

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 20, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Sarah HallGanje, Pianist

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: "The God of Abraham Praise"

ELW 831 vs 1-4

1) The God of Abr'ham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love- "I Am the One I Am" by earth and heav'n confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

2) The God of Abr'ham praise! At your supreme command from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand. I all on earth forsake its wisdom, fame, and pow'r and you my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

3) The God of Abr'ham praise! Your all sufficient grace shall guide me all my pilgrim days in all my ways. You deign to call me friend; you call yourself my God! And you will save me to the end through Jesus' blood.

4) Your promise you have sworn; I on your oath depend. I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heav'n ascend. I shall behold your face; I shall your pow'r adore, and sing the wonders of your grace forevermore.

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.

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. 148-149 (SING)*

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: ***Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG for the WORD: "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

ELW 520 V. 1

Dearest Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred, and in glowing faith be near you as the promises here given draw us wholly up to heaven.

WORD of the DAY:

Genesis 1:1-2

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I 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

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

ELW 579

1) Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

2) Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

3) Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

4) Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

5) Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

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: "Here I Am, Lord"

ELW 574

1) "I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain: *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

2) "I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain)

3) "I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain)

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: 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).*

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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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