

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, October 18, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Organist: Sarah HallGanje

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: "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

ELW 521

1) O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright: on you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.

2) On you, at earth's creation, the light first had its birth; on you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth; on you, our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n; and thus on you, most glorious, a three-fold light was giv'n.

3) Today on weary nations the heav'nly manna falls; to holy convocations the silver trumpet calls, where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams and living water flowing with soul refreshing streams.

4) New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest. We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son; the church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.

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: "Blessed Assurance"

ELW 638

1) Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: *This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

2) Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Ref.)

3) Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of deliverance,

C: **you saved your people and gave them the Promised Land. Choose us and equip us to live with faith and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:14-18

¹⁴ “Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, ¹⁸ and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG for the WORD: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” ELW 533 V. 5
Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed; may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:5-10

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,

⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’

and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.’ ”

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Be Thou My Vision"

ELW 793

1) Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2) Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

3) Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4) Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW 679 V. 1

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

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: "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

ELW 669

- 1) *Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.*
- 2) *Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.*
- 3) *Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.*
- 4) *Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.*
- 5) *Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!*

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: Emmett Hamre

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:

SENIOR PASTOR: Pastor Joe Johnson, 701-430-3787

EDUCATION PASTOR: Pastor Amanda Johnson, 218.556.8895

HEAD USHERS: (8:30) (10:30)

LECTOR: (8:30) Rita Fandrich

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Caleb Ambuehl, Brayden Buchholz (10:30) Brock Ferguson

ATTENDANCE: October 11, 2026: (8:30) 65 and (10:30) 117

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: October 11, 2026: \$1,923.00; Oct. to date: \$5,903.75.

Income through September 30, 2026: \$283,153.13; Expenses through September 30, 2026: \$304,311.39 Income less Expense: -\$21,158.26

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

NEW MEMBER WELCOME SUNDAY is November 15th at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. If you are interested in becoming a member at Our Savior's, please call the church office at 636-5701 or talk to one of the pastors.

W.O.W. (Women of the Word) Monday Morning Bible Study will begin on **October 26 at 9 AM** in the 2nd floor lounge at Our Savior's Church. They will be studying "The Battle for Your Soul" by Dr. David Jeremiah. There are four sessions. All Women are Welcome! ~Senora Almquist, Leader

UPCOMING:

- ✓ Wednesday, October 21 - **NO** Confirmation classes or meal
- ✓ **Sunday, October 25 – 10th gr. Confirmands confirmed at 10:30am service**
All are Welcome and Invited to attend the Confirmation service.

THE GOSBELLS BELL CHOIR has resumed making music together on Mondays at 7:30pm (began October 5th). Ringers past and present are always 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!

The **COMMUNITY CHOIR** has also started practices. They will practice on Mondays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 4:00pm. They will be working on the Community Christmas Concert music. All are Welcome!

The HILLSBORO SANFORD AUXILIARY is hosting the annual PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL today! **Sunday, October 18 from 2-3:30pm** in the Assisted Living dining room at the medical center. Enjoy homemade pie, a bake sale and a quilt raffle. All proceeds stay in Hillsboro to improve the quality of life for residents, tenants and patients.

St. Rose of Lima Parish FALL TURKEY DINNER – NOV. 8th

The traditional turkey dinner served family style with mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, carrots, pie, and all the trimmings, will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2026 from 11:00am – 1:30pm at the Parish Center, 503 3rd St SE, Hillsboro. Adults- \$15, Children K-6 are \$5 and Preschool are free! Gluten-free meal available, drive up for Take-out meal, delivery for homebound – call 636-5981.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, October 18

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Contemporary Worship
4:00pm Choir practice
7:00pm AA Meeting

Monday, October 19

Steeple Talk news for Nov. due!
6:30pm Choir practice
7:30pm GosBELLS practice

Tuesday, October 20

7:00am Text Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café

Wednesday, October 21

7:00am Men's Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café
NO Wed. Activities

Thursday, October 22

10:45am Worship Service at HMC

Sunday, October 25

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am **Confirmation** Service
4:00pm Choir practice
7:00pm AA Meeting



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