Help is most welcomed the day of the sale or for Lefse making Thursday, Nov. 19 at 8:30am.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SERVICE AND SHARING COMMITTEE

- 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.

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.

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: John & Bobbi Jo Hurlimann, Scott Hurlimann, Joyce Huseby, Cassie & Ryan Jacobson and Kevin & Kathy Jacobson families.

A look ahead at the week of November 15 – November 22

Nov. 15 9:00 am | Coffee Fellowship
9:00 – 9:45 am | Sunday School
10:00 am | Worship
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 | Confirmation
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:

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
Sunday School Christmas Program | Sun., Dec. 6 | 10:00am Worship Service
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:

- Barnes County Ministerial Community Thanksgiving Service | Sun., Nov. 22, 4pm | Congregational Church with free meal to follow.