



Prayers for the weekend of August 9, 2026

Let us offer our prayers to God on behalf of the church, the world, and all those who are in need.

Gracious God, we pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people are persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for the world you have created, that all life may flourish. Bring rains to drought-stricken areas, and bless farmers, and all who provide food for the people of the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for an end to the wars that destroy nations and people. Fill the hearts of leaders everywhere desires for peace and healing between nations. Tear down the wall of hatred and mistrust that exist within our communities, and let your light shine in the hearts of all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer, or are in need of healing. We pray especially for Kathy Horsted, Arlys Stanga, Mark Schempp, Jim Oakland, and for those whom we name in our hearts before you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, we give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. We pray for Vangie Jarman and family upon the death of her niece Pam. We pray also for the family of Pr. Ralph and LaVonne Johnshoy, as their life is remembered and celebrated at their committal service this week. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of new life, given through the waters of baptism this weekend, to Andie Leigh Meader. May she grow in her understanding of your love for her through the years. 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
Visitation Ministers: Pastor Robert Hansen, Maribeth Anderson
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Pastor Ralph and LaVonne Johnshoy's inurnment service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 9:30am, with reception following at OSL in the Gathering Place.

Pastor Michael's Songs for the Soul Bible Study continues this week, on Tuesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 11am. Sign up at the Welcome Center!

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. Come join us during the adult forum on August 9th at 10am in the Friendship Room to learn more about how giving just an hour a week of your time can make a big difference! If you are unable to attend, visit the table set up at OSL or visit the LSS website, Mentoring.LssSD.org or call them at 605-444-7803.

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.

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 that could use a good home.

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.

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 before August 18th to reserve your spot.

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, 7-9 pm at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls. Contact Ken Munch 605-351-9062 "Keep the Whole Singing"

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 on 08/26/26 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 inspiring speakers.

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.

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.

We all go through times in our life when we could benefit from a little care and attention. That is where a Stephen Minister can be a big help. Stephen Ministers are members of OSL who have been trained to provide confidential, one-to-one, non-judgmental, Christian care to people who are going through a difficult time. They will listen, really listen, and provide weekly support for you as long (or short) as your need persists. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life. Contact Pr. Tim to be matched with a Stephen Minister.

Upcoming Events:

08/09/26: Forum: LSS Youth Mentoring

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

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

09/13/26: Kick-Off Sunday