

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 22, 2026, 10 am + 26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN **"Crown Him with Many Crowns" [v.1-3]** **#855**

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.**

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out
their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the
places to which they have been
scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them
from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the
watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the
mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall
feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make
them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the

injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.
21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

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

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a (read responsively)

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
3 For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours.
5 The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
7a For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "**Majesty"** **Insert**

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."**

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.**

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 129

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 Lourd 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 **"Lamb of God"** **#135**

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)

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

SENDING HYMN **"Soon and Very Soon"** **#439**

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

GIVE ONLINE

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 Derrell Diegel, in honor of his and Beverly's wedding anniversary November 25th.

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 Randall 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

REMINDER – NO SENIOR HIGHT LUNCH, Monday, Nov. 23rd .

There will be a Community Thanksgiving Service at 4:00 today at the Congregational United Church of Christ, 217 4th St NW.

We will be decorating the Church for the Advent season on Saturday, November 28th at 10:00. All are welcome to participate.

The Children's Christmas Program will be December 6th. We look forward to a wonderful celebration of the season as presented by our younger congregation members!

Sign up now for bus trip to take in the musical production, Sh-Boom! A Christmas Miracle, in New Rockford, ND, Sunday, Dec. 6 OR Sat., Dec. 12. See flier located by missionary counter to sign up.

Vitalant Blood Drive - Sponsored by OSLC: Monday, December 14th from 11:45 am - 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 15th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm, at the Stoudt-Miller Showroom (325 Winter Show Road). Contact Vitalant at (877)258-4825 to register to donate. A sign-up sheet will also be posted on the information counter under the Missionary Calendar to donate. Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts/receptionists. Contact Ruth Larson at 840-2913 to volunteer.

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!

Annual Fall Lefse, Bake, Quilt and Holiday Treasure Sale was a wonderful success! Many thanks to all who rolled lefse, baked goodies and contributed items for the treasure sure. We thank all of you who

stopped to enjoy a roll & coffee and check out all the items we offered. May they bring a little extra yumminess and charm to your holidays.

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: Tara Janke, Haley & Nathan Jenrich, Jim & Rachel Jensen, Marcella Jensen, and David Johnson families.

A look ahead at the week of November 22 – November 29

Nov. 22	9:00 am | Coffee Fellowship
	9:00 – 9:45 am | Sunday School
	10:00 am | Worship
	11:00 am | Radio Broadcast
	4:00 pm | Barnes County Ministerial Community Thanksgiving Service
	6:30 pm | GATHER – Crafts and Care | Epworth
MON:	**NO SENIOR HIGH LUNCH**
TUES:	9:00 am | Quilters
	1:30 pm | Text Study
WED:	9:30 am | Bible Study
	6:30 pm | Confirmation
THURS:	**OFFICE and BUILDING CLOSED | Happy Thanksgiving**
FRI:	**OFFICE and BUILDING CLOSED**
SAT:	7:30 am | Men's Bible Fellowship
	10:00 am | Decorating the church for Advent season, all are welcome.
NEXT SUN:	9:00 am | Coffee Fellowship
	9:00 – 9:45 am | Sunday School
	10:00 am | Worship: First Sunday in Advent
	11:00 am | Radio Broadcast

OSLC EVENTS:

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/December Community Events:

- Barnes County Ministerial Community Thanksgiving Service | Sun., Nov. 22, 4pm | Congregational Church with free meal to follow.
- Bus Trip, Sh-Boom! A Christmas Miracle | Sun., Dec. 6 OR Sat. Dec. 12 Departing @12:20pm | New Rockford, ND
- Community Closet | Mon., Dec 14th | 5:00pm to 7:00pm | Basement of Our Savior's Lutheran Church
- Community Christmas Eve Dinner | Thurs., Dec. 24 |5:30pm-7:00pm | St. Catherine's Church Dining Hall