

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM

Love. A Lenten Sermon Series

PRELUDE

Our Savior's Light

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: "The Heart of Worship"

1) When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come; longing just to bring something that's of worth that will touch Your heart. I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required. You search much deeper within through the way things appear; You're looking into my heart. I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You, all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

2) King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve. Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath. I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required. You search much deeper within through the way things appear; You're looking into my heart. I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You, all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS L (Leader); C (Congregation)

L: Blessed by the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
 whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: **Amen.**

L: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

L: Reconciling God,

C: We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen

L: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy, we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE: "All of My Life"

My heart is hopin' and my eyes are open. There is a hunger inside me. I want to do right, walk in the holy light, to live my days abundantly. Some say I've got to have all of the answers. Some say I need all this money. I hear the world is just mine for the taking, oh, how I long to be released.

Refrain: *All of my life, I want to lose myself and be faithful. All of my life, I want to live forgiven and grateful, all of my life.*

Help out my neighbor, welcome a stranger. Offer my shirt to an enemy. Dance in the moonlight, cry by the firelight, to live my days abundantly. (Refrain)

Oh, God you know me, my ev'ry heartbeat is a word of grace from you. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Compassionate God,

C: How easily you love those who look unlovable to us! How readily you welcome undesirables into your home! How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE GATHERING SONG: "Awesome God"

*Our God is an awesome God, he reigns from heaven above with wisdom,
pow'r and love our God is an awesome God! (Repeat)*

Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God!

SONG for the WORD: "Help Us O Lord"

Help us O Lord to hear your word. Open our hearts to feel your word.

Give us the strength to live your word each day.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:25-42 The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: "Cross of Christ"

*1) Hearts on fire with hope and grief; There is doubt and there's belief.
Some will trust, a blessed faith; others need to touch the wounds of grace.*

Chorus: *Looking through the cross of Christ, we die and rise again.
New creation, gift of life, love that has no end.*

*2) Someone has a heavy load, stranger hurt along the road. Some will walk right
by this place. Who will stop to be the hands of grace? (Chorus)*

*3) Rivers filled with mystery flowing for eternity, Ev'ry child of ev'ry race,
welcome to God's abounding grace. (Chorus)*

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: "Spirit Song" V. 1

*O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love, let Him fill your life
and satisfy your soul. O let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit like
a dove, will descend upon your life and make you whole.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

PRAYER SONG: "Spirit Song" V. 2

*O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy, lift
your hands in sweet surrender to His name. O give Him all your tears and
sadness, give Him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING / OFFERTORY: “We Are Called” Refrain

*We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

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.*

DISTRIBUTION SONGS: “Lord Have Mercy”, “We Remember You” (words on screen)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING SONG: “No One Is an Island”

Refrain: *No one is an island. No one stands alone. Each one's joy is joy to me,
Each one's grief is my own. We need one another, So I will defend, Each one as
my neighbor, Each one as my friend.*

*I saw the people gather, I heard the music start, The song that they were singing,
Is ringing in my heart. No one is an island, Way out in the blue. We all look to the
One above, For our strength to renew. When I help my neighbor, Then I know
that I, Plant the seed of friendship, That will never die. (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

BAPTIZED today at the 8:30am service: Willow Ruth Kern, daughter of Nolan Kern and Nadia Robb-Kern. Willow was born on December 5, 2024 in St. Louis Park, MN. Her Godparents are Logan and Sarah Kern.

Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today: John Rust

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)
Karen Paulson	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)
Charlie Anderson	Asher Madsen (Vicki Madsen's great grandson)
Susie Anderson	Dr. Rich Martin (Cheri and family)
	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: *The family of John Pederson, The family of Sonja Diehl, The family of Betty Kolanczyk*

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

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Mason Stauss, Eli Thompson (10:30) Brayden Ambuehl, Keagan Ambuehl

ATTENDANCE: March 2, 2025 – (8:30) 50 and (10:30) 68

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: March 2, 2025: \$8,445.79; March to date: \$8,445.79;
Income through February 28, 2025: \$58,502.65; Expenses through February 28, 2025:
\$68,570.56 Income less Expense: -\$10,067.91

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

A CHOIR MUSIC MEETING will be held after the 10:30 a.m. worship service today, Sunday, March 9th (11:30 a.m.). This is a planning meeting for how to continue with choir, bell choir, and the Community Concert. All are welcome to attend!

OSLC COMMUNITY MEAL served today, Sunday, March 9th from 11am-1pm. Free-will Offering fundraiser to support the summer youth missions trip. To-Go or Stay-in Meal: Pasta & Meat Sauce, Fresh Bread, Caesar Salad & Cupcake.

REMINDER: There is a Lenten worship service on Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. All Wednesday service offerings during Lent are designated to Global Missions. There is a Meal served on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (free-will offering). March 12th's meal is Taco-in-a-Bag.

MONDAY QUILTING GROUP

There is Quilting on Mondays 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

On Monday, March 10 we will begin a new study entitled "He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart" by Max Lucado. This Lenten study will go for 5 weeks and then we will finish up the three sessions we have left on our current study.

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

HILLSBORO KIWANIS FOOD PANTRY:

Items needed include:

Peanut Butter, Stove-top stuffing, Hamburger Helper, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned vegetables, Pork Beans, Pasta Products, Spaghetti Sauce, Salad Dressing, Jello, Brownie Mix, Flour, Coffee & Tea, Ketchup, Mustard, Toothpaste, Body Wash, Deodorant, Shampoo/Conditioner, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Napkins

Place your items in the wood crate located inside and to the west of the front door of the church. The Hillsboro Kiwanis Food Pantry is located at the Hillsboro Armory. Open the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 4-6pm. 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, March 9

Communion Sunday
8:30am Traditional Worship
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Contemporary Worship
11am-1pm OSLC Community Meal
11:30am Choir Music Meeting
7:00pm AA Meeting

Monday, March 10

9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study
9am-4pm Quilting

Tuesday, March 11

7:00am Text Bible Study
- at Hillsboro Café

Wednesday, March 12

7:00am Men's Bible Study
- at Hillsboro Café
5:30pm Meal
6:00pm Confirmation
6:30pm **Lenten Service**
7:30pm Youth Group

Thursday, March 13

10:45am Worship service at HMC

Sunday, March 16

8:30am Traditional Worship
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Contemporary Worship
2:00pm John Pederson Memorial Service
7:00pm AA Meeting

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