



Celebrate

Planting Faith – Nurturing Hope – Sharing God's Love

16th Sunday after Pentecost Contemporary Worship Service
Sunday, September 28 ~ 8:45am



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GATHERING

Gathering Song – “Light Shines in the Darkness,” Larry Olson and Hans Peterson

(Chorus) **Oh the light shines in the darkness
And the light will not be overcome
In this world broken and scattered
The light will not be overcome**

**1. As our lives are turning
And our hearts are yearning
Through the days of hurting
Deep in the night
Still the flame burns bright** *(chorus)*

**2. Tears throughout creation
Torn apart relations
Wounds across the nations
Hope may seem gone
Still the flame burns on** *(chorus twice)*

Welcome

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

+Gathering Song – “The Reconciliation Song,” Morris Chapman, Budy Owens, & Claire Cloninger

**1. Oh let us be the generation
Of reconciliation and peace
And let us be a holy nation
Where pride and prejudice shall cease
Let us speak the truth in love
To the lost and least of these
Let us serve the Lord in unity
So others will believe
Let us be the generation
Of reconciliation and peace**

**2. Oh let us be the generation
Of reconciliation and peace
And let us build on one foundation
'Til He comes and the wars of men shall cease
Let us share the love of Jesus
Without hypocrisy
Let mercy and forgiveness
Begin with you and me
Let us be the generation
Of reconciliation and peace**

(Bridge) **Have we not one Father
Have we not one faith
Have we not one calling
To become one holy race**

**3. Oh let us be the generation
Of reconciliation and peace
And let us pray for restoration
And seek the Lord together
On our knees
Let us keep our hearts from evil
And cling to what is good
Let us honor one another
And love the brotherhood
Let us be the generation
Of reconciliation and peace**

+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 – “Rescuer (Good News),” Benjamin Hastings, Bryan Fowler, Gareth Gilkeson, Chris Llewellyn

**1. There is good news for the captive
Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter
The one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save**

(Chorus) **He’s our Rescuer He’s our Rescuer
We are free from sin forevermore
Oh, how sweet the sound
Oh, how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer**

**2. He is beauty for the blind man
Riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary
Rest for those who strive
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life
Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life *(chorus)***

(Bridge) **So come and be chainless
Come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary *(repeat bridge then chorus)***

WORD

Kidtalk

Reading: Genesis 1

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 16:19-31

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

Sermon

Song of the Day – “Today, Tomorrow & Forever,” AJ Prnis, Chris Rohman,
Dustin Lolli, and Mark Graalman

**1. Through every trial
Through every circumstance
Still Your mercy covers me
Through every battle
I don't have to understand
Still I lift my voice and sing**

(Chorus) **Today tomorrow and forever
I will live for You
Today tomorrow and forever
I will worship You**

**2. You have been faithful
You have been kind to me
You hold my future in Your hands
When the world's shaking
The ground beneath my feet
You're the solid rock on which I stand *(chorus)***

(Bridge) **I'll worship You
On the mountain and the valley
I'll worship You
In the calm and in the storm**

(Ending) **Today tomorrow and forever
I will worship You
Oh I will worship You
Jesus I worship You**

+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 – “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**

+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 – “All Who Are Thirsty,” Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson

(Verse) **All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of his mercy
As deep cries out to deep**

(Chorus) **We sing Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come** *(verse, chorus)*
(Ending) **We sing Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
All who are thirsty**

Prayer after the Meal

SENDING

Blessing

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

Announcements

+Sending Song – “Less Like Me,” Hank Bentley, Mia Fieldes, Zach Williams

**1. Oh I have days I lose the fight
Try my best but just don't get it right
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk
And miss the moments right before my eyes**

(Pre-Chorus) **Somebody with a hurt
That I could have helped
Somebody with a hand
That I could have held
When I just can't see past myself
Lord help me be**

(Chorus) **A little more like mercy
A little more like grace
A little more like kindness goodness love and faith
A little more like patience
A little more like peace
A little more like Jesus
A little less like me**

**2. Yeah there's no denying I have changed
I've been saved from who I used to be
But even at my best I must confess
I still need help to see the way You see *(pre-chorus, chorus)***

(Bridge) **Oh I want to feed the beggar on the street
Love to be Your hands and feet
Freely give what I receive
Lord help me be
I want to put You first above all else
Love thy neighbor as myself
In the moments no one sees
Lord help me be**

(Final Chorus) **A little more like mercy**
A little more like grace
A little more like kindness goodness love and faith
A little more like patience
A little more like peace
A little more like Jesus
A little less like me
A little more of living
Everything I preach
A little more like Jesus
A little less like me

+Sending

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

Worship Team

Preaching Minister: Pastor Greg Johnson

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tim Lemme

Celebrate Band: Beth Boyens, Gene LeVasseur, Jake Lemme, Toni LeVasseur,
and Denny Gale.

Reader: Curt Olson

Media: O'Zareus Davis

Sound: Matt Steinhouse

9/28/2025 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!

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.

Volunteers are needed for the Fall Outdoor Clean Up Day on Tuesday, October 14th, from 8:30am-12pm. Pizza lunch provided.

Thank you to all who have donated to our nursery! We are now looking for new toy storage. If you have something you would like donate, contact Madeline.

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

Family Fun Night ~ 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 at our website or the Welcome Center so we have enough pumpkins and pizza! Free-will donation for the evening.

A committee was formed and is ready to recommend an amended Constitution and updated Bylaws. Informational meetings for the congregation are being held 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 if you wish to get a copy of what is being recommended. We will also have copies available at the informational sessions.

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

Sunday, October 5th there will be an adult forum with the chance to ask questions and practice lifesaving skills like using an AED or CPR. It will guide you through handling an emergency.

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

We need THREE more ringers to sustain Bells of Our Savior's. We meet on Tuesdays 5-5:45pm and ring in worship when everyone in bell choir can attend. 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.

Our next Adult Lifelong Learning Book Study will be the Church of Mercy by Pope Francis. Sign up online or at the Welcome Center to order a book/study guide. The cost is \$12 and the deadline is October 15th. There will be 2 book studies on November 9th, at 3pm and 6pm.

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.

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

There are many opportunities to serve in the worship ministry. Your generous 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.

A new season of Augie Hockey Parking Fundraising is starting! The first weekend is October 17th & 18th, and funds will benefit Confirmation. Sign up online or at the Welcome Center.

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

Stephen Ministers Are Care-Givers, God Is the Cure-Giver. The role of Stephen Ministers is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to people who are facing one of many life challenges for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply stressed by everyday life, ask for a Stephen Minister. Contact Pr. Tim for more information.

Black Hills Adventure: Fall Travel & Fellowship Trip. Spots are limited for this unforgettable fall Black Hills Adventure with Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota. Don't miss the chance to explore the beauty of South Dakota, deepen your faith, and enjoy meaningful fellowship. For more information or to reserve your seat, contact Mary Kettl at Outlaw Ranch: 307.689.2805. Leave Monday, October 13, 2025 at 7:00 AM. Return Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 8:00 PM.