

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Radio Broadcast at 9:30am on KMSR 1520 AM and KMAV 105.5 FM
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Sunday, August 16, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM



PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!"

*1) He leadeth me: oh, blessed thought! Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me*

Refrain: *He leadeth me, He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me.
His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.*

*2) Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm o'er troubled sea, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
(Refrain)*

*3) Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine; Content
whatever lot I see, Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. (Refrain)*

*4) And when my task on earth is done, When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jordan leadeth me.
(Refrain)*

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: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

ELW 781

1) Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

2) God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

3) Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4) Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious God,

C: You create life out of dust. You bring hope out of despair. You bring joy out of sorrow. You bring life out of death. Lord, we turn to you with gratitude and offer you our worship and praise. Amen

FIRST READING: Psalm 92:1-4

¹ It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
² to declare your steadfast love in the morning
and your faithfulness by night,
³ to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
⁴ For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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:

Genesis 3:19

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Proverbs 22:1

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

John 15:12-13

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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "You Are Mine"

ELW 581

1) *"I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.*

2) *"I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.*

Refrain: *Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."*

3) *"I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.*
(Refrain)

4) *"I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!*
(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, 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: "Oh, Worship the King"

ELW 842

1) Oh, worship the King, all glorious above. Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love; our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2) The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old; established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

3) Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4) Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

5) O measureless might, ineffable love, while angels delight to hymn you above, the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall sing to your praise.

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: Kathy Ferguson

God's Healing Presence for...

Kevin Weller	Basil and Senora Almquist
Sharon Doeden	Danielle Harless (Alex Bare's sister)
Aleisha Lokken	Bev Mooney
Glenn Brustad	Steven Madsen
Bill Cotton	Karen Morlock (Eunice Morlock's niece)
Jeanie Swenson	Alexis Holte (Chris & Amy Redland's niece)
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	Lindsey Gilbertson (Kathy Duval's brother)
Jerry Boeddeker	Elaina Mueller (Bonnie Mueller's granddaughter)
Bryan Mueller	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	Charlie Anderson

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:

WORSHIP LEADER: Joel Thorsrud

SENIOR PASTOR: Pastor Joe Johnson, 701-430-3787

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VISITATION MINISTER: Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

ORGANIST / PIANIST: Vicky Grothmann

HEAD USHER: Peter Lovas

LECTOR: Rita Fandrich

ATTENDANCE: August 9, 2026 – 69

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: August 9, 2026: \$10,316.00; August to date: \$13,659.00.

Income through July 31, 2026: \$223,541.15; Expenses through July 31, 2026:

\$231,738.43 Income less Expense: -\$8,197.28

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

FREE PIZZA MONDAYS! Tomorrow, August 17th, is the final Monday. FREE slices of pizza are available to all from 11:30am to 12:30pm in front of Our Savior's Church. Kids can also pick up a weekly Backpack Program bag at this location during that time.

PARENT MEETINGS: **Wednesday, September 2nd**

*Sunday school parents meet at 6pm in the OSLC dining room.

*Confirmation parents and (7-10 gr) students meet at 6:30pm in the OSLC dining room. Please try to attend as there is a lot of information that will be discussed.

EaND Synod Castaway Retreat (7-10 gr.): September 25-27 weekend!

*Leave for Castaway Club (13 mi. S. of Detroit Lakes, MN) on Friday, Sept. 25 at 3:45pm from OSLC. Return on Sunday, Sept. 27 approx. 2:30pm.

*Cost is **\$191** (non-refundable) Registration Fee plus bring money for 1 meal stop. (Scholarships are available)

*You need to **REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd** in the church office or at the parent meeting.

RALLY SUNDAY is September 13th

*Worship services at 8:30am and 10:30am.

*Sunday school begins! 9:30 a.m. (Please register your kids now)

*Neighborhood Block party begins at 11:30 a.m. Free meal and children's activities.

OSLC LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Located on the west side of Our Savior's Church. Take a book. Share a book.

The Little Library offers a way to **share** good things to read! All of us can help by keeping the library boxes stocked with good (and in good shape) reading material. Anyone can use it! If you see something you would like to read, take it. You don't have to give a book at the same time as you take one. After you've read it, share it: by placing it in *any* Little Free Library book sharing box, by bringing it back to Our Savior's, or by passing it on to a friend.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, August 16

9:30am Worship Service
10:30am Coffee/Fellowship
7:00pm AA Meeting

Monday, August 17

11:30am-12:30pm Free Pizza (Last)
11:30am Backpack Program bags
available

Tuesday, August 18

7:00am Text Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café

Wednesday, August 19

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

Thursday, August 20

10:45am Worship Service at HMC

Sunday, August 23

9:30am Worship Service
10:30am Coffee/Fellowship
7:00pm AA Meeting



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