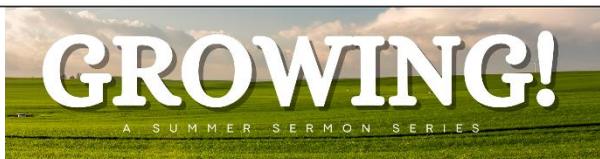


# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Pastor Joe Johnson**  
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**Sunday, August 24, 2025**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**9:30 AM**



**PRELUDE**

**Pianist: Sarah Lovas**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

**ELW 623**

*1) Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.*

*2) Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.*

*3) Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling. Naked come to thee for dress; helpless look to thee for grace; foul I to the fountain fly; wash me Savior or I die.*

*4) While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.*

**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: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**ELW 733**

*1) Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

***Refrain:** Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

*2) Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)*

*3) Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of all joy and sorrow,

**C: Teach us to trust in you, bringing us resiliency in all we do. Guide us in your light, that we might be renewed by the breath of the Holy Spirit, which propels us to live a life of rebirth in the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS:

### James 1:2-4

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

### Romans 12:2, 9-13

<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.

<sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SONG for the WORD:** "Be Thou My Vision"

ELW 793 V. 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.*

**WORD of the DAY:** 2 Corinthians 4:8-10

<sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair,

<sup>9</sup> persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, <sup>10</sup> always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

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

## MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "When Peace like a River"

**ELW 785**

*1) When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*2) Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest  
assurance control, that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed  
his own blood for my soul. It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*3) He lives, oh the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O  
my soul! It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*4) Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as  
a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well  
with my soul. It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

**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:** "Be Thou My Vision"

**ELW 793 V. 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.*

**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 SONG:** "Trading My Sorrows"

**Chorus:** *I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame, I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord. I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain, I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.*

*Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord.  
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Amen*

*I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned, struck down, but not destroyed. I am blessed beyond the curse, for His promise will endure, that His joy's gonna be my strength. Though the sorrow may last for the night, His joy comes with the morning. (Chorus)*

### 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: Tenley Dickhoff, Derek Heck

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

Bryan Mueller	Lindsey Gilbertson (Kathy Duval's brother)
Bonnie Spicer	Marilyn Hall (Sarah Lovas' mom)
Jeanie Swenson	Connie Fillion (Phyllis Leraas' sister)
Mya Oelrich	Asher Madsen (Vicki Madsen's great grandson)
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)
Jerry Boeddeker	Steve Rinke (Stacy Dickhoff's step-dad)
Becky Foss	Todd Donner (Tanya Buethner's brother)
Deb Kritzberger	Scott Berry (Benjamin Strand's uncle)
Carol Christianson	Jon Pawlikowski (Veronika Lee's dad)
Kenna Kappes	Dennis Taus (Phyllis Leraas' brother-in-law)
Peggy Gilbertson	Elaina Mueller (Bonnie Mueller's granddaughter)
Susie Anderson	Marta Datsik (McSparron's Exchange Student-Ukraine)
Charlie Anderson	Barry Sailor (Tara Fandrich's uncle)
	Hunter Gordon (Eunice Morlock's grandson-in-law)

**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 USHER:** Peter Lovas

**LECTOR:** Rita Fandrich

**ATTENDANCE:** August 17, 2025 – 56

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** August 17, 2025: \$904.00; August to date: \$6,777.00.

Income through July 31, 2025: \$234,540.68; Expenses through July 31, 2025:

\$245,294.16 Income less Expense: -\$10,753.48

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

**OSLC PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS: Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

**WHERE:** Our Savior's Lutheran Church in the Dining Hall

**6:00 PM - Sunday school parents meet (3 yrs-6<sup>th</sup> gr.)**

**6:30 PM - Confirmation parents (and students) meet (7-10<sup>th</sup> gr.)**

*Sunday school begins Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.*

*Confirmation classes start Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.*

**WELCA - EaND SWO – Annual Fall Convention: September 13<sup>th</sup>**

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 13, 2025

**WHERE:** St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Devils Lake, ND

**TIME:** 8:15am – Registration; 9:00am – Opening

“Surrounded by the Spirit” *Since we live by the Spirit, let us walk by the Spirit* Galatians 5:25. Keynote Speaker Prairie Rose Seminole. In-kind Offering to Hope Center, Devils Lake: personal care products, and to Prison Ministry: yarn.

**Meal Reservation due by August 30<sup>th</sup> - \$20.** Contact Sylvia Hansen at 701-430-0820 if you would like to go and we will try to arrange transportation based on number attending.

**FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP: September 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Have you had to plan a funeral? If not, you may have to in the future and you may like more information now about the decisions you will have to make then.*

*Have you thought about helping your loved ones out and letting them know your wishes by planning your own funeral? If so, this workshop can help you.*

Marty Baumgartner, Wildeman-Boulger Funeral Home, and Pastor Joe Johnson, OSLC, will lead a program relating to funeral planning on **Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025 at 1:30pm in the Dining Hall at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 204 E Caledonia Ave, Hillsboro.** All interested people are Welcome and Invited to attend this workshop.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

WELCA will be collecting boxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year. OCC delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.

## How to Pack a Shoebox:

- 1) Find a Shoebox: preprinted cardboard shoeboxes are available in the OSLC courtyard.
- 2) Attach a Label – decide on Girl/Boy and age category: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14.
- 3) Fill full of new Gifts: a “wow” item, personal care items, school supplies, personal note/picture. (As an optional resource, Operation Christmas Child now also has an Amazon storefront with additional lists of quality items that are recommended for shoeboxes.)
- 4) Donate \$10/Shoebox
- 5) Drop off your filled shoebox at Our Savior’s Church by **November 9<sup>th</sup>**.

*Do Not Include: Soap (no longer allowed!), Candy, Toothpaste, Gum, scary or war-related items, Seeds, Food, chocolate, fruit snacks, drink mixes, Liquids or Lotions, Medications or Vitamins, Breakable or Glass items, Aerosol cans*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

### **Sunday, August 24**

9:30am Worship Service  
10:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
7:00pm AA Meeting

### **Monday, August 25**

Meal Delivery Week

### **Tuesday, August 26**

7:00am Text Bible Study (Hillsboro Café)

### **Wednesday, August 27**

7:00am Men’s Bible Study (Hillsboro Café)  
6:00pm Sunday school parents meeting  
6:30pm Confirmation parents/students meeting

### **Thursday, August 28**

10:45am Worship Service at HMC

### **Sunday, August 31**

9:30am Worship Service  
10:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
7:00pm AA Meeting



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