

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, September 7, 2025**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:30 AM**

# Open Door



## PRELUDE

Organist: Vicky Grothmann

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN: "All Are Welcome"

**ELW 641**

*1) Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

**Refrain:** *All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

*2) Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)*

*3) Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)*

*4) Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)*

*5) Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (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.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE: "Be Thou My Vision"**

**ELW 793**

*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.*

*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.*

*3) Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*4) Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of all grace,

**C: We give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection opened the doors of heaven to all believers. Open our hearts and minds to your love, peace, hope, and comfort, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *ELW p. 151*

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

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 7:7-12**

<sup>7</sup>“Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? <sup>11</sup>If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

<sup>12</sup>“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

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

## MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

**ELW 533**

*1) Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer. Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light and grace!*

*2) Gracious God I come before thee; come thou also unto me; where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart oh enter thou, let it be thy temple now!*

*3) Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown; let my soul where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone, so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.*

*4) Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine; howsoe'er temptations thicken, may thy word still o'er me shine as my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.*

*5) Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed; may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.*

## **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*  
*Blest Be the Tie That Binds" – ELW 656*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**SENDING HYMN:** "Lift High the Cross"

**ELW 660**

**Refrain:** *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*1) Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)*

*2) All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. (Refrain)*

*3) O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. (Refrain)*

*4) So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! (Refrain)*

**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: Adele Aasen, Ellie Vice

## **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

**ACOLYTES:** (8:30) Brayden Ambuehl, Keagan Ambuehl  
(10:30) Ryland Carlson, Liam Edenborg

**ATTENDANCE:** August 31, 2025 – 50

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** August 31, 2025: \$1,805.00; August to date: \$18,097.64.  
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)

**TODAY!** Following the 10:30am worship service there will be a NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY outside of the church with a free meal, games, and bouncy houses! ALL ARE WELCOME!!

*WELCA - EaND SWO - Annual Fall Convention: September 13<sup>th</sup>*  
Saturday, September 13, 2025 at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Devils Lake, ND.  
Registration at 8:15am and Opening at 9:00am. The theme is "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.

*OSLC Choir and Handbell Choir practices begin Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>!*  
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!

*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, September 7**

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

(Fall Theological Conference at Fair Hills Sept. 7-10)

### **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

### **Tuesday, September 9**

7:00am Text Bible Study  
at Hillsboro Café

### **Wednesday, September 10**

7:00am Men’s Bible Study  
at Hillsboro Café  
5:30pm Meal  
6:00pm Confirmation  
7:30pm Youth Group (9-12 gr)

### **Thursday, September 11**

10:45am Worship Service at HMC

### **Saturday, September 13**

8:15am EaND SWO Convention at  
Devils Lake



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