

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Pastor Joe Johnson**  
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**Sunday, September 21, 2025**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:30 AM**

## Open Door



### PRELUDE

Organist: Vicky Grothmann

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN:** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**ELW 807**

*1) Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.*

*2) Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*3) Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

### 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 Jesus to Walk with Me"**

**ELW 325**

*1) I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*2) In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*3) When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with  
me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Generous God,

**C: We come before you as people in need of your grace, hope, and love. In the blessing of your presence, you remind us that the Holy Spirit is working through us, because of all that Jesus gave us on the cross. 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 27:1-4, 15-23**

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son," and he answered, "Here I am."<sup>2</sup> He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death."<sup>3</sup> Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. <sup>4</sup> Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

<sup>15</sup> Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob, <sup>16</sup> and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. <sup>17</sup> Then she handed the savory food and the bread that she had prepared to her son Jacob.

<sup>18</sup> So he went in to his father and said, "My father," and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" <sup>19</sup> Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me."<sup>20</sup> But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the Lord your God granted me success."<sup>21</sup> Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not."<sup>22</sup> So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."<sup>23</sup> He did not recognize him because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands, so he blessed him.

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

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "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.*

## **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:** "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:** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

**ELW 545**

*1) Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.*

*2) Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.*

*3) Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.*

**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:

## **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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**VISITATION MINISTER:** Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

**HEAD USHERS:** (8:30) Chris McInnes (10:30) Mike & Kari Tweten

**LECTOR:** (8:30) Rita Fandrich

**ACOLYTES:** (8:30) Adam Job, Keira Kozojed (10:30) Gabriel Peppas, Chloe Theis

**ATTENDANCE:** September 14, 2025 – 66 (8:30); 118 (10:30)

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** September 14, 2025: \$2,353.00; Sept. to date: \$6,569.25.  
Income through Sept. 30, 2025: \$253,312.01; Expenses through Sept. 30, 2025:  
\$277,298.67 Income less Expense: -\$23,986.66

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

**BIBLES** for Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be given out on **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30am worship service. Parents/Guardians are asked to attend with their student and help present the Bible to them at the designated time in the service. Questions: Pastor Amanda, 218-556-8895

**FAITH & FUN CLASSES** for 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin after school on **Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** (approx. 3:30-5:00pm). There will be 4 classes: October 1,8,15 and 22. All 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade students are Welcome to attend!

**HILLSBORO KIWANIS FOOD PANTRY:**

**Items needed include:**

Peanut Butter, Stove-top stuffing, Hamburger Helper, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned vegetables, Pork Beans, Pasta Products, Spaghetti Sauce, Salad Dressing, Jello, Brownie Mix, Flour, Coffee & Tea, Ketchup, Mustard  
Toothpaste, Body Wash, Deodorant, Shampoo/Conditioner, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Napkins

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

*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, September 21**

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

### **Monday, September 22**

- Meal Delivery Week
- Steeple Talk news due for Oct.!
- 6:30pm Choir practice
- 7:30pm Handbell practice

### **Tuesday, September 23**

- 7:00am Text Bible Study  
at Hillsboro Café

### **Wednesday, September 24**

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

### **Thursday, September 25**

- 10:45am Worship Service at HMC

### **Friday, September 26**

- 3:15pm leave for EaND Fall Youth  
Retreat (Castaway)

### **Sunday, September 28**

- 8:30am Worship Service
- 9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
- 9:30am Sunday school
- 10:30am Contemporary Worship  
-K, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> gr. Bible Presentation
- 7:00pm AA Meeting



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