



Festive

Planting Faith – Nurturing Hope – Sharing God's Love

Holy Cross Day Traditional Worship Service

Sunday, September 14 ~ 11:00am



Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) * 909 West 33rd Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Ministers: Pastor Timothy Lemme, Pastor Greg Johnson

Visitation Ministers: Pastor Robert Hansen, Maribeth Anderson

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+ indicates to stand if able

GATHERING

Prelude – “Hymn to Joy,” arr. Wayne L. Wold

Welcome

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

+Call to Worship

During the month of September our theme for worship is The Care for God’s creation... Remember these words from Holy Scripture.

From Genesis 1

God made the heavens and the earth and it was good.

From Genesis 2

Humans are commanded to care for God’s creation.

From Leviticus 25

The land itself must be given a rest and not abused.

From Deuteronomy 10

All of heaven and earth belong to the Lord.

From Daniel 3

Creation proclaims the glory of God.

From Matthew 6

God loves and cares for all of creation.

From 1 Corinthians 10

Creation and all created things are inherently good because they are of the Lord.

+Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

+Gathering Hymn - ELW, No. 731 “Earth and All Stars,” *sts. 1-3*

+Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

+Kyrie – ELW, pg. 193

+Canticle of Praise – ELW, No. 835 “All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”
sts. 1 & 2

+Prayer of the Day

WORD

Kidtalk – Gene LeVasseur

Anthem – “The Perfect Wisdom of Our God,” arr. Lloyd Larson

Reading: Numbers 21: 4b-9

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Reading – Psalm 139: 13-18 *read responsively*

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

+Gospel Acclamation – ELW, Pg. 198

The holy gospel according to St. John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel – John 3:13-17

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day - ELW, No. 834 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

+Apostle’s 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 to the dead.**

**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.**

+Prayers of Intercession

MEAL

Offering

Offering Music – “Andante,” Gluck

+Offering Prayer

+Holy Communion

+Dialog

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+Preface

+Holy – ELW, Pg. 200

+Words of Institution

+Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

+Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God – ELW, Pg. 201

Communion Hymn – ELW, No. 807 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Prayer after the Meal

SENDING

Announcements

+ Blessing

The God who made the Heavens and the Earth,
Who loves and cares for all creatures,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

+Sending Hymn – ELW, No. 731 “Earth and All Stars,” *sts.* 4, 5

+Sending

Go in peace. Know that God will help us
Care for creation.

Postlude – “Marche Pontificale,” Ferdinand de le Tombelle

Worship Team

Preaching Minister: Pastor Tim Lemme

Presiding Minister: Pastor Greg Johnson

Organ: Christopher Larson

Cantor: Tara Stadem

Reader: Carolyn Dick

Media: Harold Breitag

Sound: Daniel Matzner

9/14/2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 14th at 10am we will be having a special congregational meeting to vote on the candidate for lead pastor, please plan to attend this important meeting.

Sunday, September 14th you can get your blood pressure checked in-between services!

Help us furnish our nursery! We're looking for gently used or new items (pack-and-plays, toys, rocking chairs, rugs, etc.). Please email Madeline a description or photo of the item before bringing it to the church.

Make plans to be a part of our congregation's "Creation Cleanup" of the Big Sioux River on Sunday afternoon, September 28th, from 1:15-3:30 p.m. Go to oslchurch.com to sign up and find all the information! You can also sign-up at the welcome center.

We are looking for Food To You volunteers! Thursday, September 25th from 5:15-7:30pm we are looking for volunteers to help with Food to You! Please sign-up at the Welcome Center if you are interested!

OSL needs additional ushers for the 11:00 Festive Worship. Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer for this service. Training will be provided! Call the office to sign up.

Two, informational meetings are being offered for members to discuss OSL's new Constitution and By-laws. On Sunday, October 5th at 12:15 p.m. and on Wednesday evening, October 8th, at 7:00 p.m. members of the Constitution review task force will lead discussions. Copies of the proposed Constitution and bylaws are available in the church office.

Bells of Our Savior's is looking for members! We need THREE more ringers to sustain Bells of Our Savior's. We meet on Tuesdays 5:00-5:45pm and ring in worship when everyone in bell choir can attend worship. You must be able to read music, and we will train new folks up as we prepare to RING God's praises. Contact Gene LeVasseur if you are interested in giving Bells of Our Savior's a try.

Share the gift of goodies! Starting Sunday, October 5th (and the first Sunday of each month after that) we are inviting congregation members to bring goodies in for Coffee & Fellowship time. You can bring a dozen (or more!) of your homemade cookies, bars, and desserts to share. Treats can be brought in at anytime during the month, just drop them off at the Church Office.

The Faith Temple Food Giveaway has not been receiving enough income to purchase the food, and pay the other expenses, needed to operate. If you would like to donate to keep this important program functioning, please make a donation payable to Faith Temple Food Giveaway. (Payments can be left with the Church office.)

Real Men Ask for Help. We are brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So, we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. That is not God's plan. We are stronger when we are in community. If you are sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. A Stephen Minister will be there ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. (It's confidential too!) Just contact Pr. Tim.

There are many opportunities to serve in the worship ministry. Your generous and joyful gifts of service are an amazing blessing to Our Savior's and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please, PRAYERFULLY consider joining one of these teams as we start in September: Bells of Our Savior's, Joyful Noize, Our Savior's Choir, Celebrate Band, Cantors, Communion Leaders, Greeters, Readers, Sound Operator, Media Operator, TV Production, Ushers. **A full list of opportunities and descriptions are available at the welcome center.** If you are interested in joining any of our worship ministry teams, please feel free to contact the church office or Gene.