

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18th, 2026

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: 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.

WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96:1-9[10-13]

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 peoples 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

(All who are able, please rise.) Gospel Acclamation – **C: Alleluia. Shine like stars in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia. (Phil. 2:15, 16)**

Gospel – Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED – ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Lord's Prayer – ELW pg. 112

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace and Love. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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WORSHIP LEADERS	
Worship Leader	Lauren Aldred
Lector	Rev. Peter Zimmer

OSLC Calendar of Events:

Worship Services:

October 18, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service with Lauren Aldred
October 25, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service with Lauren Aldred
Nov. 1, 2026	10:00 AM – (note change in time) Holy Communion service, Rev. Wendy McRae presiding over joint Our Saviour's Lutheran and Grace Anglican service. All Saints' Sunday.
Nov. 8, 2026	approx. 12:30 PM – no worship service, Semi-AGM meeting with luncheon
Nov. 15, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service led by Lauren Aldred
Nov. 22, 2026	No worship service
Nov. 29, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service led by Lauren Aldred

Food Bank: Tuesdays, 10 AM – Noon, use back basement entrance.

Worship Service Change: Rev. Wendy McRae has been called to interim ministry with the local Anglican churches. Grace Anglican has graciously invited Our Saviour's Lutheran to collaborate with Holy Communion services on the First Sundays of the month with alternating Lutheran and Anglican liturgies during the 10AM worship service.

Nov. 1, 2026- 10:00 AM – All Saints’ Sunday – We invite all to arrive a little earlier to light candles in honour of loved ones who have passed away- you may add names to a list which will be read out during the service.

Food Bank - 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.

SAVE THE DATE: Semi-Annual General Meeting -November 8, 2026- approximately- 12:30 PM -Hybrid online/in person meeting– 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:

Farewell Luncheon for Westgate family –

Greetings, Good Friends at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church!

We, Wardens of St. Michael and All Angels and Grace Anglican churches cordially invite the good people of Our Saviour's to join us for a Farewell Luncheon for Revs Ann and George and Martha and Benjamin at St. Michael's at 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 17, 2026. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Soup Kitchen - Sunday, October 18 at 1:30 PM at St. Vincent de Paul.

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 45:1-7

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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because 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. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For 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. ⁹For 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 ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

L: Word of God, word of life.

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GOSPEL READING - Matthew 22:15-22

C: Glory To You, O Lord

¹⁵The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹They 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." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed,

and they left him and went
away.

P: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.