

Our Saviour's & Balsamlund Lutheran Church; ELCA E-News

For September 28, 2025

DAILY BIBLE READINGS 9/28/25—10/4/25

SUNDAY Hebrews 1-4
MONDAY Numbers 25-28
TUESDAY 2 Chronicles 6-10
WEDNESDAY Psalm 114-116
THURSDAY Proverbs 26-27
FRIDAY Obadiah
SATURDAY Acts 1-2



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OSLC WEEKLY CALENDAR

9/28 Time after Pentecost –Lectionary 26

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship

10/1 Wednesday

9am Quilters
1-5pm Janet Eckman SAM, in office
11am WELCA

10/5 Time after Pentecost–Lectionary 27

9am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship / Holy Communion / Lien-Brockpahler
Baptism



BALSAMLUND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If you know of someone who would like a visitation, please let the office or Janet Eckman SAM know and we will accommodate the request in the best possible way.

Confirmation Classes began September 24th at 6:30pm in the church basement and will be held every 4th Wednesday of the month until May 2026.

OSLC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship Hall Reservations: Every first Sunday of the month is reserved for the 4H at 4pm; Oct 14, 10am-4pm for Homemakers Club

Adult Choir Singers Needed! Please let the office know if you would like to join. Tenor voices are especially needed. We like to sing the 'Borning Cry' song at Baptisms and practice for the Christmas season will begin soon. Bring your best voice forward! The tenor section carries the songs through, without it we are incomplete.

OSLC Fall Bazaar is October 11th. 9am-12:30pm This is a **BIG** fundraiser, it brings in money for Our Saviour's W/ELCA Ladies through many generous donations and for OSLC Ministries. Tickets are available at the Sebeka Bank. They will be available to get at the door on the day of the Bazaar as well. The quilt being given away is on display at the Sebeka Bank. See the sign-up sheets for donations & working shifts on the table as you enter the Fellowship Hall from the outside. Bring on your talents for all to see & share. God's autumn blessings for all.

If anyone would like to make a monetary donation to the Fall Bazaar, you can make a check payable to: OSLC WELCA and note your envelope and/or drop by the office or mail it or drop it in the Sunday offering plate. Thank you!

OSLC is accepting bids for snow removal.

Plowing of the parking lot and shoveling the sidewalks. Lot will be plowed if there is more than 2" of snow fall. Parking lot will be cleared for Sunday worship @ 10:00 am. Sidewalks will be cleared by Wednesday 8:00 am for WELCA and by 9:00 for Fellowship on Sundays. *Bids will be accepted until noon on September 30th.*

Interested parties should contact Rose Bakke Chairperson of the property committee at 701-261-0454.

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This week the Gospel is Luke 16: 19-31. This is the essence of who Jesus is

The Rich Man and Lazarus¹⁹ *"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.*

²² *"The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'*

²⁵ *"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'*

²⁷ *"He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'*

²⁹ *"Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'*

³⁰ *"'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'*

³¹ *"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"*

Jesus isn't condemning wealth itself, but rather the blindness and hardness of heart that can come when we ignore those in need right in front of us. The rich man wasn't condemned because he was rich, but because he refused to see Lazarus as a neighbor worthy of compassion.

Below is an excerpt from a site I read for encouragement, and it fits with this scripture as well. The site is Begin with Yes:

There is no way you can listen to the news and not feel a pit in your belly and sense your heart breaking over the suffering being experienced by people all over the world. Shock, fear, helplessness and despair are just a few words that come to mind. I will be honest, I don't have a clue how to fix any of this or even how to make myself or anyone else feel better. But I do know one thing. If there was ever a time when the world needed the light of good, kind, compassionate, and loving people, it's right this very moment. Those around you need your comforting touch, your kind smile of understanding, and your willingness to share what you have with those who have less. The world needs your compassion, your kindness and even your hope. Now is not the time to hold back. Tell the people you love that you love them and do whatever you can to make the world a little less hostile and a little kinder. It's not just the least we can do; it's probably all we can do.

Lord, open my eyes to the people You place in my path. Keep me from becoming blind to their needs. Help me to live with compassion, generosity, and urgency, remembering that this life is temporary but Your kingdom is eternal. Amen.

In Faith,

Janet Eckman, SAM