

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, October 4, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Organist: Vicky Grothmann

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: "Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock"

ELW 862

1) Praise, praise! You are my rock. The wind, the waves are high. You hold me when the waves are strong. You hold me lest I die, I die. Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

2) Praise, praise! You are my rock. My desert sand is dry. You break the rock, a river flows. You hear me when I cry, I cry. Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

3) Praise, praise! You are my rock. You calm the fear and pain. One word of faith and I am well, I rise to praise and walk again. Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

4) Praise, praise! You are my rock. You host the table set. We break the bread, we drink the cup; we know whom we have met, have met. Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

5) Praise, praise! You are my rock. The Easter grave is sealed; you roll the stone -you, God, alone- then sin and death are healed, are healed. Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

6) Praise, praise! You are my rock. You stood high on a hill. A holy cloud: you are on high. Be still, my heart, be still, be still. Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

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. 149-150 (SING)

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: *Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

2) Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of salvation,

C: you rescued the Israelites at the edge of the Red Sea. Rescue us from our worries, so that we might forever place our trust in you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ACCLAMATION ELW p. 151

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

WORD of the DAY:

Exodus 14:5-7

⁵When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" ⁶So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him; ⁷he took six hundred elite chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

Exodus 14:10-14

¹⁰As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Exodus 14:21-29

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

²³The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

²⁴ At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

ELW 756 vs 1-3

1) Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:

Refrain: *oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*

2) O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep: (Refrain)

3) O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude, and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace: (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: "Calm to the Waves"

ELW 794

*Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Repeat Prayer Song)

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: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

ELW 543

1) *Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

2) *Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.*

3) *Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.*

BLESSING / THREE BELLS

DISMISSAL / POSTLUDE

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Helping people experience the Love of God.

BAPTIZED today during the 10:30am service is Walker Michael Reyes, son of Shane and Serrina Reyes. Walker was born on June 25, 2026 in Fargo, ND. His Godparents are Joey Smith and Jacoby Hannestad.

O Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...

The people of Our Savior's

Those celebrating birthdays today: Tatum Miller

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

VISITATION MINISTER: Joy McSparron, 701.361.9990

HEAD USHERS: (8:30) - (10:30) Jack & Sylvia Hansen

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Genevieve Burger, Brantley Fitzner (10:30) Harper Olsen, Reid Peterson

ATTENDANCE: September 27, 2026: (8:30) 76 and (10:30) 180

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: September 27, 2026: \$7,216.00; Sept. to date: \$19,864.00.

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.

WELCA is completing Kits for use by Lutheran World Relief. These are funded by Thrivent grants and the donations made by members. Examples of Health Kits, Baby Kits and School kits are being displayed in the area at the top of the steps leading to the sanctuary. Please stop by and see what is included in each type of kit. They will be sent to the collection site in late October. These are used in the US and around the world when disasters occur.

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 –10th gr. Confirmands Retreat (12-8pm)

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

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 both the Faith Statement presentations and the Confirmation service.

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

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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, October 4

Food Pantry donations
Communion Sunday
8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Contemporary Worship
11:30am Council Meeting
6:00pm "That's Interesting" Bible Study
7:00pm AA Meeting

Monday, October 5

7:30pm GosBELLS practice

Tuesday, October 6

7:00am Text Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café

Wednesday, October 7

7:00am Men's Bible Study
at Hillsboro Café
5:30pm Meal
6:00pm Confirmation
7:30pm Youth Group (9-12 gr)

Thursday, October 8

10:45am Worship Service at HMC

Sunday, October 11

Communion Sunday
8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday school
10:30am Contemporary Worship
12:00pm 10th gr Conf. Retreat
7:00pm AA Meeting



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