



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Pastor Joe Johnson**

Cindy Doeden - Church Office: 636-5701; Hours: 9am-3pm, M-F

Radio Broadcast at 9:30am on KMSR 1520 AM

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**Sunday, September 1, 2024**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 AM**



**PRELUDE**

**Organist:** Karen Alfson

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:** "Be Thou My Vision"

**ELW 793**

*1) Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*2) Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.*

*3) Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*4) Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L (Leader); C (Congregation)

**L:** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen**

**L:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen**

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

L: 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**

L: 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**

### **GREETING**

L: 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:** "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

**ELW 614**

*Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*1) Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)*

*2) If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." (Refrain)*

*3) Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend; and if you lack for knowledge, he'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY (Luther's Evening Prayer)**

L: God of waking and sleeping,

**C: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us. We pray that you would forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, that the wicked one has no power over us. Amen**

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 3:19-24**

<sup>19</sup>The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;  
by understanding he established the heavens;

<sup>20</sup>by his knowledge the deeps broke open,  
and the clouds drop down the dew.

<sup>21</sup>My child, do not let these escape from your sight:  
keep sound wisdom and prudence,

<sup>22</sup>and they will be life for your soul  
and adornment for your neck.

<sup>23</sup>Then you will walk on your way securely  
and your foot will not stumble.

<sup>24</sup>If you sit down, you will not be afraid;  
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**ACCLAMATION** ELW p. 151

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:28-30**

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE** “Sleeping”

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Lord of All Hopefulness”

**ELW 765**

*1) Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy: be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

*2) Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be there at our labors, and give us we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*

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3) *Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*

4) *Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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: "Lord, Be Glorified"**

**ELW 744 V. 1**

*1) In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in my life, Lord, be glorified today.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**L:** Lord, in your mercy

**C:** hear our prayer.

**PRAYER SONG: "Lord, Be Glorified"**

**ELW 744 V. 2**

*2) In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in our song, Lord, be glorified today.*

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"**

**ELW 184**

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.*

*Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.**

**HOLY COMMUNION** *All are Welcome at the Lord's table. Note that all the communion wine is alcohol-free and the communion bread is gluten-free.*

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**SENDING HYMN:** "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"

**ELW 561**

*1) Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face, you who sing creation's story, shine on ev'ry land and race. Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.*

*2) In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song. Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul, love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.*

*3) You who made the heaven's splendor, ev'ry dancing star of night, make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light. Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way, loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.*

### BLESSING / THREE BELLS

#### DISMISSAL

**L:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Helping people experience the Love of God.**

### POSTLUDE

# *O Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

## **Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...**

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today: Tim Lee, Michael Thompson

## **God's Healing Presence for...**

Mason Carlsrud	Dennis Sollid (Anne Kittelson's dad)
Sonja Diehl	Lane Neuschwander (nephew of Kari & Jeff Bjorge)
Larry (Butch) Lovas	Todd Donner (Tanya Buethner's brother)
Patrick Flanagan	Scott Berry (Benjamin Strand's uncle)
Sandra Mustad	John (Veronika Pawlikowski's dad)
Kenna Kappes	Dennis Taus (Phyllis Leraas' brother-in-law)
Becky Foss	Elaina Mueller (Bonnie Mueller's granddaughter)
Peggy Gilbertson	Lindsey Gilbertson (Kathy Duval's brother)
Deb Kritzberger	Kim Olson (Pastor Joe's cousin)
Liz Hanson	Hunter Gordon (Eunice Morlock's grandson-in-law)
Karen Paulson	Asher Madsen (Vicki Madsen's great grandson)
Monica Webster	Tom Wait (friend of Jon Bertsch)
Carol Christianson	Barry Sailor (Tara Fandrich's uncle)
Susie Anderson	Marta Datsik (McSparron's Exchange Student-Ukraine)
Charlie Anderson	Grayson Nelson (Dontray and Grace's son)
Vicki Dahlstrom	Robert Thompson (Isaac, Ava, Mia's grandpa)
	Steve Rinke (Stacy Dickhoff's step-dad)

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

**Our Sympathy to...** Those in our church family who have experienced the death of a family member or friend:

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**VISITATION MINISTER:** Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

**ATTENDANCE:** August 25, 2024 – 92

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** August 25, 2024: \$4,875.00; August to date: \$10,514.00;  
Income through July 31, 2024: \$212,324.39; Expenses through July 31, 2024:  
\$226,786.19. Income less Expense: -\$14,461.80

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

**WELCA's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Convention** is scheduled for **Saturday, September 28, 2024** at Sharon Lutheran Church, 17<sup>th</sup> Ave and 20<sup>th</sup> St, Grand Forks. "I Was a Stranger...Matt. 25:43" Keynote Speaker: Cynthia Shabb, Global Friends Coalition. Speakers: Deacon Jamie Travers, Presiding, and Gwen Edwards, Churchwide Rep. Check-In and Coffee Hour begin at 8 a.m.; Sessions begin at 9 a.m.

We usually send a group to this event. Please **contact Paulette Bowersox** at 636-5271 by September 5<sup>th</sup> (the next WELCA Meeting), if you are interested in going. Group Transportation will be arranged.

**SERVICE PROJECTS** for the SWO Fall Convention include collecting **YARN** for the James River Correctional Facility and assembling **BLESSING BAGS** for the Community Violence Intervention Center of Grand Forks. **There is a container in the OSLC Courtyard to collect items for these projects.**

**ITEMS NEEDED for the Blessing Bags** include Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Dental Floss, Wide tooth combs, hair brushes, hair bands, Adult Coloring Books and pre-sharpened Color Pencils. Please donate what you can for this worthwhile project.

**OSLC SENIOR CHOIR AND GOSBELLS** begin practice on **Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**! Choir practices from 6:30-7:15pm downstairs in the room just off the dining room and GosBELLS practice from 7:30-8:30pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome to come and join in sharing the love of Jesus through song!

**AN OPEN HOUSE BABY SHOWER** for Nadia Robb-Kern will be held on **Saturday, September 14, 2024** from 2-4pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hillsboro. Requesting a Children's book instead of a card – signed with your personal note. Baby Girl Kern is due in November! Nadia and Nolan are Registered at Target & Amazon.

**AN OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER** for Tayah Beck will be held on **Sunday, September 22, 2024** from 2-4pm at the Plummer House Museum, 308 W Caledonia Ave, Hillsboro. Tayah and Quinn are registered at Target and Amazon. They will be married on November 23, 2024.

The **Hillsboro Kiwanis Food Pantry** is located at the Hillsboro Armory. Open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month from 4-6 pm. THANK YOU for your generous donations for those in need. If you have any questions please contact Rich G. at 701-436-5777 or Dan C. at 701-430-1595.

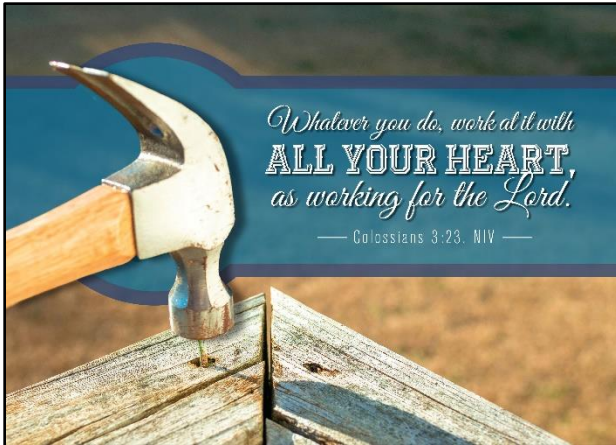
## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

### **Sunday, September 1**

Food Pantry donations  
9:30am Worship Service w/communion  
10:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
7:00pm AA Meeting (OSLC)

### **Monday, September 2 – Labor Day**

Church office closed



### **Friday, September 6**

4:00pm Wedding Rehearsal/Supper

### **Saturday, September 7**

4:00pm Wedding @ OSLC

### **Sunday, September 8**

Communion Sunday  
8:30am Traditional Service  
9:30am Sunday school begins!  
10:30am Contemporary Service  
11:30am – 1:00pm Neighborhood Block Party!



7:00pm AA Meeting (OSLC)

### **Tuesday, September 3**

7:00am Text Bible Study (Subway)

### **Wednesday, September 4**

7:00am Men's Bible Study (Subway)  
7:00pm **Council Meeting**

### **Thursday, September 5**

9:30am WELCA Exec meet  
10:00am WELCA Meeting  
10:45am Worship Service at Care Center  
2:00pm Kiwanis Bldgs communion

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A graphic for "The Offering" featuring a hand holding a plate of food. Below the image is a QR code and text: "The Offering", "VANCO Mobile Faith Engagement", "Scan here", "Text \$ amount to: 833-460-2876", and logos for Google Play and the App Store.