

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, November 16, 2025
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM

Open Door



PRELUDE

Organist: Vicky Grothmann

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Gather Us In"

ELW 532

1) Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2) We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

3) Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4) Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away, here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

ELW 843

1) Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

2) Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3) Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of light,

C: **When darkness seems to be all around us, remind us of your light. Help us to look to you. The true light of the world. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Psalm 139:1-6

¹ You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.

² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

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: Isaiah 9:1-7 (The Righteous Reign of the Coming King)

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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⁷ Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Christ Be Our Light"

ELW 715

*1) Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.*

Refrain: *Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

*2) Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (Refrain)*

*3) Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (Refrain)*

*4) Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (Refrain)*

*5) Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. (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: "On Our Way Rejoicing"

ELW 537

*1) On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe. Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy; who, if we
be faithful, can our hope destroy? On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!*

*2) Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts
we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and
evermore. On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!*

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: Stuart Bare, Arlene Eisenbeis

God's Healing Presence for...

Bryan Mueller	Kathy Cuthbertson (Keith Meyer's sister)
Bonnie Spicer	Lindsey Gilbertson (Kathy Duval's brother)
Jeanie Swenson	Marilyn Hall (Sarah Lovas' mom)
Mya Oelrich	Connie Fillion (Phyllis Leraas' sister)
Dan Bjorklund	Asher Madsen (Vicki Madsen's great grandson)
Clarice Satrom	Tim Klocke (Mike Tweten's friend)
Vicki Dahlstrom	Robert Thompson (Isaac, Ava, Mia's grandpa)
Jerry Boeddeker	Dennis Sollid (Anne Kittelson's dad)
Becky Foss	Steve Rinke (Stacy Dickhoff's step-dad)
Deb Kritzberger	Todd Donner (Tanya Buethner's brother)
Carol Christianson	Scott Berry (Benjamin Strand's uncle)
Kenna Kappes	Jon Pawlikowski (Veronika Lee's dad)
Peggy Gilbertson	Dennis Taus (Phyllis Leraas' brother-in-law)
Susie Anderson	Elaina Mueller (Bonnie Mueller's granddaughter)
Charlie Anderson	Marta Datsik (McSparron's Exchange Student-Ukraine)
	Barry Sailor (Tara Fandrigh'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 Rollin Eberhardt*

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VISITATION MINISTER: Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

HEAD USHERS: (8:30) Peter Lovas (10:30) Mike Tweten

LECTOR: (8:30) Rita Fandrigh

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Mason Stauss, Eli Thompson (10:30) Andrew Axness, Bergen Beach

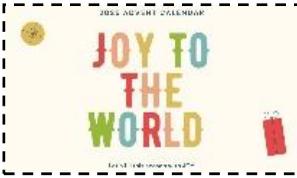
ATTENDANCE: November 9, 2025 – 55 (8:30); 68 (10:30)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: November 9, 2025: \$2,062.96; Nov. to date: \$5,977.96.

Income through Oct. 31, 2025: \$305,233.70; Expenses through Oct. 31, 2025: \$350,497.35

Income less Expense: -\$45,263.65

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



We will do one more year of **Women's Advent Calendars!**

If interested, you can order them now!

Call the Church Office- PHONE: 701.636.5701;

EMAIL: cindy@oslchillsboro.com

or on Our Savior's Lutheran Church Facebook page.

The price will again be \$35/box.

BAKING CLASS: Join our 'from scratch' baking class for your loved ones and to learn ways to share God's abundance with others, too. Today at 11:30am -Cinnamon & Caramel Rolls and Chili from scratch! Meet in the OSLC kitchen. Supplies, instruction, and take-home meals provided. Free will offering.

W.O.W. (Women of the Word) MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

W.O.W. Bible Study meets on Monday mornings at 9 AM in the 2nd floor lounge at Our Savior's Church. They are starting an Advent Study on Nov. 17th. All women are Welcome! ~Senora Almquist, Leader

The **COMMUNITY CHOIR** Christmas Concert will be presented on Sunday, December 14th at 7:00pm: "Hope Was Born This Night". **Rehearsals will be on Mondays at 6:30pm** as well as an hour on **Sundays at 3:30pm**. All vocalists are welcome to join us in the Proclamation of the Savior's Birth! Hope to see you there! ~Ruth Olson, Director



Usher Scheduling for 10:30am Sunday services:

We are still looking for volunteers to help with USHERING at the 10:30 AM service. Mike Tweten has set up a 'Sign-Up Genius' link where you can see available dates and sign-up. If you have any questions or can sign-up to volunteer, please scan the QR code on the left. You can also reach out to Mike directly at 701-238-2073.

WELCA will again be collecting gifts for the **“Christmas Gift Program for ND State Hospital Clients.”** A collection box has been placed in the courtyard at Our Savior's with a list of suggested gifts; such as games, art & craft supplies, activity books, puzzles, pjs, blankets, socks, winter hats, and gloves.

Today! ST. JOHN COMMUNITY MEATBALL DINNER – SUNDAY, NOV. 16TH.

St. John Lutheran Church, 204 2nd St. NW, Hillsboro will host their MEATBALL DINNER today, Nov. 16th from 11am – 1pm. Free-will Offering. Dine-in or Take-out or Delivery! (Call 636-5561) Seed money provided by Thrivent. Donations go toward Mayville State CDP's new playground fence.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, November 16

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Contemporary Worship
11:30am Rolls & Chili Baking Class
3:30pm Community Choir practice
7:00pm AA Meeting

Monday, November 17

Steeple Talk news due for Dec.
9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study
6:30pm Community Choir practice
7:30pm Handbell practice

Last day to return filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes!

Tuesday, November 18

7:00am Text Bible Study (Hillsboro Café)

Wednesday, November 19

7:00am Men's Bible Study (Hillsboro Café)
5:30pm Meal
6:00pm Confirmation classes
7:30pm Youth Group

Thursday, November 20

10:45am Worship Service at
Care Center

Sunday, November 23

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship

Pick-up your Advent Calendar boxes!

9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Contemporary Worship
3:30pm Community Choir practice
7:00pm AA Meeting



The Offering

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