

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Pastor Joe Johnson**

**Pastor Amanda Johnson**

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**Sunday, March 8, 2026**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**8:30 AM**

**PRELUDE**

**Vicky Grothmann, Organist**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:** "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

**ELW 319**

1) *O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast; inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.*

2) *You strove with Satan, and you won; your faithfulness endured; lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's eternal word.*

3) *Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind above; so teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.*

4) *Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days, that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.*

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

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

**ELW 324**

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.*

2) *When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.*

3) *When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.*

4) *Band and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.*

**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.**

**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:      Messiah Savior,

**C:      Jesus you are the way, the truth, and the life. You have made known to us the love of the Father. Teach us to love and to love greatly, as you have loved us. Amen.**

**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 14:6-17**

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

**ELW 325**

1) *I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

2) *In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

3) *When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with  
me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk 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**

ELW 752

*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.*

## **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.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**SENDING HYMN:** "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

**ELW 326**

*1) Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take. The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round, then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.*

*2) Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way; your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day. We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound; together we are seeking the road where faith is found.*

*3) Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road. We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow, but waiting not for places, you meet us all around. Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.*

## 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: Bonnie Spicer

## **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:

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**EDUCATION PASTOR:** Pastor Amanda Johnson, 218.556.8895

**VISITATION MINISTER:** Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

**HEAD USHERS:** (8:30) Peter Lovas (10:30)

**ACOLYTES:** (8:30) Emmett Hamre, Brady Kalash  
(10:30) Callie Kozojed, Lane Nelson

**ATTENDANCE:** March 1, 2026 – 48 (8:30); 94 (10:30)

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** March 1, 2026: \$4,645.50; March to date: \$4,645.50.

Income through Jan. 31, 2026: \$28,180.04; Expenses through Jan. 31, 2026:

\$32,802.56 Income less Expense: -\$4,622.52

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lounge at Our Savior's Church. They will begin a six-week Lenten study on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

All are Welcome! ~Senora Almquist, Leader

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

The WELCA 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Round-Up will take place at the Bagg Bonanza Historical Farm, 8025 169<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**5<sup>TH</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8**

Communion Sunday  
8:30am Worship Service  
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Contemporary Service  
6:00pm Parent/Participant Meeting  
-2026 Summer Youth Trip  
7:00pm AA Meeting

### **Monday, March 9**

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

### **Tuesday, March 10**

7:00am Text Bible Study  
at Hillsboro Café

### **Wednesday, March 11**

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

### **Thursday, March 12**

10:45am Worship at HMC

### **Saturday, March 14**

11:00am Memorial Service –  
Bonnie (Ydstie) Hunt

### **Sunday, March 15**

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.