



Prayers for the weekend of August 16, 2026

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind especially Gail Meader, Arlys Stanga, Barbara Peterson, Tony VerSteeg, Floyd Prouty, and Rob Lowe. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. We pray for the family of Kathie Widness as they mourn her death. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the Newly baptized in Christ. Guide the Schmitt family and all those who are baptized into living out their baptismal promises. Help them not only to understand and grow in the faith, but also how to best love their neighbor. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

If you are visiting us today, please stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a Friendship Bag. It's our way of saying, "Thank you for being with us and come again soon."

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) * 909 West 33rd Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105*
Ministers: Pastor Michael Stadtmueller, Pastor Timothy Lemme, Pastor Nancy Rieke, Pastor Greg Johnson
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Friendship Club returns for the fall on September 1st with a tour of the USD National Music Museum in Vermillion. We will share lunch together at church at 11:00 a.m., then depart for Vermillion at 12 noon, \$60.00 covers your bus fee and admission to the museum. More information and a sign-up sheet are located at the Welcome Center. Please sign up or call the Church Office by Tuesday, August 18th to reserve your spot.

Every worship service at Our Savior's includes our remembrance of the Lord's last supper and serving holy communion. Our communion ministry team is praying to add more people so we're hosting a simple BREAKFAST, information, and training session on Saturday, August 29th at 9:00am. Pastor Michael and current communion team leaders will guide the meeting. 6th grade youth - adults are encouraged to join this wonderful ministry. Please sign up at the Welcome Center!

Next Sunday, August 23 (OSL's Blessing of the Backpack Sunday) Pastor Greg Johnson will be stationed throughout the morning in the Gathering Place overseeing a table where 6th through 8th graders and parents can pre-register for the coming year of Confirmation. And, to those hearing this who are not members here at OSL, you are invited to be a part of this Basics of Faith year of learning. There is room for you here at Our Savior's. If you have questions, go to OSLchurch.com to send Pastor Greg an email or just call the church office.

Sioux Emperians THANK YOU! We are excited to make a meaningful contribution to your Sunday worship on August 16th in Festive worship. MEN who enjoy singing are invited to experience this unique 4-part harmony any Tuesday, 7-9pm at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls. Contact Ken Munch 605-351-9062. "Keep the Whole Singing"

Throughout the growing season, we invite you to share in the abundance of your garden! Congregation members are invited to give and take fresh produce as they need. A table will be available for extra fruits, vegetables, and herbs.

Help Susan B. Anthony stock their supply cupboard! The beginning of the new school year will soon be here, and we want to be sure that the students and teachers have just what they need. You can pick up a flyer at the Welcome Desk.

As a new school year begins, we invite students of all ages, teachers, school staff, college students, and anyone beginning a new season of learning to bring their backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 23 for a special Blessing of the Backpacks. During both worship services, we'll pray for God's guidance, protection, and encouragement throughout the school year. Bring your backpack and join us as we start the school year grounded in God's love and surrounded by our church family.

LSS Youth Mentoring Services are designed to empower children and teens (K-12) by connecting them with volunteer mentors who offer support, encouragement, and guidance. As a mentor, you can help build self-esteem, encourage positive choices, identify and work toward goals, lend new perspectives, or simply be a friend to a young person who needs someone in their corner—all in as little as one hour per week. Visit the LSS website, Mentoring.LssSD.org or call them at 605-444-7803.

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, August 26th, from 6pm-8pm, for good food, live music, and a time of fellowship and celebrating the 80th Anniversary of OSL! OSL will provide burgers and hot dogs, members are invited to bring a side or dessert to share. Sign up to bring a dish at the Welcome Desk!

OSL now has an online shirt store! Lots of colors, styles, and sizes to choose from. Order and pay directly through the company's website and select "pick up at Our Savior's Lutheran" to avoid shipping fees. Orders will be printed at the end of each month, with delivery following approximately three weeks after. We will notify you when your order arrives. If you would like help ordering shirts, we will have a table set up at the 80th Anniversary Potluck and OSL staff will be available to walk through ordering online with you. Please bring a credit or debit card for payment.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 18th at 12pm! We can't wait to host another month of The Greater Good and hear from more inspiring speakers.

Kickoff Sunday is coming up on September 13th! More details to come next week...Spoiler alert: The 80th Anniversary celebration continues with a free breakfast served at OSL that morning!

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it's a sign of weakness to ask for help. So, when we are stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others---and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you are sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. Start fresh and ask for a Stephen Minister. Just contact Pr. Tim.

We're excited to introduce something brand new at Our Savior's Lutheran Church this fall: OSL Kids Club! Beginning Wednesday, September 9, we'll be launching an 11-week after-school program for children Preschool (fully potty trained) through 5th grade. Kids Club will meet every Wednesday through November 18. For this first trial session, OSL Kids Club is only open to children who are members of OSL. As we launch this new ministry, we're intentionally starting on a smaller scale so we can learn what works best, provide a safe and high-quality experience, and build a strong foundation for the future. A great ministry is only possible because of great volunteers and we'd love for you to be part of launching OSL Kids Club! We have opportunities to serve every week or help out occasionally. If you have questions about OSL Kids Club or would like to learn more, please contact Madeline: mtrosvig@oslchurch.com

Through the month of August, we encourage you to read every day in memory or honor of all who experience a cancer diagnosis **AND**, for the family members, friends, doctors, nurses, and people who are caregivers. Lavender is the colored ribbon that represents **ALL** kinds of cancer. You are encouraged to stop by the library display to write a name on a ribbon of the people you honor or remember! More than one name may be written on the ribbon. We are not tracking how much you read this month but asking you to make a conscious effort to remember/honor all who have been touched by cancer when you sit down with your book.

Upcoming Events:

08/18/26: The Greater Good Speaking Event, 12pm

08/23/26: Blessing of the Backpacks, both 8:45am Celebrate & 10:30am Festive worship

08/26/26: 80th Anniversary Potluck, 6pm-8pm

08/29/26: Communion Meeting, 9am

09/01/26: Friendship Club, lunch at 11am; bus leaves at Noon for USD National Music Museum

09/13/26: Kick-Off Sunday; 80th Anniversary Celebration Free Breakfast 9:30am-11am

Festive Worship time returns to 11:00am