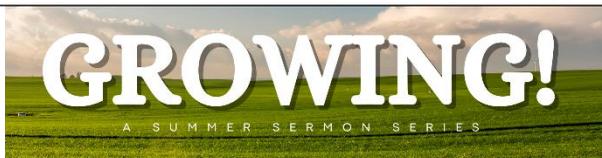


OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joe Johnson
Pastor Amanda Johnson

Cindy Doeden - Church Office: 636-5701; Hours: 9am-3pm, M-F
Radio Broadcast at 9:30am on KMSR 1520 AM and KMAV 105.5 FM
TV Broadcast at 9:30am on HTC Channel 34

Sunday, August 31, 2025
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM



PRELUDE

Organist: Vicky Grothmann

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW 679

1) For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2) In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3) For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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: "God, Whose Form Is All Creation"

ELW 734

1) God, whose form is all creation, take the gratitude we give; take the finest of our harvest, crops we grow that we may live.

2) Take our plowing, seeding, reaping, hopes and fears of sun and rain, all our thinking, planning, waiting, ripened in this fruit and grain.

3) All our labor, all our watching, all our calendar of care in these crops of your creation, take, O God: they are our prayer.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of all creation:

C: God, we come to you, not yet finished. Made in your image, yet never truly done. Help us to continue to grow, to search, and to reach for your will, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ACCLAMATION ELW p. 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

WORD of the DAY: Psalm 32 *The Joy of Forgiveness*

- ¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
- ² Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- ³ While I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*
- ⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.
- ⁷ You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*
- ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- ⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.
- ¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
- ¹¹ Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

ELW 879

1) For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain: *Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

2) For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: (Refrain)

3) *For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:*

Refrain: *Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

4) *For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)*

5) *For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n; for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n: (Refrain)*

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: "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 HYMN: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

ELW 543

1) Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

2) Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

3) Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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: Mike Crocker, Jacie Cote, Greg Hansen, Hunter Hennings, Zach Nelson

God's Healing Presence for...

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| 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: *The family of Ole Aarsvold*

SENIOR PASTOR: Pastor Joe Johnson, 701.430.3787

EDUCATION PASTOR: Pastor Amanda Johnson, 218.556.8895

VISITATION MINISTER: Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

ATTENDANCE: August 24, 2025 – 66

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: August 24, 2025: \$678.00; August to date: \$7,455.00.

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)

WELCA - EaND SWO – Annual Fall Convention: September 13th

Saturday, September 13, 2025 at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Devils Lake, ND 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. 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 17th

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.

OSLC Choir and Handbell Choir practices begin Monday, September 15th!

Greetings to musicians of OSLC of all skill levels! Yes, there is a place for you in the Music Ministry at Our Savior’s. We would love to have you join us in Praise of our Lord through the joy of music. There is plenty of room for you in the vocal choir and/or the Handbell choir. If you have any questions of where you would fit, please give me a call or text: Ruth Olson 701-430-0451. We practice on Monday evenings, starting on September 15. Choir meets 6:30 to 7:15 pm; Handbells from 7:30 to 8:15 pm. Give it some consideration--we'd love to see you!

THANK YOU: We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all who offered words of comfort, sent cards, flowers, memorials, and shared their memories of Larry "Butch" Lovas. To Pastors Joe and Amanda for your heartfelt ministry, to WELCA for providing lunch, and to Jack and Sylvia Hansen for ushering at the service, we are truly grateful. Butch lived for those he loved, and those he loved will remember him always.

The Family of Larry "Butch" Lovas

Jackie Lovas, Bryan Lovas, Pete & Angie Kritzberger, Kelly & Jill Geiger

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.

How to Pack a Shoebox:

- 1) Find a Shoebox: preprinted shoeboxes available at Our Savior's Church.
- 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. (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 9th**.

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 31

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

Monday, September 1

Labor Day- Church Office closed

Tuesday, September 2

7:00am Text Bible Study (Hillsboro Café)

Wednesday, September 3

7:00am Men's Bible Study (Hillsboro Café)
7:00pm Council Meeting

Thursday, September 4

- 10:00am WELCA Meeting
- 10:45am Worship Service at HMC Chapel
- 2-3pm Kiwanis Bldgs communion

Sunday, September 7 -Rally Sunday

- Communion Sunday
- 8:30am Worship Service
- 9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
- 9:30am Sunday school resumes!
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship
- 11:30am Neighborhood Block Party
- 7:00pm AA Meeting



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 4-6 pm. 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.

A graphic for "The Offering" featuring a close-up of hands holding a gold offering plate filled with coins and bills. The text "The Offering" is overlaid in a large, white, serif font.

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