

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, November 23, 2025**  
**Christ the King Sunday**  
**10:30 AM**

# Open Door



## PRELUDE

## THE FIRE

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** "Percussive Praise"

**GosBELLS**

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING SONG:** "Good, Good Father"

*Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like.  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.  
And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone.*

**Refrain:** *You're a good, good Father. It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are, and I'm loved by You. It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

*Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide.  
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide.  
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word. (Refrain)*

*Because You are perfect in all of Your ways. You are perfect in all of Your ways.  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us. You are perfect in all of Your ways. You are perfect in all of Your ways. You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.*

*Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak. Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think. As you call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still into love, love, love. (Refrain 2X)*

## **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: "Just Be Held"**

*Hold it all together, everybody needs you strong, But life hits you out of nowhere and barely leaves you holding on, And when you're tired of fighting, chained by your control There's freedom in surrender, lay it down and let it go*

**Chorus:** *So when you're on your knees and answers seem so far away, You're not alone, stop holding on and just be held, Your world's not falling apart, it's falling into place, I'm on the throne, stop holding on and just be held, Just be held, just be held*

*If your eyes are on the storm, you'll wonder if I love you still, But if your eyes are on the cross, you'll know I always have and I always will, And not a tear is wasted, in time, you'll understand, I'm painting beauty with the ashes, your life is in My hands (Chorus)*

*Lift your hands, lift your eyes, in the storm is where you'll find Me  
And where you are, I'll hold your heart, I'll hold your heart*

*Come to Me, find your rest, in the arms of the God who won't let go (Chorus)*

*Just be held, just be held*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of hope,

C: **How often have we found ourselves in exile, separated from your presence! Restore us, and let us find you when we seek you. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SONG for the WORD:** "Holy Spirit" (Chorus)

*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here. Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere, Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for. To be overcome by Your presence, Lord, Your presence, Lord*

**WORD of the DAY: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14** "Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles"

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

<sup>4</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. <sup>8</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, <sup>9</sup> for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

<sup>10</sup> For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup> For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup> Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup> I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

L: The word of the Lord.

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

## MESSAGE

**SONG OF THE DAY: "Who Am I"**

*Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth would care to know my name, would care to feel my hurt? Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star would choose to light the way for my ever wand'ring heart?*

**Chorus:** *Not because of who I am, but because of what You've done. Not because of what I've done, but because of who You are. I am a flower quickly fading, here today and gone tomorrow; A wave tossed in the ocean, a vapor in the wind. Still You hear me when I'm calling. Lord you catch me when I'm falling. And You've told me who I am: I am Yours,*

*I am Yours.*

*Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin would look on me with love and watch me rise again? Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea would call out through the rain and calm the storm in me? (Chorus 2X) I am Yours.*

**HOLY BAPTISM**

ELW p. 227

*Baptized today is Wrenna Jo Olson, daughter of Hunter and Katlyn Olson. Wrenna was born on September 14, 2025 in Fargo, ND. Her Godparents are Ian Bergh and Shenay Riendeau.*

**PRESENTATION**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH:**

**L:** Do you believe in God the Father?

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**L:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C:** **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 to the dead.**

**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.**

**L:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C:** **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.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT / BAPTISM**

**WELCOME:**

**L:** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C:** **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**PRAYER SONG:** "In Jesus' Name"

*I speak the name of Jesus over you. In your hurting, in your sorrow I will ask my God to move. I speak the name 'cause it's all that I can do. In desperation, I'll seek heaven, and pray this for you. I pray for your healing, that circumstances would change. I pray that the fear inside would flee in Jesus' name. I pray that a breakthrough would happen today. I pray miracles over your life in Jesus' name, in Jesus' name.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**L:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

**PRAYER SONG:** "In Jesus' Name" Continued

*I speak the name of all authority, Declaring blessings, ev'ry promise He is faithful to keep. I speak the name no grave could ever hold. He is greater, He is stronger, He's the God of possible.*

**Refrain:** *I pray for your healing, that circumstances would change. I pray that the fear inside would flee in Jesus' name. I pray that a breakthrough would happen today. I pray miracles over your life in Jesus' name, in Jesus' name.*

*Come believe it, come receive it. Oh, the power of His Spirit is now forever yours. Come believe it, come receive it. In the mighty name of Jesus, all things are possible. (Refrain)*

*I pray for revival, for restoration of faith.*

*I pray that the dead will come to life in Jesus' name, in Jesus' name.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING / OFFERTORY:** "Multiplied" Chorus

*God of mercy, sweet love of mine, I have surrendered to Your design.*

*May this offering stretch across the skies, and these hallelujahs be multiplied.*

**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 SONG:** "House of the Lord"

*1) We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is. We worship the God who evermore will be. He opened the prison doors. He parted the ragging sea. My God, He holds the victory.*

**Chorus:** *There's joy in the house of the Lord. There's joy in the house of the Lord today. And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise. There's joy in the house of the Lord. Our God is surely in this place. And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise.*

*We shout out Your praise.*

*2) We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves. We sing to the God who always makes a way. 'Cause He hung upon that cross, Then He rose up from that grave. My God's still rolling stones away. (Chorus)*

*We were the beggars, now we're royalty. We were the pris'ners, now we're running free. We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace. Let the house of the Lord sing praise. (2X) (Chorus) We shout out Your praise.*

## **BLESSING / THREE BELLS**

### **DISMISSAL / POSTLUDE**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.    **C: Helping people experience the Love of God.**

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## *O Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

### **Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...**

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today:

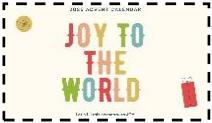
### **God's Healing Presence for...**

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| Marilyn Hall (Sarah Lovas' mom) | Kathy Cuthbertson (Keith Meyer's sister)            |
| Bryan Mueller                   | Lindsey Gilbertson (Kathy Duval's brother)          |
| Bonnie Spicer                   | Hunter Gordon (Eunice Morlock's grandson-in-law)    |
| 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)                |

**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:

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



REMINDER to pick up your **Women's Advent Calendar**, if you ordered one. They are available today!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lounge at Our Savior's Church. They have started an Advent Study. All women are Welcome! ~Senora Almquist, Leader

The **COMMUNITY CHOIR** Christmas Concert will be presented on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 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

**NOTE:** Any YOUTH, Elementary through Junior High ages, are welcome to join the youth choir for a song sung with the adult choir during the Community Christmas Concert. Rehearsals are approx. 25 min. and will be held on Sundays: November 23 @ 3 PM, November 30 @ 3:15 PM, and December 7 @ 3:30 PM.

**WELCA** is 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. *Please have all gifts in the designated box in the courtyard at Our Savior's Church by Sunday, December 7th, so that WELCA members can ship them in time for the volunteers & staff members who run the program to get them ready for Christmas.*

**WELCA** (women of the church) This year we again discussed the Christmas Luncheon and decided the Christmas season might be too busy. We decided to give it another try at Valentines {February} next year. We encourage you to be thinking about this idea and be ready to respond with your opinion when we contact you in the New Year. Or feel free to contact me with your opinion now. Sylvia Hansen, WELCA President: 701-430-0820 or 636-5378.

**ANNUAL MEN'S POTATO DUMPLING DINNER** on **Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** at Halstad Lutheran Church, 304 5<sup>th</sup> St E, Halstad, MN from 11:30am-1:30pm. Potato Dumplings, Ham, Jiffy Corn Casserole, Lefse & Dessert. \$15-Adults; \$10-Children; Dine-In or Take-Out. We will also have a silent auction with many things to bid on. Thrivent Funded. Money raised for the general church fund.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

### **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  
3:00pm Youth Choir practice  
3:30pm Community Choir practice  
7:00pm AA Meeting

### **Monday, November 24**

Meal Delivery Week  
9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study  
6:30pm Community Choir practice  
7:30pm Handbell practice

### **Tuesday, November 25**

7:00am Text Bible Study  
-Hillsboro Café

### **Wednesday, November 26**

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
-Hillsboro Café  
10:45am Worship Service at Care Center  
(**Note** day change)  
**NO** Meal or Youth Activities

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**HEAD USHERS:** Maggie and Bob Wilson

**ACOLYTES:** Abigail Haisley, Paxton Hinkle

### **Thursday, November 27** **Happy Thanksgiving Day!**

### **Sunday, November 30**

8:30am Worship Service  
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
9:30am Sunday school  
10:30am Contemporary Worship  
3:15pm Youth Choir practice  
3:30pm Community Choir practice  
7:00pm AA Meeting



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**ATTENDANCE:** Nov. 16, 2025 – 65 (8:30); 100 (10:30)

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** November 16, 2025: \$18,973.00; Nov. to date: \$24,950.96.

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

Income less Expense: -\$45,263.65