

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 6, 2026
Fifteenth 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: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

ELW 659

- 1) *Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.*
- 2) *We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*
- 3) *I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*
- 4) *I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.*
- 5) *Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of Grace and Truth,

C: Lord you are the true light in the darkness, the light of the world. You are mighty and powerful, and you have given us the power to become children of God. Help us shine brightly with your love. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p. 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.
¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "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: *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.*

*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)*

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: "Christ Be Our Light"

ELW 715 V. 1

*Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

PRAYER SONG: "Christ Be Our Light"

ELW 715 V. 5

*Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

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: “Abide with Me”

ELW 629

- 1) Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.*
- 2) Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.*
- 3) I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.*
- 4) I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me!*
- 5) Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

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: Scott Kelley, Veronika Lee, Otto Bertsch Jr.

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

ATTENDANCE: August 30, 2026 – 70

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: August 30, 2026: \$970.00; August to date: \$24,809.00.

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)

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.

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.

NOTE: We will be collecting filled shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child again this year. Now is a great time to be looking 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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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 6

Food Pantry donations
Communion Sunday
9:30am Worship Service
10:30am Coffee/Fellowship
7:00pm AA Meeting

Monday, September 7

Labor Day – Church Office closed

Tuesday, September 8

7:00am Text Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café

Wednesday, September 9

7:00am Men's Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café
5:30pm Council Meeting

Thursday, September 10

10:45am Worship Service at HMC

Sunday, September 13 (Rally Sunday)

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



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RALLY DAY

Neighborhood Block Party!

SEPTEMBER 13

8:30 am & 10:30 am worship
9:30 am Sunday school
11:30 am block party, free meal, and bouncy houses!!

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