



Celebrate

Planting Faith – Nurturing Hope – Sharing God's Love

15th Sunday after Pentecost Contemporary Worship Service
Sunday, September 21 ~ 8:45am



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GATHERING

Gathering Song – “Do it Today,” Denny Gale

**1. Make disciples of all the world
Show all people the way
Spread the word of His precious love
And do it today**

**2. Feed the hungry and help the poor
Teach a child how to pray
Work for justice and righteousness
And do it today**

(Bridge 1) **Have compassion on those who are needy
And love in your heart
Preach the Gospel to all creation
With confident faith hope and trust in God *(verse 1)***

(Bridge 2) **Spread the Gospel as Jesus commanded
Both near, near and far
Make disciples of all the nations
By using the gifts you received from God *(verse 1)***

(Ending) **Spread the word of his precious love and do it today**

Welcome

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

**+Gathering Song – “What An Awesome God,” Jonathan Smith, Phil Wickham,
Richard Mullins**

**1. God is great give Him all the praise
Hallelujah Name above all Names
Fire in His eyes healing in His veins
Everywhere His glory on display
Take a look at those stars He can name them all
Before His throne every knee falls**

**The demons have to run the angels have to praise
Even the wind and waves obey**

**(Chorus 1) Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love
Our God is an awesome God**

**2. And even when I ran He didn't run away
He came and put death back in its place
Friday on a cross broken for my shame
Sunday morning rose up from that grave**

**Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet
He saved our souls for eternity
Worthy is the Lamb glory to the King
Oh let all the saints and the angels sing (chorus 1)**

**3. Eyes on the sky there will be a day
He will come and wipe our tears away
No more fear no more pain
No more sorrow sin or shame**

**The King is coming back again
A reign of love that will never end
For everything You've done and everything You do
And everything You are I'll sing to You**

**(Chorus 2) My God You're an awesome God
You're great in all You do
I'm made to worship You
My God You're an awesome God (chorus 1 twice)**

**(Ending) Our God is an awesome God
Our God what an awesome God**

+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.

+Prayer of the Day

+Song of Praise – “Awesome Is the Lord Most High,” Abel, Pierce, Tomlin, Reeves

**1. Great are you Lord mighty in strength
You are faithful you will ever be
We will praise you all of our days
It's for your glory we offer everything**

(Chorus 1) **Raise your hands all you nations
Shout to God all creation
How awesome is the Lord most high**

**2. Where you send us God we will go
You are faithful we want the world to know
We will trust you when you call our name
Where you lead us we'll follow all the way**

(Chorus 2) **Raise your hands all you nations
Shout to God all creation
How awesome is the Lord most high**

**We will praise you together for now and forever
How awesome is the Lord most high**

(Bridge) **Hallelujah, Hallelujah
How awesome is the Lord most high
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
How awesome is the Lord most high**

(Final Chorus) **Raise your hands all you nations
Shout to God all creation
How awesome is the Lord most high
We will praise you together for now and forever
How awesome is the Lord most high
Lord most high**

WORD

Kidtalk

Reading: Amos 8: 4-7

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 – Luke 16:1-13

This is the Good News.
We praise you Lord Jesus.

Sermon

Song of the Day – “Holy Forever,” Chris Tomlin

**1. A thousand generations
Falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb**

(Pre-Chorus) **Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all**

(Chorus 1) **And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever**

**2. If you've been forgiven
And if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom
And if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb**

We'll sing the song forever and amen (*Chorus 1*)

**(*Chorus 2*) Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever**

**(*Ending*) You will always be Holy
Holy forever**

+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 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 the People

+Sharing the Peace

**The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.**

MEAL

Invitation to Offering

Offering Song – “Revelation Song,” Jennie Lee Riddle

**1. Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy Holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat**

(Chorus) **Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You**

**2. Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King *(chorus)***

**3. Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery *(chorus)*
+Offering Prayer**

+Holy Communion

+Setting the Table

+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 the Meal

**Communion Song – “What a Beautiful Name,” Ben Fielding & Brooke
Ligertwood**

**1. You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ**

(Chorus 1) **What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus**

**2. You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now**

(Chorus 2) **What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus**

(Bridge) Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

(Chorus 3) What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

(Ending) What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Prayer after the Meal

SENDING

Announcements

+ Blessing

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

+Sending Song – “Let Your Light Shine,” Justin Ehrman

(Chorus) **Let your light shine let your light shine always
For the glory for the glory of the Father
Let all who see us know we live to follow Jesus
Because of Christ we live eternally so let your light shine**

**1. Commanded to be Christ’s hands and feet
We pray for courage to do God’s will
Holy Spirit, light the fire in my heart
So darkness ends with just a spark *(Chorus)***

**2. We gather unified in Christ
To praise our God we live to serve
Use us to share the message of your love
Open up their hearts to light above *(Chorus)***

+Sending

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

Worship Team

Preaching Minister: Pastor Tim Lemme

Presiding Minister: Pastor Greg Johnson

Celebrate Band: Denny Gale, John Mogen, Dave Hofstad,
Gretchen Hofstad Starnes, Jane Ruud, Dan Baedke

Reader: Dean Mertz

Media: O’Zareus Davis

Sound: Matt Steinhouse

9/21/2025 Announcements

Help Us Celebrate Denny Gale. Denny has been with the band since 1998 and been a gifted and faithful leader of the band since 2014 and is stepping away from his staff position but will continue to be a part of the Celebrate band. On Sunday, September 28th at 10:00am in the Gathering Place we will have a reception for Denny for his faithful service and you are welcome to give Denny a card at the reception. If you cannot attend the reception you may bring/send a card to the Welcome Center on Saturday or Sunday, or the main office Monday through Friday.

Make plans to be a part of our congregation's "Creation Care 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 or sign-up at the Welcome Center!

OSL is hosting the Augustana Bach Collegium on Sunday, October 5th at 7pm. Tickets are available on Augustana's website.

Our second High School Youth Group of the year will be Tuesday, October 1, from 7:00–8:00 PM in the Youth Room. Come meet and welcome our Augustana Student Leaders! At 7:00, we will have a meeting for parents and current 8th–12th graders interested in the Summer 2026 High School Houseboat Trip.

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 or bars to share. Treats can be brought in at anytime during the month, just drop them off at the Church Office.

Sunday, October 5th there will be an adult forum with the opportunity to ask questions and practice lifesaving skills such as using an AED or CPR. It will guide you through what to do in case of emergency. The course will be led by Miranda Goodrich, A.A.S., NRP Lead EMS Educator and Reba Goodrich, BSN, RN, MEDSURG-BC

Family Fun Night ~ October 15! Mark your calendars for an evening of family fun at OSL on October 15th from 5:30-7:00 PM. We'll paint pumpkins, eat pizza, and end the night with a parade of costumes! RSVP online at www.oslchurch.com so we know how many pumpkins/pizzas to purchase. Freewill donation for pizza & pumpkins.

OSL Transition Task Force recommended to amend the OSL Constitution and Bylaws to institute a congregation lead church. A committee was formed and is ready to recommend an amended Constitution and updated Bylaws. Informational meetings for the congregation are on October 5th at 12:15 in the Friendship Room and on October 8th at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Place. We intend to take the first vote on the revised constitution and bylaws on November 2nd with the second vote required to be taken at the annual meeting in January of 2026, per the current constitution. There are copies of the updated documents available at the front office.

Nursery Needs ~ Toy Storage! Thank you to all who have donated to our nursery! We are now looking for new toy storage for the nursery! If you have something like donate, contact Madeline to see what is still needed

We need a few more offering counters. The commitment is about an hour, usually once a month. You would not use a computer, just an adding machine to total up the batches of offering envelopes. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Arlys Johnson (605) 310-4868 or the Church Office!

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. 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 LeVasseur.

When Little Things Get You Down. Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you are feeling down, lonely, stressed, or discouraged, you could benefit

from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life! Just contact Pr. Tim.

TV Ministry Update: We're close to resolving the low-volume issues some of you noticed on KDLT this summer—thank you for your patience! If you still experience problems, please email info@oslchurch.com with the date/time, how you were watching, and which service/source (Celebrate or Festive). Your feedback helps us ensure the best viewing experience.

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.

A new Matter of Balance Class is starting in October. Class is Monday & Wednesday from 12pm-2pm, registration is required. Please contact Lea for more information.

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.)

Save the Date: The Bloodmobile will be at Our Savior's Lutheran on Sunday, October 26th from 8am-12pm.