

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Sarah Lovas, Pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Jesus Shall Reign" by The GosBELLS

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

ELW 335

1) Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain; free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

***Refrain:** In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever; till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

2) Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. (Refrain)

3) Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. (Refrain)

4) Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. (Refrain)

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

ELW 623

1) Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2) Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

3) Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling. Naked come to thee for dress; helpless look to thee for grace; foul I to the fountain fly; wash me Savior or I die.

4) While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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: Jesus Messiah,

C: **You have taught us many lessons about how to live and how to love. Help us put your words into action. Help us live and learn to grow in knowledge and faith. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG for the WORD: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

ELW 324 V. 1

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-18; 21:24-25

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

John 21:24-25

²⁴ This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. ²⁵ But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Abide with Me"

ELW 629

1) Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

2) *Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

3) *I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.*

4) *I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me!*

5) *Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with 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: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

ELW 789 V. 1

Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Repeat Prayer Song)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING / OFFERTORY: "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

ELW 686 V. 1

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

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: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

ELW 597

1) My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: *On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

2) When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3) His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood; when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

4) When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! (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: David Sather

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:

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) Ed Laxdal (10:30) Scott and Carissa Olsen

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Aiden Fitzner, Jacob Giffey
(10:30) Claire Grinde, Jade Habeck

ATTENDANCE: March 15, 2026 – 31 (8:30); 68 (10:30)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: March 15, 2026: \$5,121.25; March to date: \$11,677.75.

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

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 began 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).

5TH GRADE COMMUNION CLASSES will be held on Wednesdays starting March 11 after school from 3:15-5:00pm. We have one more meeting on March 25th and then we will 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

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

Donated Items Needed Include: Canned Fruit - all flavors, Pasta – all kinds, Cans of *Chef Boyardee* ravioli & Spaghetti, Cereal, *Stove-Top* stuffing mix, *Hamburger Helper*, Juice – all flavors, Canned: Tuna, Beef & Beef stew, Crackers – assorted, Green beans, Peas, *Ramen* noodles, Cake mixes, Jelly – all flavors, Ketchup, Jell-O, Pudding
Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Toiletry items: Body Wash, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Kleenex, Napkins

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.

APRIL 5TH is EASTER SUNDAY

Worship services at Our Savior's are at 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM. Fresh baked Cinnamon Rolls will be available from 8:30-11:00 a.m. (Free will offering to benefit the youth summer trip).

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, March 22

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

Monday, March 23

Meal Delivery Week
Steeple Talk news due for April!
9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study
9am-4pm Quilting
6:30pm Choir practice
7:30pm Bell Choir

Tuesday, March 24

7:00am Text Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café

Wednesday, March 25

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 26

10:45am Worship at Care Center

Sunday, March 29 Palm 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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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.