

Sunday, November 2, 2025
All Saints Sunday



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Fellowship
Faith Formation 5:30 PM Wednesdays

Pastor Carl Kramer

Organist: Alice Meints or Sandy Eltiste

Introduction to the day

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

For All Your Saints, O Lord



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
 4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
 5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
 who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
 learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
 that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
 the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

*Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

For in your wisdom you have formed us.

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked,

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You set free those who are bound.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You raise up those whose courage falters.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You provide for our every need.

Accept our grateful praises.

You have called us from all peoples.

We rejoice and bless your name forever.

You bless your people with peace.

We bless you and praise your loving grace.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

For in your wisdom you have formed us.

***APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

In Our Day of Thanksgiving



1 In our day of thanks - giv - ing one psalm let us of - fer
 2 In the morn - ing of life, and at noon, and at eve - ning,
 3 These stones that have ech - oed their prais - es are ho - ly,
 4 Sing praise, then, and thanks that God's love here has found them



for the saints who be - fore us re - ceived the re - ward;
 they were gath - ered to heav'n from our wor - ship be - low;
 and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
 whose jour - ney is end - ed, whose per - ils are past;



when the shad - ow of death fell up - on them, we sor - rowed,
 but not till God's love, at the font and the al - tar,
 yet here they con - fessed they were strang - ers and pil - grims,
 they be - lieved in the light; and its glo - ry is round them,



but now we re - joice that they rest in the Lord.
 had clothed them with grace for the way they should go.
 and still they were seek - ing the cit - y of God.
 where the clouds of earth's sor - row are lift - ed at last.

Text: William Henry Draper, 1855–1933

Music: ST. CATHERINE'S COURT, Richard Strutt, 1848–1927

FIRST LESSON: DANIEL 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149

Read Responsively

¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD^d a new song, God's praise in the assembly^l of the faithful.

² Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

³ Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.

⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶ Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,

⁷ to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

⁸ to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,

⁹ to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: EPHESIANS 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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.

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***GOSPEL: LUKE 6:20-31**

Glory to you, O Lord.

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again.

³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

***SERMON**

REV. CARL KRAMER

ALL SAINTS DAY COMMEMORATION

SAINTS OF OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

2024-2025

David Skeens

Joan Creevan

Tammy Morse

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 654

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

Sing verse 1 only

We Praise You, O God



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

***THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are worthy to be held in reverence by all the mortal race. We give you thanks for the innumerable blessings which, despite our unworthiness, you have showered upon us.

We praise you especially that you have preserved for us in their purity your saving Word and sacred ordinances of your house. Grant and preserve to your church throughout the world purity of doctrine and faithful pastors who shall preach your Word with power, and help all who hear rightly to understand and firmly to believe your Word of truth.

Protect and defend your people in time of tribulation and danger, that we, in communion with your Church and in unity with all Christian people, may fight the good fight of faith and in the end receive the fullness of salvation.

Upon all the nations of the earth bestow your grace. Especially we ask you to bless our land and all its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Cause your glory to dwell among us, and let mercy and truth, justice and peace everywhere prevail. We commend to your care all our schools, that virtue and useful knowledge may be nourished and the wholesome fruits of life may abound.

In your mercy defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper all who labor, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Show yourself to be the helper of the sick and needy, the comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with these gifts, as our offering of praise. And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us to prepare for the world to come, doing the work which you have given us to do while it is day, before that night comes when no one can work. And, when our last hour shall come, support us by your power and receive us into your everlasting kingdom, where, with your Son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever.

Amen

***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.

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

Amen.

Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Fall Dinner right after church. Please stay and have some good food and fellowship.

Reminder of church coffee at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 4.

Bible Study is this Thursday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday, November 9th—A benefit is being held for Tanner Schmidt from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at American Lutheran Church in Filley. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

The visitation schedule with Pastor is outside his office. If you haven't done so already, please sign up for a visit.

If you have not filled out a member information form (on the table in the entryway) or provided a picture for the directory, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Erin at emsaathoff03@gmail.com or (402) 239-9117.

Upcoming Community coffees are as follows:

November 7—Wymore Library

Remembered in Our Prayers:

Kent Hohensee

Kathleen Remmers

Kai Spann

George Henrichs is now at the Good Samaritan Society. If you would like to go see him or send him a card, the address is:

Good Samaritan Society
Willow Creek, Room 104
401 So. 22nd St.
Beatrice, NE 68310

Pastor Gary: Phone: (402) 658-2253

Email: garygrinvalds@gmail.com

Your Council leaders are:

President: Darla Acton (402) 239-6236

Vice President: Darin Frerichs (402) 239-6471

Secretary: Erin Saathoff (402) 239-9117

At Large: Roger Henrichs (402) 239-7740

Chavonn Mailahn (308) 214-0039

Josh Schmidt (402) 520-0950

Church Account Balance: 09/30/2025: \$60,940.47

Church Offerings: 10/05/2025: \$ 958.00

10/12/2025: \$ 147.00

10/19/2025: \$ 1,163.00

10/26/2025: \$ 792.00

Attendance 10/26/2025: 48

Please have any announcements for the bulletin to Pam by Wednesday noon each week. You may text or call her at (402) 239-2715 or send an email to the church at oursaviorslutheranwymore@gmail.com. Thank you.

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

October 22, 2025

Present: Darla Acton, Erin Saathoff, Roger Henrichs, Josh Schmidt,
Pastor Gary, Pam Gerdes

Absent: Darin Frerichs, Chavonn Mailahn

Meeting called to order by: Darla and opened with a prayer.

Approve Previous Month's Meeting Minutes - Moved by Josh,
seconded by Roger

Financial report - Approved by Roger, seconded by Josh

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor has requested 12/18 and 12/19 off
- Sign up sheet has dried up as method of visit coordination. Pastor is ok with setting office hours on Thursdays. Pastor would still like to visit with everyone & can be flexible to meet Sunday afternoons or evening.
- Attended Fall Leadership in Kearney.
- Service Points - Pastor will send out emails to the confirmation parents on some opportunities to help out at both Filley & Wymore to earn points.
- Thanksgiving Eve Service - Filley will have a service, followed by fellowship with pie served. Pam reported Stateline also has a Thanksgiving Eve service, with a turkey dinner served after. Pam will put both events in the bulletin.
- Synod on the Road - Synod office goes to different churches throughout the State to discuss what is going on in Synod and hear what is going on in our church. The nearest meeting will be held in April 18, 2026 in Cook, Nebraska. Pastor would like to have some councilmembers from both congregation attend the meeting with him.
- Grant - We will be receiving information on some ADA Accessibility grants, which will close in 2030. Pastor asked the Council to think of items that may need to be addressed.

- Classes - Pastor would like offer five (5) classes: Liturgical Theology; How We Got The Bible; Homiletics (Preaching); Pastoral Care and Pastoral Listening; and Classroom Management within the next calendar year. Pastor will put together a syllabus for anyone interested in participating to review and contact him if they are interested. Pastor is hoping for congregation members ages 15 & up to participate. Pastor is hoping for five to ten participants from both congregations. Pastor will make the initial announcement at a future service.

Old Business:

- Ushers for November - Calendars were handed out to for members to sign up
- Update on the audio/visual project - Josh reported Joe Blackburn will be down Friday morning to install the new larger tv in the back of the sanctuary and hopefully finish the installation. Once everything has been installed, Joe will train members on the equipment.
- Church Directory - Erin will be sending out texts/phone calls to members she has not received information from if she has their information from the prior list. She still plans to have the directory completed early January 2026. Darla suggested splitting the names up and having Councilmembers contact people for updated information.
- Confirmation Update - Pastor reported it is going well. There was a good turn out at the Mosaic event.
- Website - Erin will add a section for members to submit requests.

New Business:

- Date for next council meeting - November 19, 2025 at 6:45 p.m.
- Faith Formation Report - No report.
- Constitution Review - Pastor explained every 3 years the ELCA votes to amend the constitution. A committee will be put

together to review the proposed amendments to the constitution to be adopted. Erin volunteered to be on the committee & prepare a redline version for the committee to review.

- Bible Study - Darla reported it has been well attended.
- Fall Dinner - Pastor Kramer will perform morning service at 10:30 a.m. There will not be communion that week. Communion will be held on Reformation Sunday & the third Sunday in November.
- Christmas Eve plans - Roger reported the Filley Council would like to meet to discuss Thanksgiving and Christmas plans. Roger said they would also like to meet after the first of the year to discuss moving forward.
- Outdoor Building Maintenance - Roger told the Council about a couple cracks by the old Pastor's Office door. Roger will get a bid for repairs. Josh suggested checking drainage issues as well. Roger noted the putty in the front 4 windows will need to be replaced. Roger would like to have Hamm Glass come down and have them resealed. The Council recommended having them submit a quote. Pam received a message about the boiler. Darla believes Darin or Sean took care of this before. Pam noted the heat needs to be turned on as well.
- Pam reported Jon Acton's membership was transferred from St. John's.

All business concluded, Motion by Josh, seconded by Erin, to adjourn.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.