

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4th, 2026

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Affirming Statement

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ~ ACS page 29-30

Opening Hymn ~ ACS #1004 ~ Faith Begins By Letting Go

APOSTOLIC GREETING- ACS page 30

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE AND SONG OF PRAISE ~ ACS page 31

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 80:7-15

(spoken responsively by verse)

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;**

you cast out the nations and planted it.

⁹ You cleared the ground for it;

it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

¹² **Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;**

¹⁵ behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading – Philippians 3:4b-14

(Stand) Gospel Acclamation – ACS page 33

(Stand) Gospel – Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON

(Stand) Hymn of the Day ~ ACS #962 ~ In This Feast of Love

(Stand) APOSTLES' CREED – ACS pages 17-18

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving – ACS pages 36

Holy, Holy, Holy – ACS page 36-37

The Lord's Prayer- ACS page 39

Lamb of God – ACS page 40

Communion (All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion as they feel comfortable. Wine and grape juice (middle of tray) and bread or gluten free options are available. If you are unable to stand, please indicate if you wish to participate from your pew.)

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Blessing

P: The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds
in ✝ Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ~ #1022 ~ God Bless the Hands

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Presider	Rev. Wendy McRae
Communion Assistant	Louise Ewen
Lector	Eric Elle
Musician	Joan Beek

OSLC Calendar of Events:

October 4, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service with Holy Communion, Rev. Wendy McRae presiding.
October 11, 2026	No in-person service, please join online with Grace Anglican or Lutheran Church of the Cross Victoria.
October 18, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service led by Lauren Aldred
October 25, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service led by Lauren Aldred

Food Bank: Tuesdays, 10 AM – Noon, use back basement entrance. Our Food Bank ministry continues to be an active ministry with a need for non-perishable food items and cash donations. Our designated funds have been depleted. We are grateful for financial donations through e-transfer at oslcdonation@gmail.com or by cheque.

Semi-Annual General Meeting -November 8, 2026- 12:30 PM – All members and adherents to Our Saviour's Lutheran are encouraged to join us for lunch and the Semi-AGM meeting to elect officers, approve minutes and hear update from Council.

Grace Anglican warmly invites OSLC to attend the following upcoming events:

Breakfast Group – As you know, I'm no longer able to organize the Breakfast events and no one has stepped forward to take over the job.

Dwight, Chris Peter and I have concluded that the time has come to admit that our Breakfast Group no longer meets the needs of our congregations as it once did.

Breakfast Group has worked for us for many, many years in several different guises, but seemingly has had its run. We're letting you know that there will be no further Breakfast Group monthly meetings.

Thanks, all of you, for the good times we've had and the work so many have done to provide fellowship for so many over the years.

No doubt new and different combined social activities will come in the future.

Be well, stay well, everyone.

Ken

Mondays - October 5th and October 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. are the next Monday Prayer Groups at Grace Church. These Groups consists of one hour of contemplative prayer.

Following the **October 11th** service, Val Cardwell has kindly agreed to host a WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON. Anyone wanting to contribute to this time of fellowship, please contact Val.

Starting on **September 15th and going to October 15th**, the Interfaith Spiritual Care Centre Food Drive for the UNBC food bank will begin. They suggest boxed cereal and high protein foods such as tinned fish, tinned meat, dried or canned beans, etc. There is a basket for donations at the back of the church.

Grace Church next Soup Bus date at St. Vincent de Paul is **October 18th**.

Offering / Giving:

Thank you to those who so generously give of their time, talents and gifts. We provide several options for you to contribute. If you require a charitable tax receipt for your donation, please contact the church office at oslcospika@gmail.com or 250-617-9716 to provide your name, address and email in order to register with us, so we may issue a charitable tax receipt. Tax receipts are issued by February of each year for the previous year.

Giving may be made in the following ways:

- Electronic transfer to oslcdonation@gmail.com Please include message with the purpose of the donation (e.g. general offering, designated food bank, etc.). We require your contact details in order to issue a tax receipt.
- Cheque: Mailed or placed in offering plate during Sunday worship service. Please indicate if cheque is for a designated purpose.
- Cash: Please only provide cash during Sunday worship service. Place in envelope provided, with details in order to receive tax receipt.
- Online: Credit Card: OSLC website link: Canada Helps: [Donate Now - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Prince George \(canadahelps.org\)](https://canadahelps.org) – **Canada Helps will issue a tax receipt directly to you**

Thank you for making a difference in many people's lives through your ongoing financial support and participation in the mission of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

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FIRST READING – Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his
vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
² He dug it and cleared it of
stones
and planted it with choice
vines;
he built a watchtower in the
midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in
it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of
Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
⁴ What more was there to do for
my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield
grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and it shall be overgrown with
briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of
hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else
has reason to be confident in the
flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised
on the eighth day, a member of
the people of Israel, of the tribe
of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of
Hebrews; as to the law, a
Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a
persecutor of the church; as to
righteousness under the law,
blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had,
these I have come to regard as
loss because of Christ. ⁸ More
than that, I regard everything as
loss because of the surpassing
value of knowing Christ Jesus
my Lord. For his sake I have

suffered the loss of all things,
and I regard them as rubbish, in
order that I may gain
Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not
having a righteousness of my
own that comes from the law
but one that comes through faith
in Christ, the righteousness from
God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to
know Christ and the power of his
resurrection and the sharing of
his sufferings by becoming like
him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I
may attain the resurrection from
the dead.

¹² Not that I have already
obtained this or have already
reached the goal, but I press on
to lay hold of that for which
Christ has laid hold of
me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do
not consider that I have laid
hold of it, but one thing I have
laid hold of: forgetting what lies
behind and straining forward to
what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on
toward the goal, toward the
prize of the heavenly call of God
in Christ Jesus.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 21:33-46

C: Glory To You, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ³³ "Listen to
another parable. There was a
landowner who planted a
vineyard, put a fence around it,
dug a winepress in it, and built a
watchtower. Then he leased it to
tenants and went away. ³⁴ When
the harvest time had come, he
sent his slaves to the tenants to
collect his produce. ³⁵ But the
tenants seized his slaves and
beat one, killed another, and
stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent
other slaves, more than the first,
and they treated them in the
same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his
son to them, saying, 'They will
respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the
tenants saw the son, they said
to themselves, 'This is the heir;
come, let us kill him and get his
inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized
him, threw him out of the
vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now
when the owner of the vineyard
comes, what will he do to those
tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him,
"He will put those wretches to a
miserable death and lease the
vineyard to other tenants who
will give him the produce at the
harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have

you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders
rejected

has become the
cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our
eyes'?

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the
kingdom of God will be taken
away from you and given to a
people that produces its
fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on
this stone will be broken to
pieces, and it will crush anyone
on whom it falls."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and
the Pharisees heard his
parables, they realized that he
was speaking about
them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest
him, but they feared the crowds,
because they regarded him as a
prophet.

P: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ