

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Vicky Grothmann, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

ELW 611

1) *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place and he has made me glad.*

2) *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.*

3) *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.*

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: "The Word of God Is Source and Seed"

ELW 506

1) *The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to die and sprout and grow. So make your dark earth welcome warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.*

Refrain: *In the Lord let us rejoice, in the Lord let us rejoice, in the Lord let us rejoice!*

2) *The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to heal and wake and save. So let the Spirit touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.*
(Refrain)

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*3) The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to sing, to laugh and cry.
So dare to be as Jesus was, who came to live and love and die.
In the Lord let us rejoice, in the Lord let us rejoice, in the Lord let us rejoice!*

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.

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

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

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

¹² Why 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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *ELW p. 142*

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

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. 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

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

ELW 539

- 1) *Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with your grace,
that evil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.*
- 2) *Abide, O dear Redeemer, among us with your word
and thus now and hereafter true peace and joy afford.*
- 3) *Abide with heav'nly brightness among us, precious Light;
your truth direct and keep us from error's gloomy night.*
- 4) *Abide with richest blessings among us, bounteous Lord;
let us in grace and wisdom grow daily through your word.*
- 5) *Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with your love;
grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above.*

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: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW 679

1) For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2) In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done. In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3) For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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.