

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

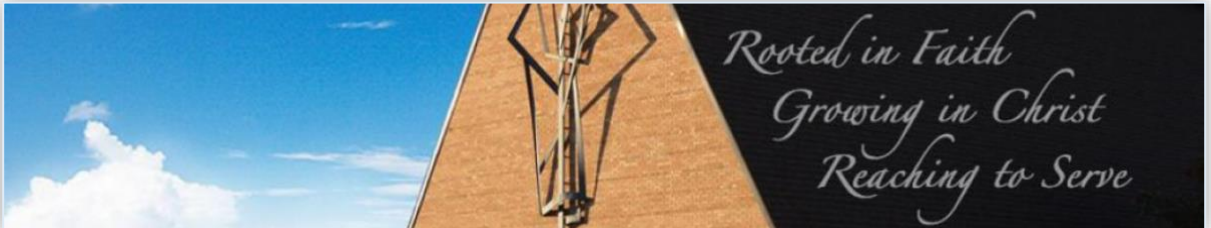
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



PRELUDE

Jen Fredrickson, Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

You Servants of God

ELW# 825

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

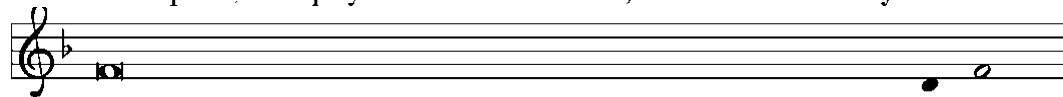
Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

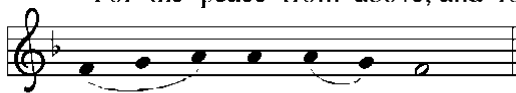
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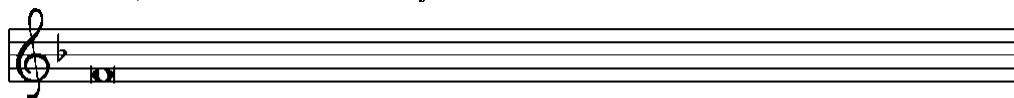
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



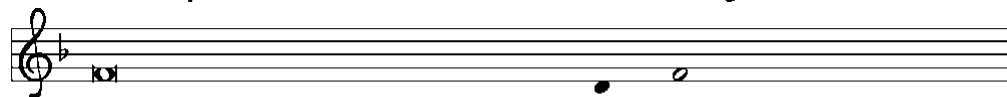
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



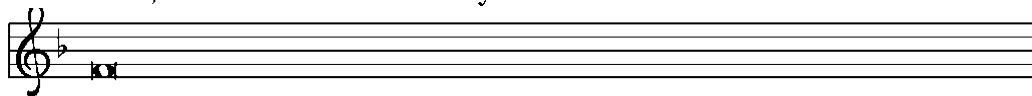
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



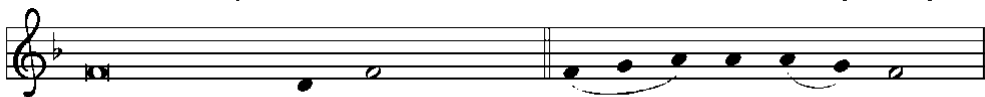
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



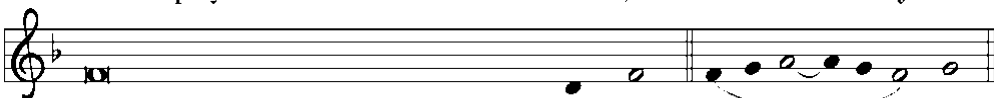
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 45:1-7

Lector, Mary Troutwine

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]. *Please respond with verses in bold print.*

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

[¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the people with equity.”**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.]

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10.

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly

³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22. The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First, they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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APOSTLES CREED

pg. 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 INTERCESSION Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Response after each petition: (Pastor) *"Hear us, O God,"* (Congregation) *"Your mercy is great."*

Concluding prayer: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING Thank you for your continued financial support of OSLC! Whether you join us in person or online, the ministry & missions of Our Savior's depend on faithful giving. You can give the following ways:

- + online links can be found by accessing our website at <https://www.oslcmn.com/>
- + Using the QR code found here ➡
- + Contacting the church office to set up regular automatic giving
- + Dropping off or mailing in your offering – *Thank you*



OFFERTORY SOLO

Deep River

George Croft

Spiritual, Arr. By F. Henri Klickman



I We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;

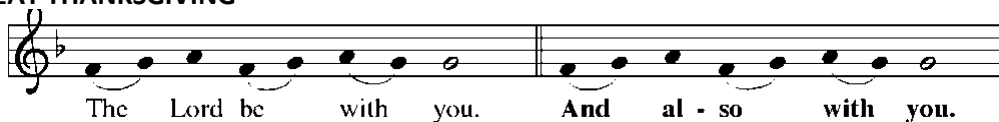


all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

OFFERING PRAYER God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PASTOR CONCLUDES . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



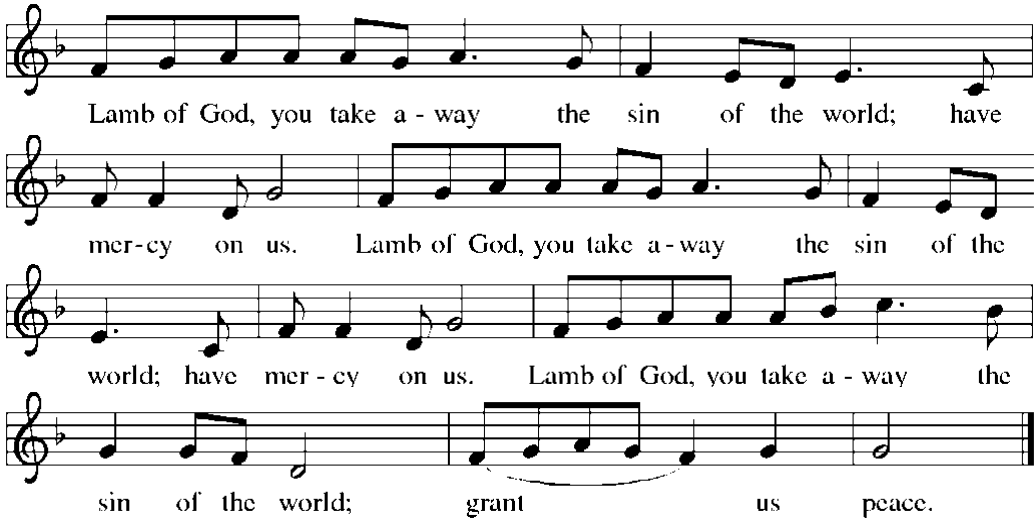
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. pg. 191
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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

For the Bread Which You Have Broken ELW# 494
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ELW# 484

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen. The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *When Our Song Says Peace* ELW# 709

DISMISSAL Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**
POSTLUDE *Jen Fredrickson, Pianist*

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WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, safe transition, and for those serving away from home: Ralph M., Scooby, Pr. Dorothy, Butch, Tom, Gordy, Paul, Jean, Fred, Megan, Ellen, Steven, Gary, Chuck, Ron, Nadia, Mary, Ruth, Hudson, Wilson, Logan, Nel, Jim, Kyle, Cliff, Ryan, Alexandra W, Leslie, Shannon, Dale, Adeline, Sue, Jim, Wendy, Fred, Harry, Larry, Caleb, Jake, Laurie, Mike, Tedd, Matthew, Rick & Betsy, Gordon, Ross, Anna, Archer, Sharon, Mary, Debbie, Leanne, Addy, Deb, Kyle, Gerilyn, Wally, Ralph, Sue.

Call the church office or Pastor if you have a prayer need: we can send it to the prayer chain if you desire. If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.

CONTACT US Office: 218-741-6207 Email: office@oslcmn.com

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OFFICE ADMIN HOURS:

CLOSED MONDAYS & HOLIDAYS. OPEN TUES.- FRIDAY, 9AM-5PM

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS Pastor Liz is here Tues.-Thurs. & does visits etc., Mon. & Fri.

Call @ 218-780-8907 or email at lizcheney44@gmail.com

STAFF

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Custodian: Steve Gagnon

Musicians: Mark Ongalo, Jen Fredrickson, Anna & Jim De Foe



<u>LECTORS FOR OCTOBER</u>	
4 OCT.	JOHN ELOFSON
11 OCT.	CHRIS CULBERT
18 OCT.	MARY TROUTWINE
25 OCT.	CONFIRMATION STUDENTS



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God's work. Our hands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM Reformation Sunday is Oct. 25th, wear your favorite red sweatshirt or sweater! Join us as we celebrate the completion of Confirmation and the youth affirm their baptisms through the rite of confirmation. Those being confirmed are: *Elias Berg, Liam Berg, Bowde Klatt, Ruthie Leino, Vivian Leino, Gunner Skager.*

WELCA FALL FEST Our Fall Fest is **Oct. 24th, 9am-2pm. NEEDED:** baked goods, candies, snack items & jellies for the bake sale, Raffle basket/items, workers to set-up, workers for the festival & clean-up. Most importantly we need you to come and bring your friends so we can celebrate fall & friendship with the community. Items for the festival can be brought to the church ahead of time-**there's a table in the Fireside Room** for your items for safekeeping. If you are able to help or have questions, call Marcia Aluni.

LIFT An open invitation to LIFT Adult Bible Study: dinner is at 6pm, a short Worship to follow, then the Study (6:45). Gethsemane Lutheran will host 10/21 and OSLC will host for 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18.

OSLC STUDY GROUPS **BOOK GROUP:** We are currently studying a wonderful classic, "*Falling Upward.*" Our next meeting is **OCT. 29th, @ 12pm** in the Fireside Room. **BIBLE STUDIES:** The WELCA Bible Study will be **Tues., Oct. 20th @ 1pm** in the Fireside Room. Also, Fun-Duh-Mentals Bible Study takes place **Oct. 20th at 4pm** in the Fireside Room- and we're changing the time in Nov: Thursdays, Nov. 5th & 19th at 1pm.

TRUNK OR TREAT! **Sunday, Oct. 25, 4-6pm.** We're joining with area churches, the Boy Scout & Cub Scout troops to provide a safe daytime event for children to receive candy and have a day of fun here at OSLC. *Important: bring your car by 3:30 so we are all parked before children begin running in the parking lot!* Think of a fun theme from a kid's movie or a childhood character to decorate your car with, or dress up as, and join us for this fun event. We **are not** collecting candy, please provide your own for approx. 350 kids.

PIPE PROJECT Take a green card off the board in the narthex to turn in the coordinating \$ amount to the offering plate, or to the office during the week. We ask that you sign a check with "Pipe Project" written in the memo *and attach it to the green card for us to keep track of!* Thank you for your continued generosity as we finish this important project and upgrade to our church. We will hold a **CELEBRATION DINNER SUNDAY, NOV. 1ST** with J&K Heating also – see the image on the next page~

SARMA FUND RAISER In addition to the green cards above, Pastor and Scooby will be sharing their wonderful Sarmas with us for the Pipe Project. Pre-order TODAY in the narthex, pick up dates are Oct. 21 (after 12pm), Oct. 22nd & Oct. 23rd. Prices are 3/\$20, or 6/\$35. These are 8oz, so they will make a full meal-great holiday idea! More details & the sign-up sheets are on the glass cabinet in the narthex.

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE SPRING Our Annual Spring Clothing Sale will be Apr. 30-May 1st, 2027. Starting January 1st we'll be accepting donations of clothing and footwear only (+ cold weather jackets, boots). If you have household items you no longer need that could be of use to others, consider donating these items to the community closet. Talk to Dan Treistman @ Jackie's Attic store across from the Virginia Library if you have furniture, beds...

WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP Today's Livestream is sponsored by Tom Klabecek, in loving memory of wife **Jarie. Thank you for your support.** To sponsor Livestream & TV Broadcasts in honor of a person or special event (wedding annivers., birthday, graduation etc..) or in memory of a loved one, you may do so in any amount- It helps maintain our sound/camera equipment.

MON. OCT. 19 10:30AM AA 2 PM ORGAN PR. 6PM SCOUTS 7PM NA	TUES. OCT. 20 *KITCHEN WILL BE IN USE TODAY 10:30AM AA 1PM WELCA BIBLE STUDY 2 PM ORGAN PR. 4PM FUN-DUH-MENTALS STUDY	WED. OCT. 21 9AM QUILTING 10:30AM AA 12-3PM C.CLOSET 3PM CHOIR 5:30PM ALANON <u>6PM LIFT @ GELC</u>	THURS. OCT. 22 10:30AM AA 2:30PM TOPS 7PM NA W. WING	FRI. OCT. 23 10:30AM AA 7PM NA W.WING	SAT. OCT. 24 9AM-2PM WELCA FALL FESTIVAL 10:30AM AA	SUN. OCT. 25 9:30 AM REFORMATION SUNDAY & CONFIRMATION 1PM AA 4-6PM TRUNK OR TREAT!! 7PM NA
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COMMUNITY CLOSET PANTRY

Below are the following challenge items for the pantry. You can buy what you desire & at the store that is most convenient for you; we are just providing examples below:

1. HEARTY SOUPS, 18OZ CANS @ WALMART
WALMART BRAND \$1.86, CAMPBELLS & PROGRESSO \$1.98
2. GREAT VALUE BLOCK CHEESE @ WALMART
\$1.87/8OZ BLOCK VARIOUS KINDS
3. GREAT VALUE UNCOOKED SAUSAGE LINKS @ WALMART
\$2.57/12OZ PACKAGE
4. GREAT VALUE TUNA IN WATER @ WALMART
\$3.84/4-PK OF 5OZ CANS
5. COMPLETE PANCAKE/WAFFLE MIX @ WALMART
\$2.08/32OZ BOX



Trunk or Treat!

SUNDAY, OCT. 25TH 4-6PM

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH PARKING LOT
SPONSORED BY AREA CHURCHES, BOY & CUB SCOUTS TROOP #4129

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fall festival

OCTOBER 24th 9am - 2pm
1111 8th St S, Virginia MN

Quilter's Corner
handmade items for sale
quilts, aprons, tote bags, table runners, pot holders, and more!

Handmade craft vendors!
If you are interested in a booth for your homemade products contact Liz 218-780-8907

GIFT BASKETS FOR RAFFLE
BAKE SALE

COFFEE AND LUNCH
(for purchase) to support our youth

Proceeds go to support local charities, Community Closet and our Youth!

OSLC PIPE PROJECT FUNDRAISER

Sarma SALE

"LARGE CABBAGE ROLLS"

Order your sarmas now and they will be ready for pick up between October 21-23

3 for \$20 OR 6 for \$35 (8oz ea)

Orders can be placed by calling the church office at 218-741-6207 or using the order form in the Narthex at the church.

Let's Celebrate!

Pipe Project Completion

join us for a celebration meal
Sunday, November 1st

5:00 Arrive
5:15 Presentation & Thank yous
5:45 Dinner

Pasta Bar: red sauce, alfredo sauce, chicken, meat balls, shrimp, Italian sausage, salad, bread sticks & Cheesecake for dessert

This meal is free and sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team grant