

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 29, 2026, 10 am + First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*please rise in body and/or spirit)
A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
Lift up your voice with strength, heralds of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the people:
"Here is your God!" His arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.
Justice and righteousness will fill the land, and all will live in peace and safety.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS(*please rise in body or spirit)
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ who calls out to the weary, whose word endures forever. **Amen.**

A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!" We are called to confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Comforting God, **we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name. We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us. We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people. Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.**

"Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven: Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the Lord! **Amen. [Thanks be to God!]**

HYMN **"Beautiful Savior"** **#838**

GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING – Diegel Family

ADVENT HYMN: **"Light One Candle to Watch for the Messiah" (v.1)** **#240**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY BAPTISM p. 227

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your
presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your
adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your
presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works
for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we
sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade
like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face
from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your
people.

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

PSALM: Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 **(read responsively)**

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned up on the
cherubim.
2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**
3 Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
4 **O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
17 **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.**
18 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call up on your name.
19 **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ
Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6 just as the
testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for

the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION(*please rise in body or spirit)
The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37
Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.
[Jesus said:] [24] "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
[25] and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
[26] "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. [27] Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

[28] "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29] So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30] Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.
[31] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

[32] "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father.
[33] Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. [34] It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35] Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, [36] or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37] And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "**Amazing Grace"** **#779**

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 AND PRAYER
Holy Creator, we are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.
Receive these gifts shape them and our lives for your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN: **"People Look East" v. 1** **#248**

HOLY COMMUNION (p. 206)
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. 206)
It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and all places….we praise your name, and joint their unending hymn:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN **"Lamb of God"** **#208**

DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
Providing God, you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms. We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always. As we leave your table, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

BLESSING(*please rise in body or spirit)
God our provider, God our feast, God our companion, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL
This worship is ended; Go in peace. Bring good news the brokenhearted. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING HYMN **"Shine Jesus Shine"** **#671**

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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 in memory of the birthdays of Inez Eggert (Nov 21st) and Susan Eggert Gion (Nov 30th) by Bob Eggert and family.

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
Dec. 27: Chaplain David Fisher, CHI Health at Home and Hospice, Valley City. *(NO Holy Communion)*

Thank you to all those who decorated the Church for the Advent season. We appreciate you.

Sunday School Students and Parents: We will meet again from 8:30-9:45am on Sunday, Dec. 6 to make final preparations for our Christmas program during the 10:00am worship service that day. Thank you for your help in getting your child there early so we have enough time to prepare.

The Children's Christmas Program will be during worship Dec. 6th at 10am. 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!

Our church is seeking a Treasurer if interested, please see a member of church council or stop in the office.

The Community Closet will have an opening, December 14th from 5-7pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up Sun., Dec. 13 , beginning at 5 pm. Preferred donation items: snowpants, and children and baby clothing of all sizes. No need to sign up, just show up. Any and all help is appreciated.

The Merry & Bright Carolers are performing throughout the holiday season. Look for details on the flyers posted around the church.

St Catherine Church will be holding its 54th Annual Community Christmas Eve Dinner on December 24th, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Transportation is available if you call ahead. See flyers posted around the church for details.

Valley City Salvation Army Kettle Campaign needs bell ringers now through December 24th. If you can help for any amount of time (1-2 hrs or more). Please call Naomi Schlecht 701-541-1418) or Lenore Ziemba (701-840-1357). Bell ringing locations will be at PetroServe and Leevers.

"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: Justin & Lindsey Johnson, Keith & Kay Johnson, Monte & Pat Johnson, Nathan & Nicole Johnson, & Alex & Megan Jorgensen families.

A look ahead at the week of November 29 – December 6

Nov. 29	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 | Senior High Lunch
TUES:	9:00 am | Quilters
	1:30 pm | Text Study
WED:	9:30 am | Bible Study
	6:30 pm | Confirmation | Gift Shopping or Assembling | OSLC
SAT:	7:30 am | Men's Bible Fellowship
NEXT SUN:	9:00 am | Coffee Fellowship
	8:30 – 9:45 am | Sunday School Program Practice
	10:00 am | Worship: **Sunday School Program**
	11:00 am | Radio Broadcast
	6:30 pm | GATHER | Pizza and Puzzles | Pizza Corner

OSLC EVENTS December:

- Sunday School Christmas Program | Sun., Dec. 6 | 10:00am Worship Service
- Bus Trip, Sh-Boom! A Christmas Miracle | Sun., Dec. 6 OR Sat. Dec. 12 Departing @12:20pm | New Rockford, ND
- 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

December Community Events:

- Sweet Treats for A Sweet Cause | VC Barnes County Public Library | Sat. Dec. 5 | 11:00am-4:00pm
- 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