

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, November 23, 2025
Christ the King Sunday
8:30 AM

Open Door



PRELUDE

Pianist: Sarah Lovas

CALL TO WORSHIP: "Percussive Praise"

GosBELLS

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Day by Day"

ELW 790

1) Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul. Day by Day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal. Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest; Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

2) Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey; I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day. I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace. Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.

3) Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand. Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

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.

KYRIE *ELW p. 147-148 (SING)*

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *ELW p. 148-149 (SING)*

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: *Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

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

ACCLAMATION *ELW p. 151*

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

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.

⁴ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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, ⁹ for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ 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

HYMN OF THE DAY: "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.

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: "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

ELW 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

ELW 608

*1) Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.*

Refrain: *"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

*2) Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?
(Refrain)*

*3) Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.
(Refrain)*

BLESSING / THREE BELLS

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Helping people experience the Love of God.

POSTLUDE

BAPTIZED today at the 10:30am service 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.

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	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 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 USHERS: (8:30) Ed Laxdal (10:30) Maggie and Bob Wilson family

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Logan Burger, Charleigh Ferguson (10:30) Abigail Haisley, Paxton Hinkle

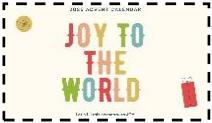
ATTENDANCE: November 16, 2025 – 65 (8:30); 100 (10:30)

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

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 2nd 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 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

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. 7th** at Halstad Lutheran Church, 304 5th 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

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

Sunday, November 30

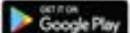
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