

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Organist: Vicky Grothmann

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "God Is Here!"

ELW 526

1) God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts, wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2) Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech, here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

3) Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant, seek in worship to explore, what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4) Lord of all, of church and kingdom in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

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: "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

ELW 763

1) My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain: *No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

2) Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

3) What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. (Refrain)

4) The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of freedom,

C: Paul and Silas worshiped you, even when they were flogged and imprisoned. Transform our hearts so that we may also rejoice in you at all times and in all situations. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ACCLAMATION *ELW p. 151*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

WORD of the DAY: Acts 16:16-34 "Paul and Silas in Prison"

¹⁶ One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.

²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "When Our Song Says Peace"

ELW 709

- 1) *When our song says peace and the world says war, we will sing despite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God, who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.*
- 2) *When our song says free and the world says bound, we will sing despite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God, who opens prison doors and sets the captives free.*
- 3) *When our song says home and the world says lost, we will sing despite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God, who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.*

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: "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: "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 Ari Lynn Nygaard, daughter of Brady and Shayla Nygaard. Ari was born on January 20, 2026 in Fargo, ND. Her Godparents are Chase Fossum, Jensyn Zink, and Miranda Petersen.*

O Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...

The people of Our Savior's

Those celebrating birthdays today: Millie Opp

God's Healing Presence for...

Kevin Weller

Aleisha Lokken

Glenn Brustad

Bill Cotton

Jeanie Swenson

Bonnie Spicer

Becky Foss

Mya Oelrich

Dan Bjorklund

Clarice Satrom

Vicki Dahlstrom

Jerry Boeddeker

Bryan Mueller

Deb Kritzberger

Carol Christianson

Susie Anderson

Charlie Anderson

Bev Mooney

Steven Madsen

Sharon Doeden

Alexis Holte (Chris & Amy Redland's niece)

Hunter Gordon (Eunice Morlock's grandson-in-law)

Connie Fillion (Phyllis Leraas' sister)

Steve Rinke (Stacy Dickhoff's step-dad)

Tim Klocke (Mike Tweten's friend)

Robert Thompson (Isaac, Ava, Mia's grandpa)

Dennis Sollid (Anne Kittelson's dad)

Elaina Mueller (Bonnie Mueller's granddaughter)

Marta Datsik (Exchange Student-Ukraine)

Asher Madsen (Vicki Madsen's great grandson)

Dennis Taus (Phyllis Leraas' brother-in-law)

Karen Morlock (Eunice Morlock's niece)

Lindsey Gilbertson (Kathy Duval's brother)

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) Peter Lovas (10:30) Katie and Levi Reese

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Logan Burger, Charleigh Ferguson

(10:30) Abigail Haisley, Paxton Hinkle

ATTENDANCE: April 19, 2026 – 59 (8:30); 98 (10:30)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: April 19, 2026: \$2,288.55; April to date: \$20,058.55.

Income through Mar. 31, 2026: \$114,442.84; Expenses through Mar. 31, 2026:

\$102,010.12 Income less Expense: \$12,432.72

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

W.O.W. (Women of the Word) Bible Study has finished their study of "Finding Jesus in the Psalms". They will begin a new study called "Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine. Chapter topics include (6 sessions): "Take up your pallet and walk" (the paralyzed man); Walking on water and stilling the storm; The feeding of the 5,000 (or more); On the role of caregivers A bleeding woman and a dead girl; A two-stage miracle, and The raising of Lazarus. They meet on Mondays at 9 AM in the 2nd floor lounge at OSLC. Welcome to all! Senora Almquist, Leader

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD - is the last day of Sunday School. Three-year-olds through 6th grade students will celebrate their milestone achievements during the 10:30am worship service. All are welcome and invited to celebrate with them!

A WAFFLE BAR & EGG BAKE will take place **on Sunday, May 3 from 9-12:30pm** at Our Savior's Church. All are invited to this community meal! Proceeds will go to the youth summer mission trip.

BACCALAUREATE is a community worship service to honor the graduating seniors. This year Baccalaureate will be held on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church**, 503 3rd St SE, Hillsboro. All are welcome and invited to attend!

OSLC RECOGNITION SUNDAY: We will be recognizing all Our Savior's graduating seniors on **Sunday, May 17** during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All are invited for **Cake & Coffee** during the 9:30 a.m. fellowship hour prior to that service. Congrats Class of 2026!!

HILLSBORO KIWANIS FOOD PANTRY, at the Hillsboro Armory, is open the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 4-6pm. You can place item donations in the wood crate located inside and to the west of the front door at OSLC. If you have any questions, please contact Rich G. at 701-436-5777 or Dan C. at 701-430-1595.

Item donations needed include: Canned fruit -all flavors; Pasta -all kinds; Cans of *Chef Boyardee* ravioli & spaghetti; Cereal; *Stove-Top* stuffing mix; Boxes of *Hamburger Helper*; Juice -all flavors; Canned: Tuna, Beef & Beef stew; Crackers -assorted; Canned green beans & peas; *Ramen* noodles; Cake Mixes; Jelly -all flavors; Ketchup; Jell-O and Pudding; Laundry and Dish Soap; Toiletry items: Body Wash, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Kleenex, Napkins.

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, Joy McSparron and Katie Reese

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, April 26

8:30am Traditional Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Contemporary Worship Svc
4:30pm BIO Girls meet
7:00pm AA Meeting

Monday, April 27

Meal Delivery Week
9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study

Tuesday, April 28

7:00am Text Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café

Wednesday, April 29

7:00am Men's Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café

Thursday, April 30

10:45am Worship Service at HMC

Sunday, May 3

Communion Sunday
8:30am Traditional Worship Service
9-12:30pm Waffle Bar & Egg Bake
9:30am Sunday School (last day)
10:30am Worship Svc with Sunday
school students
4:30pm BIO Girls meet
7:00pm AA Meeting



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