

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Our Savior's Light

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: "The Heart of Worship"

1) When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come; longing just to bring something that's of worth that will touch Your heart.

Refrain: *I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required. You search much deeper within through the way things appear; You're looking into my heart. I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You, all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.*

2) King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve. Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath. (Refrain)

PAUSE FOR PRAYER – *Prayer Journey: A Path to the Cross*

SONG OF PRAISE: "All of My Life"

My heart is hopin' and my eyes are open. There is a hunger inside me. I want to do right, walk in the holy light, to live my days abundantly. Some say I've got to have all of the answers. Some say I need all this money. I hear the world is just mine for the taking, oh, how I long to be released.

Refrain: *All of my life, I want to lose myself and be faithful. All of my life, I want to live forgiven and grateful, all of my life.*

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Help out my neighbor, welcome a stranger. Offer my shirt to an enemy. Dance in the moonlight, cry by the firelight, to live my days abundantly.

Refrain: *All of my life, I want to lose myself and be faithful. All of my life, I want to live forgiven and grateful, all of my life.*

Oh, God you know me, my ev'ry heartbeat is a word of grace from you. (Refrain)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS L (Leader); C (Congregation)

L: Family of faith, we long to love others as God loves us, but that work is easier said than done. We lose our way. We become distracted. We grow fearful. We need God's grace.

C: God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go. Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

L: Fortunately for us, God's grace is freely and abundantly given. So, join me in this good-news declaration:

**C: We are seen. We are forgiven.
We are invited to try again.
Thanks be to God for this unending love.**

Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

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 creator of all,

C: We come to you, eager to bear good fruit. Open our ears to your word and help us to abide in you, so that our joy may be complete through the grace of Christ Jesus. Amen.

FIRST READING: Psalm 80:8-18

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;

¹¹it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

¹²Why then have you broken down its walls,

so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

¹³ The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

¹⁴ Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine,
¹⁵ the stock that your right hand planted.

¹⁶ It has been burned with fire; it has been cut down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

¹⁷ But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

¹⁸ Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE GATHERING SONG: "Awesome God"

*Our God is an awesome God, he reigns from heaven above with wisdom,
pow'r and love our God is an awesome God! (Repeat)*

Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God!

SONG for the WORD: "Help Us O Lord"

*Help us O Lord to hear your word. Open our hearts to feel your word.
Give us the strength to live your word each day.*

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-17 "Jesus the True Vine"

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches.

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My

Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's

commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends,

because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

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¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

L: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: “May Love Rise Above”

1) The beauty and the bloodshed runs deep and wide from the center of the city to the rolling countryside. The healing and the suffering runs far and near. There is hope for each tomorrow but still so many fears.

Refrain: *Oh may love rise above the mountains. May love rise above the plains. May love rise above the hatred. May love rise above all the pain...rise above it all, oh, rise above it all, oh*

2) The courage and the caution, it fills the air from the children on the playground to the woman on the stairs. There's a calm upon the water but down below oh the anxious hearts are beating, will this peace ever hold? (Refrain)

3) The promise and the passion rings loud and strong as a generation searches for a freedom loving song. Still the memories are haunting, will they block the way? What can bring us all together to start a brand new day? (Refrain)

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, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Repeat Prayer Song)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

“A Simple Word of Grace” by Our Savior’s Light

OFFERTORY: “A Simple Word of Grace” Chorus

Jesus, You have given me all of Your grace so tenderly. I lift my hands and praise Your name. Jesus, You have given me all of Your love on Calvary. I lift my heart into Your hands.

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: “From Now On”

Refrain: *From now on (I'll be with you till the end of the age). From now on (your kingdom come for this we'll live and we'll pray). From now on (we'll work for peace until the final day). From now on...*

1) God's near (God won't forsake you). God's here (and knows the pains that face you). Now we're (called to go out in the world). Teach and heal and meet every need, help the lame to walk and the blind to see. (Refrain)

2) Christ cares (giving his life for all people). We share (the love of his that's eternal). Go there (for he has asked us to follow). Spread the word that God's in our land. Spread the message that will always stand. (Refrain)

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: Mia Kozojed, Annie Nielsen, Julie Ydstie

God's Healing Presence for...

Glenn Brustad	Bryan Mueller
Jeanie Swenson	Lindsey Gilbertson (Kathy Duval's brother)
Bonnie Spicer	Hunter Gordon (Eunice Morlock's grandson-in-law)
Becky Foss	Connie Fillion (Phyllis Leraas' sister)
Mya Oelrich	Steve Rinke (Stacy Dickhoff's step-dad)
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	Elaina Mueller (Bonnie Mueller's granddaughter)
Peggy Gilbertson	Marta Datsik (Exchange Student-Ukraine)
Deb Kritzberger	Asher Madsen (Vicki Madsen's great grandson)
Carol Christianson	Dennis Taus (Phyllis Leraas' brother-in-law)
Susie Anderson	Karen Morlock (Eunice Morlock's niece)
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: *The family of Gayle Nysveen*

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VISITATION MINISTER: Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

LECTOR: (8:30) Rita Fandrich

HEAD USHERS: (8:30) (10:30) Maggie & Bob Wilson

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Caleb Ambuehl, Easton Beach
(10:30) Bennett Edenborg, Brock Ferguson

ATTENDANCE: March 8, 2026 – 40 (8:30); 58 (10:30)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: March 8, 2026: \$1,911.00; March to date: \$6,556.50.

Income through Feb. 28, 2026: \$80,716.90; Expenses through Feb. 28, 2026:

\$69,492.45 Income less Expense: \$11,224.45

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

The **Health Ministry Committee** is here to support the health and well-being of our church family. If you or a loved one need guidance, resources, prayer, or a listening ear, please know you're not alone. We are happy to help in any way we can. Please contact the church office for any requests or needs.

~Brenda Stallman, Krista Longthorne, Chrissy Torgerson, Maggie Wilson
and Katie Reese

QUILTING: Quilting will continue to be held on Mondays in March!

We are always looking for new people to assist with this project. If you are available on any part of **Mondays from 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!

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

W.O.W. Bible Study meets on Mondays at 9 AM in the 2nd floor lounge at Our Savior's Church. They will begin a six-week Lenten study on March 9th.

All are Welcome! ~Senora Almquist, Leader

WALKING in the MIDST of CHAOS - SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

The WELCA 3rd Annual Spring Round-Up will take place at the Bagg Bonanza Historical Farm, 8025 169th Ave SE, Mooreton, ND, from 9:00am-3:00pm on April 18th. Featuring speakers, music, vendors and fellowship. Lunch is \$20 and pre-registration is required by March 28th by calling the Our Savior's Church office (636-5701).

NOTE: No WELCA Spring/Summer Luncheon is planned. Call Sylvia if this is something you would be interested in leading -701-430-0820.

5TH GRADE COMMUNION CLASSES will be held on Wednesdays starting March 11 after school from 3:15-5:00pm. We will meet on March 11, 18 & 25th and then celebrate First Communion on Thursday, April 2nd during the Maundy Thursday worship service at 6:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Church. All are Welcome!

Questions: Pastor Amanda @ 218-556-8895

BIOGirls Hillsboro is enrolling girls for our 2026 session! **March 15 - May 17, 2026:** meeting Sunday evenings from 4:30-6, and learning some DANCE moves for our physical activity! BIOgirls is focused on helping girls with relational and self-esteem difficulties in grades 2-6. Register here:

<https://events.blackthorn.io/5f2aeNP7/5a3TUO3MXQD>

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, March 15

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

Monday, March 16

9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study
9am-4pm Quilting
6:30pm Choir practice
7:30pm Bell Choir

Tuesday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day!
7:00am Text Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café

Wednesday, March 18

7:00am Men's Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café
3:15pm **5th gr. Communion Class**
5:30pm Meal
6:00pm Confirmation
6:30pm **Lenten Service**
7:30pm Youth Group

Thursday, March 19

10:45am Worship at HMC

Friday, March 20

3:00pm Prayer Service- Gayle Nysveen
at Care Center

Saturday, March 21

11:00am Funeral- G. Nysveen

Sunday, March 22

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



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Usher Scheduling for 10:30am Sunday services:

We are still looking for volunteers to help with USHERING at the 10:30 AM service. Mike Tweten has set up a 'Sign-Up Genius' link where you can see available dates and sign-up. If you have any questions or can sign-up to volunteer, please scan the QR code on the left.