

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, February 16, 2025**  
**Sixth Sunday of Epiphany**  
**8:30 AM**

**PRELUDE**

**Pianist: Sarah Lovas**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN: "Blessed Assurance"**

**ELW 638**

*1) Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

**Refrain:** *This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

*2) Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Ref.)*

*3) Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
(Refrain)*

**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: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"**

**ELW 249**

*1) On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!*

*2) Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.*

*3) We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.*

*4) Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more; oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.*

*5) All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: God of mystery,

**C: Just as the crowds wondered about Jesus, we too, wonder about you.**

**Who are you to us? Are you the one? Show us that you are God, mysterious, wonderful, mighty. Amen.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 146:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who

are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SONG for the WORD:** "I Love to Tell the Story" Refrain

ELW 661

*I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

## GOSPEL READING: Luke 7:18-35

<sup>18</sup> The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples <sup>19</sup> and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to expect someone else?" <sup>20</sup> When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to expect someone else?'" <sup>21</sup> Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, afflictions, and evil spirits and had given sight to many who were blind. <sup>22</sup> And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight; the lame walk; those with a skin disease are cleansed; the deaf hear; the dead are raised; the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>23</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

<sup>24</sup> When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup> What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. <sup>26</sup> What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup> This is the one about whom it is written,

See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.'

<sup>28</sup> "I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John, yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." <sup>29</sup> (And all the people who heard this, including the tax collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, having been baptized with John's baptism. <sup>30</sup> But the Pharisees and the experts in the law, not having been baptized by him, rejected God's purpose for themselves.)

<sup>31</sup> "To what, then, will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? <sup>32</sup> They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not weep.'

<sup>33</sup> "For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>34</sup> the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'" <sup>35</sup> Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

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

## MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

**ELW 666**

1) *What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?*

2) *When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.*

3) *To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.*

4) *And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.*

## 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:** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

**ELW 759 V. 1**

*My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**L:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

(Repeat Prayer Song)

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY:** "As the Grains of Wheat" Refrain

ELW 465

*As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.*

## 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:** "Lift High the Cross"

**ELW 660**

***Refrain:** Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

- 1) Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)*
- 2) All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. (Refrain)*
- 3) O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. (Refrain)*
- 4) So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! (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: Darlene Moen, Riley Olsen, Madison Olsen, Keira Kozojed, Lilah Sandberg, Cole Hebl

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

Jerry Boeddeker	Tim Klocke (Mike Tweten's friend)
Clarice Satrom	Robert Thompson (Isaac, Ava, Mia's grandpa)
Vicki Dahlstrom	Dennis Sollid (Anne Kittelson's dad)
Sonja Diehl	Steve Rinke (Stacy Dickhoff's step-dad)
Larry (Butch) Lovas	Todd Donner (Tanya Buethner's brother)
Jim Olsen	Scott Berry (Benjamin Strand's uncle)
Carol Christianson	Jon Pawlikowski (Veronika Lee'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	Barry Sailor (Tara Fandrich's uncle)
Liz Hanson	Hunter Gordon (Eunice Morlock's grandson-in-law)
Karen Paulson	Asher Madsen (Vicki Madsen's great grandson)
Susie Anderson	Dr. Rich Martin (Cheri and family)
Charlie Anderson	Marta Datsik (McSparron's Exchange Student-Ukraine)

**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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**HEAD USHERS:** (8:30) Ed Laxdal (10:30) Eric & Dera Johnson family

**LECTOR:** (8:30) Rita Fandrich

**ACOLYTES:** (8:30) Caleb Ambuehl, Brayden Buccholz  
(10:30) Brock Ferguson, Jacob Giffey

**ATTENDANCE:** February 9, 2025 – (8:30) 30 and (10:30) 68

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** February 9, 2025: \$2,260.89; February to date: \$7,392.89;  
Income through January 31, 2025: \$31,903.31; Expenses through January 31, 2025:  
\$34,954.28. Income less Expense: -\$3,050.97

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

**MONDAY QUILTING GROUP**

Monday Quilting has resumed at Our Savior's and YOU are invited to come and check it out! Making Quilts and LWR Kits are some of our most needed and worthwhile projects. If you are available on any part of Mondays, January through March, from 9AM-4PM, consider joining in the fellowship! No experience necessary. Bring a friend. We hope to see you there!

**W.O.W. (Women of the Word) BIBLE STUDY- NEW STUDY BEGINS MONDAY!**

On Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> a new study entitled "JESUS: The God Who Knows Your Name" by Max Lucado will begin. This study has 6 sessions, has a DVD, and you will need to purchase a \$5 study guide, which will be available on Monday.

W.O.W. meets on Mondays at 9 AM in the 2nd floor lounge at Our Savior's.  
ALL ARE WELCOME! ~Senora Almquist, Leader

**BIO Girls! is coming to Hillsboro!**

BIO Girls is on a mission to improve the self-esteem in adolescent girls grades 2-6 through empowerment of self and service to others. BIO Girls will meet **Tuesdays from March 4th - May 20th** at the community center in Hillsboro from 6-7:30pm. Register by texting Dera @ 701.793.5183 and she will send you the link.

**HALSTAD TURKEY BINGO - Sunday, February 16 - at the LRC (S. Halstad)**

Free-will Lunch at 12pm. Bingo at 1pm (\$5 unlimited games (3 cards/person))  
Presented by the Halstad Lions Club to benefit future projects

**HALSTAD LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY DINNER and BAKE SALE**

Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Baked Potato Bar with Chili and all the fixin's, and Pie for dessert. Free will offering to benefit the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

### **Sunday, February 16**

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
9:30am Sunday school  
10:30am Contemporary Worship  
7:00pm AA Meeting

### **Monday, February 17**

9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study  
9am-4pm Quilting  
Steeple Talk March news due!

### **Tuesday, February 18**

7:00am Text Bible Study  
- at Hillsboro Café

### **Wednesday, February 19**

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
- at Hillsboro Café  
3:30pm Teen Talk – 6<sup>th</sup> gr.  
**NO** Meal/Confirmation

### **Thursday, February 20**

10:45am Worship service at HMC

### **Sunday, February 23**

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
9:30am Sunday school  
10:30am Contemporary Worship  
7:00pm AA Meeting

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