

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 14, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 AM

Open Door



PRELUDE

Our Savior's Light

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: "I'm on my Way"

1) There's a place where I know I belong, where the hills and breezes know me, where the land and the trees and view gently whisper, "How are you?"

Refrain: *I'm on my way, on my way, to the one who knows my name, to the voice that calls me home ev'ryday. I'm on my way. I'm on my way.*

2) There's a home that has borne me this song, where the arms lift up and hold me, where the laughs and the tears ring true, simply saying, "I need you". (Ref.)

3) There's a love that remembers no wrong, one that knows me and still loves me, one that feels all that I go through, always saying, "I'm with you". (Refrain)

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.

SONG OF PRAISE: "Forever"

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King, His love endures forever. For He is good He is above all things, His love endures forever. Sing Praise, Sing Praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever. Sing Praise, Sing Praise.

Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us, Forever

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever. And by the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever. Sing Praise, Sing Praise

Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us, Forever

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of all creation,

C: Your immense power is more than we can fathom. We ask that you open doors and open minds to a wider understanding of you, and all the ways you call us to love one another. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE GATHERING SONG: "This is the Day"

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This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.

I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it,

This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

SONG FOR THE WORD: “Love to the World”
*Light the path. Shine the way. Send the word.
Through our lives, show your love to the world.*

WORD of the DAY: Genesis 2:4-25

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, ¹² and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: "The Weaver's Hands"

Refrain: *All around me are the wonders of the weavers hands. In God's tapestry each one a woven strand. All around me are the wonders of the weavers hands.*

1) *You are there when I open my eyes to welcome the new day; unrav'ling the tangled threads and giving strength where they fray. (Refrain)*

2) *You are there when I close my eyes to dream through the night; ev'ry color, ev'ry shape and size in one pattern unite. (Refrain)*

3) *Oh God my heart is full, it's spilling over; all the words that I possess cannot express who you are. (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: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" V. 1

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Repeat Prayer Song)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

"God of the Harvest" by Our Savior's Light

OFFERTORY: "God of the Harvest" Chorus

*You are God of the seed, God of the soil, God of the hope, God of the toil,
You are God of the rain, God of the sun, God of the harvest with blessings for ev'ryone.*

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 SONG: *Lord Have Mercy* (words on screen)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING SONG: "My Lighthouse"

*In my wrestling and in my doubts, In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea*

*In the silence You won't let go, In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea*

Chorus: *My lighthouse, my lighthouse, Shining in the darkness I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise You will carry me
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh), safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh),
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh), safe to shore*

*I won't fear what tomorrow brings, With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea (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: Presley Paulsrud

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:

SENIOR PASTOR: Pastor Joe Johnson, 701-430-3787

EDUCATION PASTOR: Pastor Amanda Johnson, 218.556.8895

VISITATION MINISTER: Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

HEAD USHER: (8:30) Ed Laxdal

ACOLYTES: (8:30) James Funches, Gavin Giffey (10:30) Ross Hamre, Alexis Iverson

ATTENDANCE: September 7, 2025 – 48 (8:30) and 189 (10:30)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: September 7, 2025: \$4,216.25; Sept. to date: \$4,216.25.

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 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 15th. Choir meets from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Handbells from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Give it some consideration--we'd love to see you!

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.

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 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, September 14

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

Monday, September 15

6:30pm Choir practice
7:30pm Handbell practice

Tuesday, September 16

7:00am Text Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café

Wednesday, September 17

7:00am Men’s Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café
1:30pm Funeral Planning Workshop
5:30pm Meal
6:00pm Confirmation
7:30pm Youth Group

Thursday, September 18

10:45am Worship Service at
HMC Chapel

Sunday, September 21

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



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