

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, January 25, 2026

Third Sunday of Epiphany

8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Vicky Grothmann, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

ELW 729

1) The church of Christ, in ev'ry age, beset by change but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

2) Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

3) Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

4) For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

5) We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

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: "God Loved the World"

ELW 323

1) God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.

2) Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death; all who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.

3) If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus rescues us from death; that is the firmest ground of faith.

4) Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins that you have done, and justified by Jesus' blood, your baptism grants the highest good.

5) All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of all,

C: You gave us new life when we were born of water and Spirit. Help us live into that new life, refreshed and renewed for your work. Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 139:13-18

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

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

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: John 3:1-21 “Nicodemus”

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.”

³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Borning Cry”

ELW 732

“I was there to hear your borning cry I’ll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”

“When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time, and you join your hearts as one, I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”

“In the middle ages of your life not too old no longer young, I’ll be there to guide you through the night complete what I’ve begun. When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes, I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.”

“I was there to hear your borning cry I’ll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”

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: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

ELW 742 V. 1

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

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: "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

ELW 551

1) The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

2) We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

3) We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and all our days to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

4) Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

BLESSING / THREE BELLS

DISMISSAL / POSTLUDE

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Helping people experience the Love of God.

O Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...

The people of Our Savior's

Those celebrating birthdays today: Dawn Paulsrud, Lane Nelson

God's Healing Presence for...

Bryan Mueller	Lindsey Gilbertson (Kathy Duval's brother)
Bonnie Spicer	Dennis Taus (Phyllis Leraas' brother-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	Elaina Mueller (Bonnie Mueller's granddaughter)
Carol Christianson	Barry Sailor (Tara Fandrich's uncle)
Kenna Kappes	Hunter Gordon (Eunice Morlock's grandson-in-law)
Peggy Gilbertson	Marta Datsik (McSparron's Exchange Student-Ukraine)
Susie Anderson	
Charlie Anderson	

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) Peter Lovas (10:30) Scott & Carissa Olsen

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

ATTENDANCE: January 18, 2025 – 40 (8:30); 72 (10:30)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: January 18, 2025: \$3,955.00; Jan. to date: \$15,455.00.
Income through Dec. 31, 2025: \$426,071.26; Expenses through Dec. 31, 2025:
\$425,663.29 Income less Expense: \$407.97

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

TODAY! ANNUAL MEETING—SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026



Our Savior's Lutheran Church's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2026 following the 10:30am worship service (approx. 11:30am). All Confirmed OSLC members are voting members and are encouraged to attend this meeting.

QUILTING: Monday quilting has begun! We are always looking for new people to assist with this project. Making kits and quilts is one of our most needed projects. *Lutheran World Relief tells us how receiving a quilt or kit, when in dire need, is a reminder to the recipient that someone is thinking of them.* If you are available on any part of **Mondays, January through March, 9am-4pm**, consider coming and joining in the fun! Come for all or any part of the day, bring a sack lunch or go out for lunch, bring snacks to share if you wish. No experience necessary. We hope to see you there!

HILLSBORO KIWANIS FOOD PANTRY at the Hillsboro Armory, open the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 4-6pm.

Donated Items Needed Include: Ramen Noodles, Stove-top stuffing, Hamburger Helper, Beef Stew, Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Canned Chicken, Canned Green Beans, Peaches & Pineapple Chunks, Pork/Baked Beans, Cereal, Cookies, Cake Mixes Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Hand Soap, Body Wash, Deodorant, Shampoo/Conditioner, Feminine Hygiene Products, Cleaning Supplies

Place your items in the wood crate located inside and to the west of the front door of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Rich G. at 701-436-5777 or Dan C. at 701-430-1595.

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

W.O.W. Bible Study meets on Mondays at 9 AM in the Our Savior's Church's 2nd floor lounge. They will resume studying "The Coming Golden Age" by David Jeremiah – Watch for updates to be announced.

We will discover more of what God has ahead for us, and to anticipate tomorrow with enthusiasm. The glorious future awaits! ~Senora Almquist, Leader

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, January 25

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Contemporary Service
11:30am OSLC Annual Meeting
7:00pm AA Meeting

Monday, January 26

Meal Delivery Week
9am-4pm Quilting
6:30pm Choir practice
7:30pm Bell Choir practice

Tuesday, January 27

7:00am Text Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café

Wednesday, January 28

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

Thursday, January 29

10:45am Worship at HMC

Sunday, February 1

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



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