

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 20, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 AM

PRELUDE

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: "Good, Good Father"

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like.

But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.

And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone.

Refrain: *You're a good, good Father. It's who You are, it's who You are,
it's who You are, and I'm loved by You. It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide.

But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide.

'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word. (Refrain)

Because You are perfect in all of Your ways. You are perfect in all of Your ways.

You are perfect in all of Your ways to us. (Repeat)

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak. Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think. As you call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still into love, love, love. (Refrain 2X)

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.)

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: God of covenant,

C: You promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BIBLE PRESENTATION for 7th grade students

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG for the WORD: "Sanctuary"

*Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

WORD of the DAY:

Genesis 1:1-2

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Genesis 12:1-9 "The Call of Abram"

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

L: The word of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: "Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful, Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name.

Chorus: *Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise, When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say, Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name, Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me, When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering, Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name.

Chorus: *Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise, When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say, Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name, Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name*

You give and take away, You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name. (Repeat)

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name, Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name

HOLY BAPTISM

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PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **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 to the dead.**

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.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT / BAPTISM

WELCOME:

L: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

PRAYER SONG: "Take Me Jesus As I Am"

Take me Jesus as I am, for I can come no other way, Draw me closer unto you, teach me how to walk your ways, Make me like a precious stone, crystal clear and finely honed The light of Jesus shining through, giving glory back to you

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Repeat Prayer Song)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Hold Us Together" V. 1

*It don't have a job, It don't pay your bills, Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills
Won't fix your life, In five easy steps, Ain't the law of the land or the government
But it's all you need.*

*Love will hold us together, Make us a shelter to weather the storm,
And I'll be my brother's keeper, So the whole world will know that we're not alone*

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 SONG: "Mighty to Save"

*Everyone needs compassion, Love that's never failing, Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Savior, The hope of nations*

Chorus: *Savior, he can move the mountains, My God is mighty to save, He is
mighty to save, Forever, author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave*

*So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures, Fill my life again
I give my life to follow, Everything I believe in, Now I surrender (Chorus 2X)*

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: Trish Mueller

God's Healing Presence for...

Lois Smith	Deb Kritzberger
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)

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 USHER: (8:30) Peter Lovas **(10:30)** Mike & Kari Tweten

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Rayna Betner, Tenley Dickhoff
(10:30) Cayden Olson, Mason Ouellette

ATTENDANCE: September 13, 2026: **(8:30)** 60 and **(10:30)** 130

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: September 13, 2026: \$3,038.00; Sept. to date: \$7,959.00.

Income through August 31, 2026: \$256,179.13; Expenses through August 31, 2026:

\$273,687.87 Income less Expense: -\$17,508.74

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

Kindergarten and 3rd graders will receive a Bible at the 10:30am worship service on **September 27, 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 today, **Sunday, September 20, 2026 from 1:00-3:30 p.m.** at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 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.

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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. Contact Dan C. at 701-430-1595 with any questions.

Item donations needed include: Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup, Tuna, Pineapple Chunks, Canned Peaches, Corn, Hamburger Helper, Mac-n-Cheese, Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Peanut Butter, Flour, Sugar, Ketchup, Coffee, Jelly, Spaghetti, Ramen Noodles, Orange Juice, Laundry Soap, Hand Soap, Paper Products, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Dish Soap

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

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

Monday, September 21

Steeple Talk news due!

Tuesday, September 22

7:00am Text Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café

Wednesday, September 23

7:00am Men's Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café
3:10-5pm Fun & Faith (4-6 gr)
5:30pm Meal
6:00pm Confirmation classes begin
7:30pm Youth Group (9-12 gr)

Thursday, September 24

10:45am Worship Service at HMC

Friday, September 25

3:45pm Depart for Synod Castaway
Retreat (Sept. 25-27)

Saturday, September 26

8:30am SWO Fall Convention
at Kulm, ND

Sunday, September 27

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Contemporary Worship
-K & 3rd gr. Bibles presented
7:00pm AA Meeting



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