

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM

Love. A Lenten Sermon Series

PRELUDE

Organist: Vicky Grothmann

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "The Glory of These Forty Days"

ELW 320

1) The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

2) Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law; and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

3) So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might; and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.

4) Then grant, O God, that we may, too, return in fast and prayer to you. Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

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.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *ELW p. 142 (Setting Three)*

S 142b

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

ELW 326

1) Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take. The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round, then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

2) Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way; your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day. We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound; together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

3) *Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road. We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow, but waiting not for places, you meet us all around. Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.*

HOLY BAPTISM

ELW p. 227

*Baptized today is 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.*

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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 to the dead.

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.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT / BAPTISM

WELCOME:

L: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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)

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:** “Sent Forth by God's Blessing”**ELW 547**

1) Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

2) With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face, our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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: 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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