

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joe Johnson

Pastor Amanda Johnson

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Radio Broadcast at 8:30am on KMSR 1520 AM and KMAV 105.5 FM
TV Broadcast at 8:30am and 10:30am on HTC Channel 34

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Joyful Noise

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Love Has Come"

ELW 292

1) Love has come, a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies. See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

2) Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying? Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

3) Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free. Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN: "Christ Be Our Light"

ELW 715 vs 1-2

*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)*

ADVENT CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

L: God of all time,

C: **we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

L: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of healing,

C: **We will praise you, O Lord, for you have lifted us up. In a season of joy, we grieve. Walk with us in our sorrow, and bring us joy. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Psalm 30:1-5

¹ I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

² O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

³ O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG for the WORD: "Sanctuary"

*Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

WORD of the DAY: Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

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

SONG OF THE DAY: "The Whole World is Changing Tonight"

(Congregation joins in on Chorus)

Chorus: *The voice of the angels is singing on high
And the voice of one becomes two
I was feeling alone, now I'm feeling alright
The whole world is changing tonight*

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: "Away in a Manger"

ELW 277 V. 1

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

PRAYER SONG: "Away in a Manger"

ELW 277 V. 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "What Child Is This"

ELW 296 V. 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

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: "Hold Us Together"

*It don't have a job, It don't pay your bills, Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills
Won't fix your life, In five easy steps, Ain't the law of the land or the government
But it's all you need.*

Chorus: *Love will hold us together, Make us a shelter to weather the storm,
And I'll be my brother's keeper, So the whole world will know that we're not alone*

*It's waiting for you, Knocking at your door, In the moment of truth, When your
heart hits the floor, And you're on your knees (Chorus)*

*(Bridge) This is the first day of the rest of your life, This is the first day of the rest
of your life, 'Cause even in the dark you can still see the light, It's gonna be
alright*

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: Janelle Habeck, Sally Stock

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: *The family of Patty Porter*

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HEAD USHERS: (8:30) Glen Hultin (10:30) Katie and Levi Reese

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Colbie Hatlestad, Bridger Longthorne
(10:30) Cayden Olson, Mason Ouellette

ATTENDANCE: December 7, 2025 – 40 (8:30); 195 (10:30)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: December 7, 2025: \$5,086.01; Dec. to date: \$5,086.01.

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)

You are Invited!

The Community Choir and Bell Choir will be presenting an evening of music and fellowship to kick off the Christmas Season:

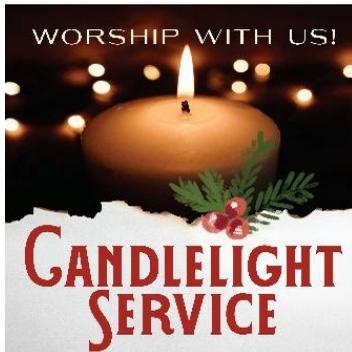
“Hope Was Born This Night”

Sunday, December 14th at 7:00 pm
Our Savior’s Church, 204 E Caledonia Ave, Hillsboro

Refreshments will be served following the concert

All are welcome-please join us!

Free admission, food pantry donations accepted



Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025:

1:30 PM at Hillsboro Care Center

3:30 PM at Our Savior’s

5:30 PM at Our Savior’s

HELP MILLIE BE MOBILE: Pancakes & Sausage

Sunday, December 21 from 9am-1pm at St. Rose of Lima Parish Center, 503 3rd St. SE, Hillsboro. Free will donation. Make checks payable to “Millie McLean Benefit”.

Benefit account also available at Dakota Heritage Bank, Hillsboro. Sponsored by Hillsboro Knights of Columbus with help from the St. Rose of Lima Altar Society to benefit Millie McLean, daughter of Alex and Anna McLean, granddaughter of Mark and Michelle McLean of Hillsboro. Millie was born with a rare genetic condition called Tibial Hemimelia and will require several medical visits, procedures such as hand surgery and double lower leg amputation, as well as adaptive equipment.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 14

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Christmas Carnival
10:30am Contemporary Worship
7:00pm Community Christmas Concert

Monday, December 15

9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study

Tuesday, December 16

7:00am Text Bible Study
-at Hillsboro Café

Wednesday, December 17

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

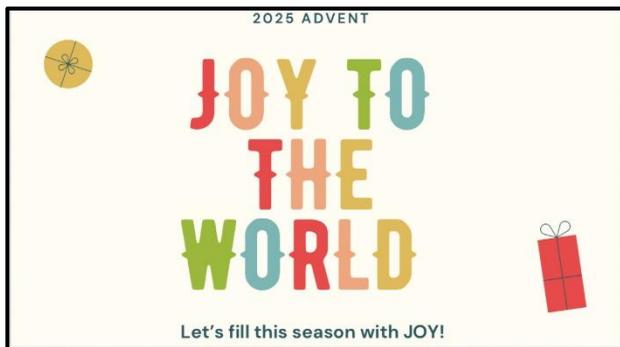
Thursday, December 18

10:45am Worship Service
-at Hillsboro Care Center

Sunday, December 21

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

ND State Hospital Gifts: Two boxes of gifts were sent to the volunteers at the State Hospital to dispense at Christmas to clients there. THANK YOU to those of you who donated; we had many nice gifts to share. It is our small way of letting them know someone remembers them and cares about them. Thank You, WELCA



The Offering

VANCO Mobile Faith Engagement

Scan here

Text \$ amount to:
833-460-2876

QR code

Logos for Google Play and App Store

A graphic for "The Offering" featuring a photo of hands holding a bowl of food. Below the photo is the text "The Offering" and the VANCO logo. To the right of the logo is a box containing "VANCO Mobile Faith Engagement" and logos for Google Play and the App Store. Below this is the text "Scan here" and a QR code. To the right of the QR code is the text "Text \$ amount to: 833-460-2876".