

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vacation Bible School:** Last call for VBS registrations! Please get your kids registered by Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> so we can prepare our supplies accordingly.

*If you signed up to bring food items, please have them to the church by Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.*

### Fall Women's Getaway:

Grab your comfy pants, your favorite coffee mug, and a book – the moms are leaving town!

Join us for this weekend long retreat at Gary's Place at Metigoshe Ministries, October 16-18th. Cost is \$100/per person which covers lodging and meals. Space is limited to 18 participants, so register early to reserve your spot. This retreat is designed for women in the midst of parenting, whether that's infants or teenagers – this is for you to relax, recharge, and connect with others in similar seasons of life.

**Market Meal:** Our youth will be serving the market meal on September 3rd. Come support them as they raise funds for Nashville. Any youth attending the trip are asked to help with the meal and can get their spot by reaching out to Kelli Schatz.

## THIS WEEK

**Thursday**  
6pm  
Food Pantry

*Pastor Kayla  
out of office  
July 12-17*

**Next Wednesday**  
6pm  
Worship

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## OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

PARK RIVER, ND



### SUMMER SERVICE

JULY 8, 2026

### PRESIDER

PASTOR KAYLA HILL

**"Let Us Go Now, to the Banquet"**

ELW 523

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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**Kyrie**

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**Reading: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32**

<sup>1</sup> So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther.  
<sup>2</sup> On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled."  
<sup>3</sup> Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request."  
<sup>4</sup> For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace, but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king."  
<sup>5</sup> Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?"  
<sup>6</sup> Esther said, "A foe and an enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.  
<sup>9</sup> Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very pole that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that."

<sup>10</sup> So they hung Haman on the pole that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. <sup>11</sup> Now in the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day, when the king's command and edict were about to be executed, on the very day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain power over them but that had been changed to a day when the Jews would gain power over their foes, <sup>2</sup> the Jews gathered in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to kill those who had sought their ruin, and no one could withstand them, because the fear of them had fallen upon all peoples.

<sup>20</sup> Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, <sup>21</sup> enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, <sup>22</sup> as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday, that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

<sup>29</sup> Queen Esther daughter of Abihail, along with Mordecai the Jew, gave full written authority confirming this second letter about Purim. <sup>30</sup> Letters were sent wishing peace and security to all the Jews, to the one hundred twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, <sup>31</sup> and giving orders that these days of Purim should be observed at their appointed seasons, as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther enjoined on the Jews, just as they had laid down for themselves and for their descendants regulations concerning their fasts and their lamentations. <sup>32</sup> The command of Esther fixed these practices of Purim, and it was recorded in writing.

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

**“Goodness is Stronger Than Evil”**

**ELW 721**

**Sermon**

**“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”**

**ELW 659**

**Apostle's Creed**

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**Prayers of the Church:** *God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

**“We are an Offering”**

**ELW 692**

***Text to Give:***

*Text the dollar amount you want to donate to 844-746-9038.*

**Offering Prayer**

***Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you, **and also 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.**

**Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer**

**Communion Hymns: ELW- 465, 469, 471,**

**Prayer after Communion**

***Holy One, you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.***

**Blessing**

*May the grace of God uphold you, the peace of God surround you, the love of God flow from you & the strength of God protect & bring you safely through each day.*

**“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”**

**ELW 538**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**