

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Radio Broadcast at 8:30am on KMSR 1520 AM and KMAV 105.5 FM
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Sunday, September 15, 2024
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Organist: Karen Alfson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Gather Us In"

ELW 532

1) Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2) We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

3) Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4) Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away, here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

ELW 659

1) Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

2) We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

3) I will hold the Christ light for you in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

4) I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

5) Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Welcoming God,

C: Gather us in as your beloved children. Help us to know your love and to welcome our neighbor, through the grace given to us in Christ Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Romans 15:7

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 4:9

Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

Leviticus 19:34

You shall treat the stranger residing among you as a native, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *ELW p. 151*

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:35-40

³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: “Let Us Build a Longer Table, Not a Higher Wall”

1) *Build a longer table, not a higher wall, feeding those who hunger, making room for all. Feasting together, stranger turns to friend, Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.*

2) *Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail; where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail. For any place where justice is denied, Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.*

3) *Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence. Love protects all people, sparing no expense. When we embrace compassion more than fear, Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.*

4) *When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad, Christ became our doorway to the reign of God. So must our tables welcome those who roam. None can be excluded; all must find a home.*

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

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

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Repeat Prayer Song)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING / OFFERTORY: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

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.

SENDING HYMN: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

ELW 536

1) God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain: *Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

2) God be with you till we meet again; holy wings securely hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

3) God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

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: Alex Alfson, Tom Doeden, Rita Fandrich,
Ben Knecht, Elaine Laxdal, Christina Willison, Evelyn Willison

God's Healing Presence for...

Vicki Dahlstrom	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)
	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:

EDUCATION PASTOR: Pastor Amanda Johnson, 218.556.8895

VISITATION MINISTER: Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

HEAD USHERS: (8:30) Peter Lovas (10:30) Lisa Johnson

LECTOR: (8:30) Rita Fandrich

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Ryan Habeck, Malia Bryl (10:30) Ava Thompson, Mia Thompson

10:30 MUSIC: THE FIRE

ATTENDANCE: September 8, 2024 – (8:30) 70 and (10:30) 153

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: September 8, 2024: \$7,155.00; September to date: \$9,955.00;
Income through August 31, 2024: \$239,434.32; Expenses through August 31, 2024: \$258,838.82.
Income less Expense: -\$19,404.50

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

SERVICE PROJECTS for the WELCA (SWO) Fall Convention on Sept. 28 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 – Monday practices

Choir practices on Mondays 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!

On a side note, we are hoping to purchase uniform dress shirts and new gloves for the GosBELLS this fall, and are asking that if anyone would be able to help with a donation and prayers for these items, we would be very grateful and thankful for your generosity!

HALSTAD LUTHERAN CHURCH 6TH ANNUAL BBQ DINNER

Saturday, Sept. 21 from 11:30am-1:30pm, HLC, 304 5th St E, Halstad, MN

Fun for the whole Family! Food, Shopping, Bouncy Houses, Cotton Candy
Menu: Ribs, Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Potato Salad, Sub Salad, Traeger beans, buns, pie, homemade ice cream

\$15/Adults, \$7/children 12 and under; Dine In or Take Out; Thrivent Funded

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.

CHAR REINPOLD BENEFIT – SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

From 8am-12pm at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Hillsboro
KC Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale; Free will offering

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, September 15

8:30am Traditional Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Contemporary Service
7:00pm AA Meeting (OSLC)

Monday, September 16

6:30pm Choir practice
7:30pm GosBELLS practice

Tuesday, September 17

7:00am Text Bible Study (Subway)

Wednesday, September 18

7:00am Men's Bible Study (Subway)
5:30pm Meal
6:00pm Confirmation (7-10 gr)
7:30pm Youth Group (9-12 gr)

Thursday, September 19

10:45am Worship Service at HMC Care Center

Friday, September 20

3:30pm Depart for Youth Castaway Retreat

Saturday, September 21

Briar Lee/Veronika Wedding @
OSLC

Sunday, September 22

8:30am Traditional Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Contemporary Service
2-4pm Open House Bridal Shower
-Tayah Beck @ Plummer
House
7:00pm AA Meeting (OSLC)

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