

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Office: 636-5701; Hours 9am-3pm, M-Fri.
Broadcast at 9:30am on KMSR 1520 AM

Sunday, July 31, 2016
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a special welcome to our visitors and ask that they fill out a Welcome card located in each pew and place it in the offering plate. We pray that you will be blessed and renewed by our worship experience today.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen**

OPENING HYMN *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

ELW 697

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

ELW 733

1) Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

2) Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

3) Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Benevolent God, **you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Bradley Almqvist*

READING: **Philippians 4:4-13**

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹²I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* ELW 512
Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-37

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God."

P The gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Impossible*

*You walked on water, calmed the sea, You fed five thousand easily
You made a blind man see... Impossible
You turned water into wine, You hear the deaf and heal the blind
You gave your life for mine... Impossible*

***Truly God and Truly Man, Truly died and rose again
You're truly the all-powerful right hand of God, You took my death so I can live
You take my sin and you forgive, I believe, unbelievable things you do
Lord, nothing is impossible with you***

*You calmed the storm and cleared my head, You brought back Lazarus from the dead
Four thousand more were fed... Impossible
You trade your peace for my fears, You trade your comfort for my tears
Two or three are gathered here... Impossible*

***Truly God and Truly Man, Truly died and rose again
You're truly the all-powerful right hand of God, You took my death so I can live
You take my sin and you forgive, I believe, unbelievable things you do
I believe, I believe, I believe, unbelievable things you do
Lord, nothing is impossible with you***

APOSTLES' CREED *ELW p. 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 into hell.
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.**

PRAYER SONG

ELW 752

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING / OFFERTORY

ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *ELW p. 154*

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.

BLESSING / THREE BELLS

SENDING HYMN *We Are Marching in the Light*

ELW 866

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today: Laura Grinde, Ezra Longthorne

God's Healing Presence for...

Micki Hams Nora Braaten (granddaughter of Barb & Mike Kress (Nikki & Ryan))

Justin Mueller Kari Ferguson Becky Foss Bonnie Spicer Pam Koering

Pat Woods Richard Prestegord Tiffany Olsen (sister to Erin Thompson)

Lynn Larson Harvey Evenson Carl Anderson Ole Olson Tim Miller

Michael Ludwig Ruth McSparron Audrey Waters Calvin Blauert (great nephew of

Vicki Dahlstrom) Mary Christianson

(If you would like your name put on or taken off this list please contact Pastor Joe.)

Safety for those serving in the Military... especially those serving in combat areas:

Christopher Knecht, 461st Engineering Co.

Our Sympathy to... Those in our church family who have experienced the death of a family member or friend: *The family of Orville Thoreson, The family of Florence Sorum*

ORGANIST: Karen Alfson

HEAD USHER: Chris McInnes

LECTOR: Glen Hultin

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: July 24, 2016: \$3,797.00; July to date: \$14,565.00;
2016 Income through June 30: \$ 136,502.85; Expenses through June 30: \$ 119,158.94.

ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are available for anyone to use each Sunday. They are located on the podium where the guest book is sitting in the narthex. Please feel free to try one out.

PASTOR JOE'S CELL PHONE: 701-430-3787

PLEASE SIGN-UP to help with the Sunday services! Greeters, Readers, Ushers, special music and coffee hour - The worship leader schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the courtyard or call (636-5701) or email (oscelca@rrv.net) the church office to let us know which Sunday works for you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Due in the church office by 9am Thursdays)

NOTE DATE CHANGE: The Steeple Talk Volunteers will meet Wednesday, August 3rd at 9am!

WELCA is in need of volunteers to co-chair the October Meatball Dinner this year! Please contact Marlene Oie or the church office for more information.

DONATIONS of any amount are still welcome and needed for the OSLC Landscaping Project. Simply indicate "OSLC Landscaping Project" on your check or offering envelope. Questions? Contact Darin Oanes (436-6375) or Ryan Opdahl (218-779-2658)

Sr. HIGH SYNC & SWIM (9-12 gr. Bemidji Retreat) is scheduled for **August 5-6**. Leave Friday at 10am and return Saturday at 10pm. Activities include: Go-carts, Mini-golf, Bumper-boats, Batting Cage, Laser-tag, Laser-maze, Climbing Wall, Log Cabins, Beach, Kayaking, Campfire, Zorbaz pizza and DQ! Cost is \$75 (Scholarships available). Register by texting Pastor Joe: 430-3787

The OSLC 100th Anniversary Committee is looking for any history or pictures of Our Savior's that you may have that would be interesting for people to know about or see. Also, Wedding pictures of anyone that has been married at OSLC -and if the bride has her dress that could be used for a style show. The Anniversary Committee would also like a suggested list of names of people through the years who deserve to be recognized. Suggestions, history info and pictures can be sent to Tammy Nelson at 806 Post Road, Hillsboro or emailed to hoosmom24@hotmail.com (Pictures can be returned after they are scanned in).

AN OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER for Joelle Evenson, bride-to-be of Nick Anderson, will be held on Thursday, August 18th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at OSLC. Joelle is the daughter of Miles and Kathy Evenson and is registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 31

9:30am Worship Service
10:30am Coffee/Fellowship

Tuesday, August 2

7:00am Breakfast Bible Study (Subway)

Wednesday, August 3

7:00am Men's Bible Study (Subway)
9:00am Steeple Talk Volunteers
2:00pm 235 Kiwanis Communion Service
2:30pm 335 Kiwanis Communion Service

Thursday, August 4

9:00am WELCA Exec meet
10:00am WELCA/Circle Meeting
2:00pm Nursing Home Worship Service

Friday, August 5-6

10:00am Sr. High Sync & Swim Retreat

Sunday, August 7

9:30am Worship Service w/communion
10:30am Coffee/Fellowship
10:45am Council Meeting

RADIO BROADCAST: The 9:30am Our Savior's worship service is broadcast live at 9:30am on **KMSR 1520 AM** during the summer months. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday radio broadcast, the cost is \$65 per Sunday.



WELCA collects "Our Family" brand UPC labels, Campbell's Soup labels, Box Tops for Education, pop tabs, cancelled stamps, and eye glasses-cases-lens. Please help out by saving these items and dropping them off either in the containers set up on a table in the hallway south of the dining room or in the church office. Thank you!