



## ***Prayers for the weekend of May 17, 2026***

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the church, the world, and for all who are in need.

O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire us all to proclaim the gospel of Jesus so that all may know your love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather and much needed rains to nurture plants and animals, and all of your creation. Protect us from natural and human-made disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your justice and mercy is for all people. Instill in political leaders, and all people, a desire for peace and equity. End the wars that tear apart lives and creation, and fill the nations with your peace and healing. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick. We especially pray for John Nelson, Darlene Boe, Jacklyn Nothdurft. May your healing be with them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment, and other changes. Teach us to uphold each other in prayer, support, and love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, your promise of love is without end. Bless Daniel Matzner and Tesla Cheek, who were married here this weekend. Bless them as they begin this new chapter in their life together. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

## ***Announcements***

OSL has moved to summer office hours. We are open from 8:00am-3:30pm Monday – Thursday and on Friday from 8:00am-2:00pm.

Next weekend (May 23-24) is Pentecost. You are invited to wear red, as the Holy Spirit arrived in tongues of fire. Also, our Festive Worship service time moves to 10:30am starting May 24<sup>th</sup> for the summer months.

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Kick off your summer with the OSL Bike Rodeo on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Bike Rodeos are an educational community outreach activity supported by “Don’t Thump Your Melon,” a South Dakota EMS program for Children. Don't have a helmet? Get a new and properly fitted one for free!

Viking Night at OSL is on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm-Midnight. Students will enjoy dinner, desserts, and a quiet space to work. Volunteers are needed for serving, cleanup, treats, and pizza donations. Call the Office or sign up at the Welcome Center!

We thank the Minnehaha Mandskor for singing in our Festive Worship Sunday. A men’s chorus formed in 1890 by Norwegian immigrants, they, along with many of you, celebrate Syttende Mai today.

Vacation Bible School is June 1–4 in the mornings, and registration is open for children age 3 (potty trained) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and we need lots of volunteers, especially Crew Leaders and Rotation Leaders! Registration closes May 20. Contact Madeline for more information.

The annual Synod Assembly is being held at Our Savior’s Lutheran on May 29 & 30. We are looking for ushers & communion servers for worship Friday morning at 9:15 and Saturday morning at 8:15. Please contact the Church Office if you can help either day.

OSL is volunteering at the Food To You distribution at St John’s Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 28. We need a few more people to volunteer for this event. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the Church Office.

We're excited to share that Vine is now fully digital! Vine is a partnership of 17 ELCA congregations—including ours—that connects people to ministry, classes, and community for all ages and stages of life. Everything is now online, so the best way to stay connected is to visit [vinefindyourway.org](http://vinefindyourway.org) and follow Vine on Facebook and Instagram. We encourage you to check it out and share it with others!

All are invited to attend a special community event: *Violins of Hope: Sioux Falls — Never Forget Hope* on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 7:00 PM at Hamre Recital Hall in the Fryxell Humanities Center at Augustana University.

Spring is a time of hope. Hope for warm weather. Hope for flowers blooming and leaves on the trees. And hope of growth of seeds that are sown in the earth. New life. And yet for some, life’s circumstances can dampen hope. If you are feeling “down”, consider asking for a Stephen Minister. They will meet with you regularly to give you an opportunity to talk about whatever is of concern. One-on-one, they will really listen, confidentially and without judgement, as you share your thoughts, providing distinctively Christian care. They will walk with you for as long (or short) as you need. As that old commercial suggests: try it, you’ll like it. Just contact Pr. Tim to be matched with a Stephen Minister.

#### Upcoming Events:

05/17/26: Bike Rodeo from 12pm-2pm

Vikings Night (formerly Midnight Madness) from 6pm-Midnight

05/24/26: Festive Worship time changes to 10:30am for summer

05/25/26: OSL Church Office & Library Closed for the Memorial Day holiday

05/28/26: Food to You Distribution at St John Lutheran

05/29/26 & 05/30/26: Synod Assembly

June 1-4: Vacation Bible School 8:30am-12:00pm

06/07/26: National Cancer Survivors Day Recognition at 10am

Blessing Bags Delivery

06/10/26: Summer Blast