

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Organist: Vicky Grothmann

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L (Leader); C (Congregation)

- L:** What's the good news?
C: **God loves you more than you could imagine.**
L: What's the good news?
C: **God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.**
L: What's the good news?
C: **God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.**
L: This is good news indeed!
C: **Let us worship our compassionate God.**

OPENING HYMN: "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"

ELW 315

- 1) How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night; your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.*
- 2) How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.*
- 3) Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be, we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.*
- 4) Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come; we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.*
- 5) How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain; but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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: Gracious God,

C: you invite all of us to your care:

the faithful and the doubting, the restless and the hopeless, the addicted and the lonely, the lost and the confused. You invite all of us, regardless of who we are or where we've been, but we fail to do the same. When given the opportunity, we are guilty of casting judgment on our neighbors. We draw lines, assume the worst, create cliques, and accept exclusion. Forgive our harmful ways. Show us how to love others the way you love us. With hope we pray, amen.

L: Beloved, no matter how many times we mess up, no matter how many times we lose our way, no matter how many times we decline God's invitation, God will never stop inviting us to the table. There is and always will be a seat saved for you.

So join me in these good news words:

C: We are forgiven, again and again. We are invited, again and again. We are loved, from beginning to end. Thanks be to God, our Inviter. Amen.

(Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.)

KYRIE *ELW p. 147-148 (SING)*

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *ELW p. 149-150 (SING)*

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: *Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

2) Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Generous God,

C: You have blessed us with many good things. Help us hear the good news given in the life, death, and resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ. 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 Corinthians 15:1-4

Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures ⁴and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.

L: The word of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

ELW 380

1) Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One; from the gloomy halls of death, Christ the conqueror has gone, bright forerunner to the skies, of his people yet to rise.

2) Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mournful sigh? Christ who died our brother here, lives our brother still on high, lives forever to bestow blessings on his church below.

3) *Jesus lives! And thus my soul, life eternal waits for you; joined to Christ, your living head, where he is you shall be too; with the Lord at God's right hand, as a victor you shall stand.*

4) *Jesus lives! Let all rejoice. Praise him ransomed of the earth. Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of heav'nly birth. Praise the victor king whose sway, sin and death and hell obey.*

5) *Hallelujah! Angels sing! Join with us in hymns of praise. Let your chorus swell the strain which our feebler voices raise: Glory to our God above and on earth his peace and love!*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

It sounds like welcome and feels like home.

It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.

**It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.**

I have seen it alive in the world.

**And even when my heart aches,
even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach,
I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence.
I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him.
I remember that the good news really is good news,
for I have seen it alive in the world.
Thanks be to God! 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: “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: “Lord of All Hopefulness”

ELW 765

1) Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy: be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2) Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3) Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4) Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

BLESSING / THREE BELLS

DISMISSAL / POSTLUDE

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Helping people experience the Love of God.

O Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...

The people of Our Savior's

Those celebrating birthdays today: Nancy Brustad, Teresa Forseth, Tayah Halstengard,
Darrel Miller, Shirley Westphal, Hanna Magnuson, Kenna Culp

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: *The family of Lee Eisenbeis*

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HEAD USHERS:

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Bridger Longthorne, Colbie Hatlestad
(10:30) Audrey Theis, Brynn Spokely

ATTENDANCE: September 6, 2026 – 47

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: September 6, 2026: \$4,921.00; Sept. to date: \$4,921.00.

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)

2026 Fall EaND Synodical Women of the ELCA (SWO) Convention

September 26, 2026 at 9:00am (Registration at 8:30am) at Zion Lutheran Church, #1 2nd Ave SE, Kulm, ND. Meal cost is \$15 (payable at door).

Registration is due by Sept. 13th. Call the church office if interested in going.

7th graders will receive a Bible at the 10:30am worship service on **September 20, 2026**. Parents/Guardians are asked to present the Bible to their student at the designated time during the service.

NOTE: We will be collecting filled shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child again this year. Now is a great time to look for school supplies items! **National Collection Week is Nov. 16-23, 2026**, so we will need filled shoeboxes returned to Our Savior's Church by Nov. 11th.

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).*

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, September 13- Rally Day!

Communion Sunday
8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school begins
10:30am Contemporary Worship
11:30am Neighborhood Block Party
7:00pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

7:00am Text Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café

Wednesday, September 16

7:00am Men's Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café
5:30pm Meal
6:00pm Confirmation classes begin
7:30pm Youth Group (9-12 gr)

Thursday, September 17

10:45am Worship Service at HMC

Sunday, September 20

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Contemporary Worship
-7th gr. Bibles presented
1-3:30pm Open House Bridal Shower
(Saige Forseth)
7:00pm AA Meeting



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