

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Pastor Joe Johnson**

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**Sunday, January 4, 2026**

**Second Sunday of Christmas**

**8:30 AM**

**PRELUDE**

**Vicky Grothmann, Organist**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

**ELW 308 vs 1-4**

*1) O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!*

*2) Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.*

*3) Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure. Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure! Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.*

*4) Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation. Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!*

**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: "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"**

**ELW 442**

*1) All who believe and are baptized shall see the Lord's salvation; baptized into the death of Christ, they are a new creation; through Christ's redemption they will stand among the glorious heav'nly band of ev'ry tribe and nation.*

*2) With one accord, O God, we pray, grant us your Holy Spirit; help us in our infirmity through Jesus' blood and merit; grant us to grow in grace each day by holy baptism, that we may eternal life inherit.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: God of all people,

**C: You called many by name, asking them to follow Jesus and obey. Call us by name, and help us to follow and obey. Amen.**

## 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 1:35-51** "Jesus Says Come and See"

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "Will You Come and Follow Me" *The Summons*

**ELW 798**

1) *"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"*

2) *“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?”*

3) *“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*

4) *“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?” Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”*

5) *Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

### **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:** "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

ELW 184

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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.**

**HOLY COMMUNION** *All are Welcome at the Lord's table. Note that all the communion wine is alcohol-free and the communion bread is gluten-free.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** "Let Us Break Bread Together"  
"One Bread, One Body"

**ELW 471**  
**ELW 496**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**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**

**BAPTIZED** today at the 10:30am service is Eleanor Lynn Plutowski, daughter of Andrew and Molly Plutowski. Eleanor was born on September 24, 2025 in Fargo, North Dakota. Her Godparents are Jordyn Tuite and James Plutowski.

## *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	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	Jon Pawlikowski (Veronika Lee's dad)
Kenna Kappes	Hunter Gordon (Eunice Morlock's grandson-in-law)
Peggy Gilbertson	Barry Sailor (Tara Fandrich's uncle)
Susie Anderson	Marta Datsik (McSparron's Exchange Student-Ukraine)
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:

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**HEAD USHERS:** (8:30) Chris McInnes (10:30) Chris and Amy Redland

**ACOLYTES:** (8:30) Caleb Ambuehl, Brayden Buchholz  
(10:30) Bennett Edenborg, Brock Ferguson

**ATTENDANCE:** December 28, 2025 – 28 (Blizzard)

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** December 28, 2025: \$611.00; Dec. to date: \$45,787.91.

Income through Nov. 30, 2025: \$358,305.21; Expenses through Nov. 30, 2025: \$388,253.51

Income less Expense: -\$29,948.30

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

**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.

**Reminder:** End of the year Annual Reports (Staff & Committees) are due by Wed., January 7, 2026.

**QUILTING:** We will begin quilting on **Monday, January 5 at 9 AM**. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lounge. They will resume studying "The Coming Golden Age" by David Jeremiah. Please watch for the start-up date 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 4**

- 8:30am Worship Service w/communion
- 9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Contemporary Service w/communion
- 11:30am Council Meeting**
- 7:00pm AA Meeting

### **Monday, January 5**

- 9am-4pm Quilting

### **Tuesday, January 6**

- 7:00am Text Bible Study (Hillsboro Café)

### **Wednesday, January 7**

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

### **Thursday, January 8**

- 9:30am WELCA Exec. meet
- 10:00am WELCA Meeting
- 10:45am Worship at HMC

### **Sunday, January 11**

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



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