

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 14, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM

Open Door



PRELUDE

Organist: Vicky Grothmann

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Morning Has Broken"

ELW 556

1) Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2) Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

3) Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation of the new day!

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: "How Marvelous God's Greatness"

ELW 830

1) How marvelous God's greatness, how glorious God's might! To this the world bears witness in wonders day and night: in form of flow'r and snowflake, in morn's resplendent birth, in afterglow at evening, in sky and sea and earth.

2) Each tiny flow'ret whispers the great life-giver's name; the mighty mountain masses his majesty proclaim; the valleys deep are hymning God's shelter for his own; the snowcapped peaks are pointing to God's almighty throne.

3) The ocean's vast abysses in one grand psalm record the deep mysterious counsels and mercies of the Lord; the icy waves of winter are thund'ring on the strand; and grief's chill stream is guided by God's all gracious hand.

4) The starry hosts are singing through all the light-strewn sky of God's majestic temple and palace courts on high; when in these outer chambers such glory gilds the night, oh, what transcendent brightness is God's eternal light!

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

ACCLAMATION *ELW p. 151*

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

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

ELW 735

1) Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

2) Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

3) Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.

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 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)

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 HYMN:

Let Us Break Bread Together - ELW 471

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

ELW 771

1) God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space: we, your children in your likeness, share inventive pow'rs with you; great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

2) We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race; known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space; probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined pow'r, facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

3) As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew: children of creative purpose, serving others, hon'ring you. May our dreams prove rich with promise; each endeavor well begun; great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

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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