



Festive

Planting Faith – Nurturing Hope – Sharing God's Love

16th Sunday after Pentecost Traditional Worship Service
Sunday, September 28 ~ 11:00am



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Ministers: Pastor Timothy Lemme, Pastor Greg Johnson
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+ indicates to stand if able

GATHERING

Prelude – Meditation of "Peace Like a River," Brenda Portman

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. 842 "Oh, Worship the King," *sts. 1, 2, 5*

+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.

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

+Prayer of the Day

WORD

Joyful Noize – Creation Care Drama

Anthem – “All Things Bright and Beautiful,” John Rutter

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 Acclamation – ELW, Pg. 198

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

Gospel – Luke 16:19-31

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day - ELW, No. 876 “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

+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 – “In Faith I Quiet Wait,” J.S. Bach

+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. 737 “He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

Prayer after the Meal

SENDING

Blessing

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

Announcements

+Sending Hymn – ELW, No. 576 “We All Are One in Mission”

+Sending

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

Postlude – “God of Grace and God of Glory,” arr. Wilbur Held

Worship Team

Preaching Minister: Pastor Greg Johnson

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tim Lemme

Organ: Christopher Larson

Cantor: Our Savior’s Choir

Reader: Julie Oien

Media: Dorene Weinstein

Sound: Daniel Matzner

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.