

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, August 23, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ELW 631

1) Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2) Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3) Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4) Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee! Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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: "Lift High the Cross"

ELW 660

Refrain: *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*1) Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious,
Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)*

*2) All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the
seal of him who died. (Refrain)*

*3) O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised,
draw us all to thee. (Refrain)*

4) So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! (Ref.)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of Love,

C: We turn to you with gratitude for the many blessings you have given us. Teach us to love as you have loved us. Lead us and guide us in your love and light. 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:

1 John 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 4:7-19

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

ELW 815

1) I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: *In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

2) I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

3) I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (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

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: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

ELW 712

1) Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

2) Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

3) As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

4) Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good-will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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: Taya Schadler

God's Healing Presence for...

Christie Rust	Basil and Senora Almquist
Sharon Doeden	Danielle Harless (Alex Bare's sister)
Aleisha Lokken	Kevin Weller
Glenn Brustad	Steven Madsen
Bev Mooney	Asher Madsen (Vicki Madsen's great grandson)
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)
Carol Christianson	Dennis Taus (Phyllis Leraas' brother-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)
Charlie Anderson	Bryan Mueller
Susie Anderson	Marta Datsik (Exchange Student-Ukraine)
Deb Kritzberger	

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

ORGANIST / PIANIST: Vicky Grothmann

HEAD USHER: Ed Laxdal

ATTENDANCE: August 16, 2026 – 45

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: August 16, 2026: \$7,240.00; August to date: \$20,899.00.

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)

PARENT MEETINGS: Wednesday, September 2nd

***Sunday school** parents meet at **6:00 p.m.** 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.

An **Open House Bridal Shower** for Saige Forseth, bride-to-be of Gaven Nelson, will be held on **Sunday, September 20, 2026 from 1:00-3:30 p.m.** at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 204 E. Caledonia Ave, Hillsboro. The couple is registered at Amazon. *Please bring a favorite recipe to share with the bride-to-be - recipe cards provided!*

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, August 23

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

Monday, August 24

Meal Delivery Week

Tuesday, August 25

7:00am Text Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café

Wednesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 27

10:45am Worship Service at HMC

Sunday, August 30

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



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