

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, September 27, 2026**  
**Eighteenth 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: "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

**ELW 314**

- 1) *Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.*
- 2) *Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.*
- 3) *Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.*
- 4) *Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.*

### 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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: "Goodness Is Stronger than Evil" ELW 721 (2X)**

*Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death; vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: God of presence,

**C: you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 39:1-6**

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down

there. <sup>2</sup> The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup> His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. <sup>5</sup> From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. <sup>6</sup> So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

L: The word of the Lord.     **C: Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### ACCLAMATION

ELW 174

*Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.*

### WORD of the DAY: Genesis 39:6b-23

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. <sup>7</sup> And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." <sup>8</sup> But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. <sup>9</sup> He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" <sup>10</sup> And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. <sup>11</sup> One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, <sup>12</sup> she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside. <sup>13</sup> When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, <sup>14</sup> she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice, <sup>15</sup> and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside." <sup>16</sup> Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, <sup>17</sup> and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me, <sup>18</sup> but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

<sup>19</sup> When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. <sup>20</sup> And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. <sup>21</sup> But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. <sup>22</sup> The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. <sup>23</sup> The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care because the LORD was with him, and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

L: The word of the Lord.     **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**ELW 733**

*1) Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

**Refrain:** *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

*2) Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)*

*3) Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (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:** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

ELW 536

*1) God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

**Refrain:** *Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

*2) God be with you till we meet again; holy wings securely hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)*

*3) God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)*

## BLESSING / THREE BELLS

### DISMISSAL

**L:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Helping people experience the Love of God.

## POSTLUDE

**BAPTIZED** today after the 10:30am service is Paislee Rae Iverson, daughter of Alexis Iverson. Paislee was born on April 30, 2026 in Fargo, ND. Her Godparents are MacKenzie Iverson, Carter Iverson, and Zachary Iverson.

## *O Lord, Hear Our Prayers*

### **Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...**

The people of Our Savior's

Those celebrating birthdays today:

### **God's Healing Presence for...**

Deb Kritzberger

Christie Rust

Sharon Doeden

Aleisha Lokken

Glenn Brustad

Bev Mooney

Bill Cotton

Jeanie Swenson

Bonnie Spicer

Carol Christianson

Becky Foss

Mya Oelrich

Dan Bjorklund

Clarice Satrom

Vicki Dahlstrom

Jerry Boeddeker

Charlie Anderson

Susie Anderson

Basil and Senora Almquist

Danielle Harless (Alex Bare's sister)

Kevin Weller

Steven Madsen

Asher Madsen (Vicki Madsen's great grandson)

Karen Morlock (Eunice Morlock's niece)

Alexis Holte (Chris & Amy Redland's niece)

Hunter Gordon (Eunice Morlock's grandson-in-law)

Dennis Taus (Phyllis Leraas' brother-in-law)

Connie Fillion (Phyllis Leraas' sister)

Steve Rinke (Stacy Dickhoff's step-dad)

Tim Klocke (Mike Tweten's friend)

Robert Thompson (Isaac, Ava, Mia's grandpa)

Lindsey Gilbertson (Kathy Duval's brother)

Elaina Mueller (Bonnie Mueller's granddaughter)

Bryan Mueller

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: *The family of Delores Beck, The family of Lois Smith*

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**HEAD USHERS: (8:30)** Ed Laxdal; **(10:30)** Levi and Katie Reese

**LECTOR: (8:30)** Rita Fandrich

**ACOLYTES: (8:30)** Cassius Betner, Wyatt Torgerson; **(10:30)** Chase Giffey, Dylan Grinde

**ATTENDANCE:** September 20, 2026: **(8:30)** 60 and **(10:30)** 119

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** September 20, 2026: \$4,689.00; Sept. to date: \$12,648.00.

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)

**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.

**Kindergarten and 3rd graders** will receive a Bible at the 10:30am worship service today, **September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Parents/Guardians are asked to present the Bible to their student at the designated time during the service.

**THE GOSBELLS BELL CHOIR** will resume making music together on Mondays at 7:30pm starting on October 5th. Ringers past and present are welcome. If you are interested in learning/ joining, please contact Ruth Olson at 701-430-0451- call or text. We would love to find a place for you!

## **UPCOMING:**

Sunday, October 11 –10<sup>th</sup> gr. Confirmands Retreat (12-8pm)

Wednesday, October 14 –10<sup>th</sup> gr. Confirmands Faith Statements (6:30pm)

Wednesday, October 21 -**NO** Confirmation classes or meal

Sunday, October 25 – 10<sup>th</sup> gr. Confirmands confirmed at 10:30am service

## **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.

**HILLSBORO KIWANIS FOOD PANTRY**, at the Hillsboro Armory, is open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 27**

8:30am Worship Service  
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship  
9:30am Sunday school  
10:30am Contemporary Worship  
-K & 3rd gr. Bibles presented  
2:30pm Return from Castaway Retreat  
7:00pm AA Meeting

### **Monday, September 28**

Meal Delivery Week  
1:00pm Funeral Service- Lois Smith

### **Tuesday, September 29**

7:00am Text Bible Study  
at Hillsboro Café

### **Wednesday, September 30**

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, October 1**

9:30am WELCA Exec meet  
10:00am WELCA Meeting  
10:45am Worship Service at HMC  
2-3pm Kiwanis Bldgs communion

### **Sunday, October 4**

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



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