

## Please Lift in Prayer

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- ✝ Family and Friends of Rodney Olsen
- ✝ Gordon Sorensen
- ✝ Barb Larsen
- ✝ Gary Busse
- ✝ Larry Larsen
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- ✝ Ron Fystro
- ✝ Autumn Grace Beaner
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- ✝ Marin Bultena
- ✝ Beverly Andersen
- ✝ Art Wirth
- ✝ Kobee Sherman
- ✝ Gayle Westergaard
- ✝ Pastor Carol Marohl

## Welcome Visitors

We're so glad you're here!

If you'd like to become a new member, please talk to Pastor Max by calling 507.227.4787 (or scan the QR Code below) to talk about what it takes to become a member and to discuss potential dates.

We sincerely hope to see you again very soon!



# Announcements

## CHURCH WORKDAY at OSLC



We have a bunch of work to do around the property and inside the Parish Hall. We'll be tackling these projects on October 7 at 9:00AM. All welcome!



## Our Thrivent Projects!

We have just two projects for which we are seeking funding assistance:

1. The VCIS Haunted House Fundraiser
2. Parsonage Touch-ups

To learn how you can help, please scan the QR code or visit:

<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>



### SVLC WORSHIP HELPERS: SEP 17

Reader..... Kellie Zimmerman  
 Acolytes..... Kaleb Huber & Ryker Larsen  
 Communion Asst ..... Lilly Huber  
 Live Stream..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

### OSLC WORSHIP HELPERS: SEP 17

Reader..... Belinda Holm  
 Acolyte/communion Asst . ..... Curtis  
 Live Stream..... Maxx  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

### LOOKING AHEAD: SEP 24 @ 9:00AM

Reader..... Faydra Christensen  
 Acolytes..... Lincoln Mellem & Braxton Sorensen  
 Communion Asst ..... Lilly Huber  
 Live Stream..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Praise Band

### LOOKING AHEAD: SEP 24 @ 10:30AM

Reader..... James Christofferson  
 Acolyte/communion Asst . ..... Bailey  
 Live Stream..... Maxx  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Kayla Mehlhaf

**READINGS FOR SEP 24** - Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20

### SEPTEMBER USHERS

✝ Bud & Tammy Zimmerman, Justin & Tonya Rudd, Brandon & Kelli Zimmerman

### ✝ CHURCH CLEANING: SEP 17 - 30

Tammy Zimmerman, Tonya Rudd, Kelli Zimmerman, Amy Christensen, Amanda Goergen

### SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH

✝ Chad & Belinda Holm,  
 ✝ Loren & Michelle Johnson,  
 ✝ James Christofferson,  
 ✝ Lydell & Cath Peterson,  
 ✝ Nancy Severson

### WEDNESDAYS WITH GOD



2:00 PM Bible Study  
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS  
 5:30 PM Feed the Kids Meal!  
 6:00 PM Confirmation  
 7:00 PM VCIS



**October 15 at 10:30AM**

Let us all join together as one body for worship! Bring something to pass and let us eat together too.

### Every Wednesday at 5:30PM at Parish Hall



It's that time of year again where the kids need to be fed before confirmation. If you are willing and able, please sign up on the sheet in the back.

Help support the VCIS Mission At Home by Flamingo-ing a Friend!

Cost:

- ✿ \$30 to send the flock,
- ✿ \$15 to have them removed,
- ✿ \$5 to find out who sent them.

Contact Pr. Max to schedule!

## Flamingo A Friend!



and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all

his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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

Sermon ..... Pastor Max Whitehead

Hymn "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" ..... LBW #458

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ..... LBW 186

Offertory Prayer  
**Merciful Father, We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving ..... pg. 68

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Communion

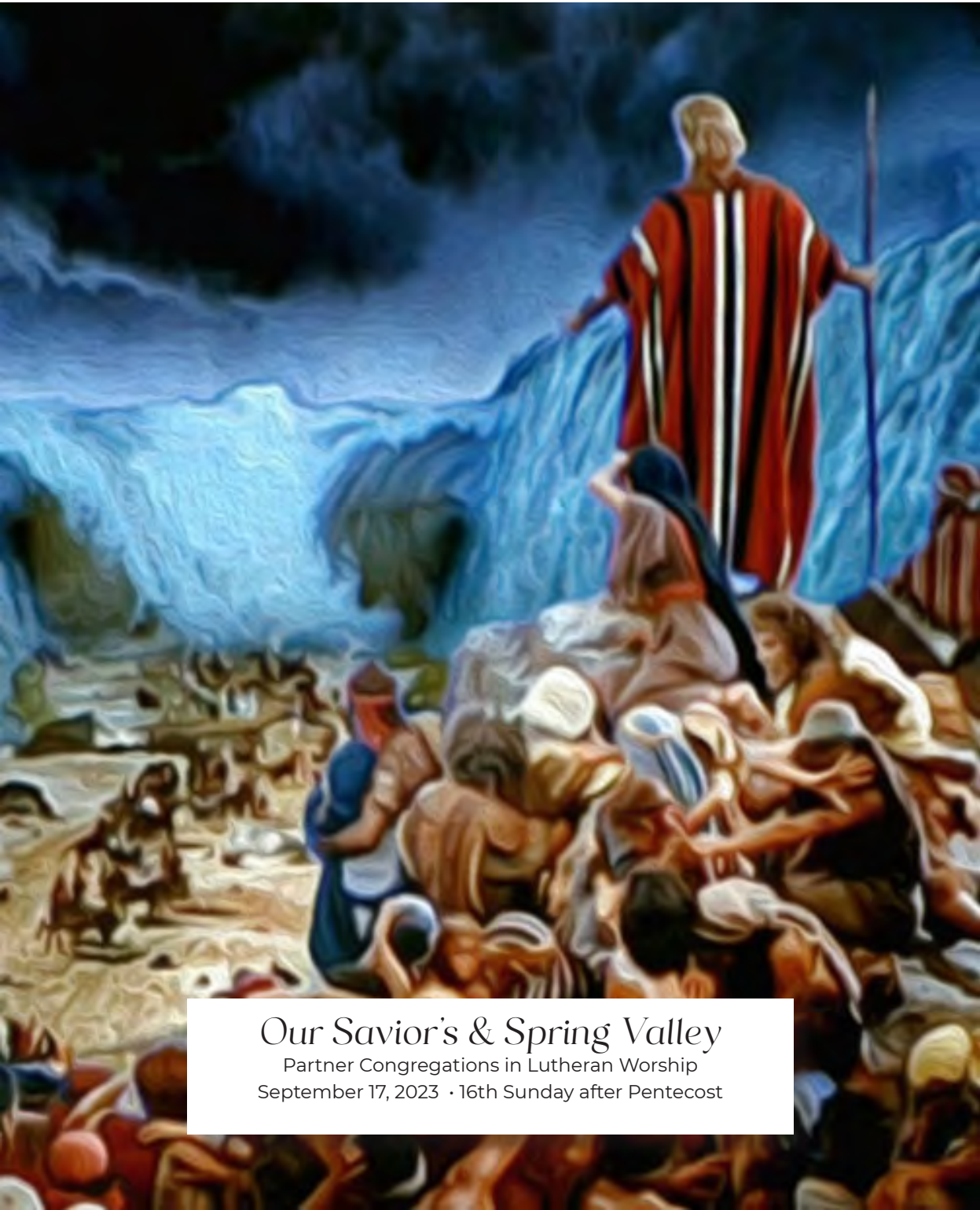
Lamb of God.. ..... pg. 92

Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" ..... LBW #212

Post-Communion Prayer  
**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction ..... pg. 74

Hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal" ..... LBW #495



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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness ...pg. 56

Hymn "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" ... LBW #343

Apostolic Greeting ... pg. 57

Kyrie ... pg. 57

Hymn of Praise "This Is the Feast" ... pg. 60

Prayer of the Day:

**Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love an by your power help us in our confusion and. in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Reading ... Exodus 14:19-31

<sup>19</sup> Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup> coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." <sup>27</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup> The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup> But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup> And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup> clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians." <sup>26</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your

<sup>30</sup> Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

Psalms 103:1-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**<sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

**<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.**

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**<sup>9</sup> He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward**

**those who fear him;**

<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**<sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Reading ... Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup> One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup> One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.

<sup>6</sup> The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup> For if we

live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup> for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

<sup>12</sup> So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

The Word of the Lord.  
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Gospel ... Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So

the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went