

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Pastor Joe Johnson**

**Pastor Amanda Johnson**

Cindy Doeden - Church Office: 636-5701; Hours: 9am-3pm, M-F  
Radio Broadcast at 8:30am on KMSR 1520 AM and KMAV 105.5 FM  
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**Sunday, May 4, 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**8:30 AM**

**PRELUDE**

**Organist: Vicky Grothmann**

**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: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

**ELW 815**

*1) I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.*

**Refrain:** *In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*2) I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)*

*3) I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: God of all wisdom,

**C: In you we find the beginning and the end, the alpha and the omega. Teach us to follow you and etch your teaching upon our hearts so that we may do no other. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS:

### Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

### 2 Timothy 1:13-14

<sup>13</sup> Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.

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 19:13-15 “Jesus Blesses the Children”

<sup>13</sup> One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could give a blessing to them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him.

<sup>14</sup> But Jesus said, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.” <sup>15</sup> And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY: “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

**ELW 676**

*1) Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.*

*2) Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the wand’ring and the wav’ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed your hung’ring ones with manna sweet.*

3) *Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart;  
and wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many-a heart.*

4) *Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts o'erflow in kindling  
thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.*

### **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 814

*Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

**C:** hear our prayer.

(Repeat Prayer Song)

### **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.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** "One Bread, One Body" ELW 496  
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" ELW 697

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**SENDING HYMN:** "On Our Way Rejoicing" **ELW 537**

*1) On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe. Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy? On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!*

*2) Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and evermore. On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!*

### 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: Molly Otto, Mindy Tarvestad, Tessa Kent,  
Reagan Ressler, Lynette Eberhardt

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

Dan Bjorklund	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)
Susie Anderson	Hunter Gordon (Eunice Morlock's grandson-in-law)
Charlie Anderson	Asher Madsen (Vicki Madsen's great grandson)
Jerry Boeddeker	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:

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**EDUCATION PASTOR:** Pastor Amanda Johnson, 218.556.8895

**VISITATION MINISTER:** Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

**HEAD USHERS:** (8:30) Glen and Barb Hultin (10:30)

**ACOLYTES:** (8:30) Audrey Theis, Wyatt Torgerson (10:30) Bergit Abentroth, Caleb Ambuehl

**ATTENDANCE:** April 27, 2025 – (8:30) 45 and (10:30) 71

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** April 27, 2025: \$1,352.00; April to date: \$27,124.83.

Income through March 31, 2025: \$125,760.85; Expenses through March 31, 2025: \$108,130.28

Income less Expense: \$17,630.57

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

**COMMUNITY MEAL: WAFFLE BAR, EGG BAKE & COFFEE**

**TODAY! Sunday, May 4 from 9am to 12:30pm** at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Free-will offering. Proceeds go to the youth summer missions trip.

**LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!** The 3 yr. olds through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will celebrate their milestone achievements during the 10:30am worship service today, **May 4<sup>th</sup>**. All are invited and welcome to celebrate with them!

**Syttende Mai POTATO DUMPLING & HAM DINNER**

**Sunday, May 4, 2025 from 11 AM to 1 PM** in the 4-H Building at the Norman County Fairgrounds, Ada, MN. Cost - \$15/meal

~Celebrate Norwegian heritage and the National Day of Norway with a traditional ham and potato dumpling dinner!

~Funds raised from the event will go toward ongoing improvements and updates to the Coliseum building on the Norman County Fairgrounds.

~To-go meals available – drive up to the North door of the 4-H building.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** at Our Savior's will be held **July 8, 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>** from 9am to 2pm for children going into 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grades. Pre-school children 3 yrs. old through going into kindergarten will have VBS on July 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 11am. Register online at [oslchillsboro.com](http://oslchillsboro.com) or fill out a registration form that is available in the Courtyard and return it to the church office by May 30<sup>th</sup>. \$10/child. All are Welcome!

***THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!***

*Our family cannot thank everyone enough at OSLC for opening the parsonage up for our family and allowing us to stay there while we cleaned up, recovered and rebuilt our family home due to a fire on Sept. 15, 2023. The kindness, support and donations given to us were incredible and we could not be more grateful for all the generosity, Love and Support. It really shows how great the Community is and how it feels to live in a small town with HUGE hearts!*

*We are finally in our new home and can enjoy the beautiful countryside (Although there will always be a project or 2 to keep us busy!) We are very happy to say we are HOME, and we could not have done this if we didn't have all the support we had from our Church Family and Amazing Community!*

**THANK YOU!**

*Love,  
The Thompson's  
Janet, Alex & Brittany, Joel, Eli & Oliver*

A **BACCALAUREATE SERVICE** for the 2025 graduating seniors will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on **Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.**  
All are Welcome!

**OSLC SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY** will be held on **May 18<sup>th</sup>**.  
Cake & Coffee reception at 9:45am. Our Savior's graduating seniors will be recognized at the 10:30am worship service.

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

#### **Sunday, May 4**

Communion Sunday  
8:30am Traditional Worship Service  
9am-12:30pm Community Meal  
-Waffle Bar  
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
9:30am Sunday school (last day)  
10:30am Contemporary service  
with Sunday School kids  
11:30am Council Meeting  
7:00pm AA Meeting

#### **Monday, May 5**

9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study

#### **Tuesday, May 6**

7:00am Text Bible Study  
at Hillsboro Café

#### **Wednesday, May 7**

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
at Hillsboro Café  
5:30pm Pizza  
6:00pm Youth Group departs  
for NorthernAir

#### **Thursday, May 8**

10:45am Worship service at HMC

#### **Sunday, May 11**

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

A **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** at the Hillsboro Care Center will be held on **Thursday, May 22 at 2:00 p.m.** There will NOT be a service at 10:45 a.m. that day.

**PASTOR JOE: 701.430.3787**



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