



Prayers for the weekend of September 13, 2026

We offer now, our prayers to God on behalf of the church, the world, and all people, according to their need.

Compassionate God, lead your church in the ways of your love, that we may be for you instruments of your grace and healing. Teach us to embody the forgiveness you have given us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, the endless beauty of your creation reminds us of the beauty of your mercy. Protect those who care for farms and ranches. Bring rains to areas affected by drought, and heal areas where too much rain has fallen. Teach us to care and nurture your world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, raise up leaders who seek the good of all people everywhere. Hold accountable those in authority who misuse power entrusted to them, and bring us all together for the good of our nation, and the nations of this world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, calm the fears of all in need with your promises. Compassionately free the lives of any who feel bound by their failures. Heal those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. We pray for the family of LaVerne Kruse, who's funeral was this week, and for all those we now mention in our heart. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, we pray for your blessings upon Chantalle Galbavy and Nicolas Staeffler, married this weekend. Bless them in their life together. We give you thanks also for the gift of new life through the waters of baptism given to Lorraine Dee Bendt this weekend. Bless her as she grows in her understanding of your love for her through the years. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Welcoming God, inspire each of us to welcome others who are new to our community. Unite us in the love of your Son, so that we may be for you, servants of all, and agents of your grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All these prayers, and the prayers of our hearts we offer to you, knowing that you hear every one, and answer in love that is never ending. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Announcements

Kickoff Sunday is September 13th! The 80th Anniversary celebration continues with a free breakfast served at OSL that morning from 9:30am-11am! Wear your favorite team jersey, or a favorite band shirt, favorite color, etc, in honor of Kick-Off! There will be a Ministry Fair in the Gathering Place, stop by any of the tables to find out more about how you can become involved!

Interested in becoming a member? Want to know more about Our Savior's? Sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact the Church Office and join us at 10am between worship services on October 11, 18 & 25 for our next new member session.

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Attention musicians – Our Savior’s has openings in all of our music teams. Our Savior’s Choir, Celebrate Band, Bells of Our Savior’s, Cantors, and Instrumentalists are wonderful ways to share your musical gifts in worship ministry. All are welcome and you can give any of these teams a try at your convenience. To get more information contact Gene LeVasseur, our Director of Worship.

Drop off gently used men's, women's, or children's shoes to donate to the P.E.O. shoe drive before September 27th. The shoes will be given to people all around the world! There is a box by the donation bins, or you can bring them to the Church Office

OSL is putting together a new church directory and could use some help. Contact the Church Office if you would be willing to offer your skills to finish up the directory work and show other members how to update their information.

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 on Kick-Off Sunday (September 13) and OSL staff will be available to walk through ordering online with you. Please bring a credit or debit card for payment.

Outside Our Walls is excited to welcome Lisa Cohen from Luther Seminary to OSL on Sunday, September 20th at 10am in the Friendship Room. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our ELCA seminaries, the importance of a seminary education, how students are placed, tuition or anything else, please bring join us.

OSL is hosting a women's retreat on Saturday, September 26th, from 10am-3pm! Women of all ages are invited to join us in sharing the light between us through story and song! Suggested donation of \$15 to cover lunch. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or call the Church office.

As a new school year begins for Augustana students, we are excited to continue our partnership with Augustana's Campus Cupboard and Campus Closet! Help us serve students with necessary food and clothing items by dropping off the listed nonperishable foods, hygiene items and warm clothes at OSL.

Pastor Michael’s next Bible Study, Beyond The Surface, begins September 22. In the first three-week session, we’ll discuss “The Heart of God.” Tuesdays will be at 7pm and Thursdays at 11am.

OSL is excited to host the next Augustana Choir & Bach Collegium on Sunday, September 27th at 7pm. The fall concert theme is *Be Still and Know*. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of incredible music at OSL. Tickets are available for purchase on Augustana’s website

It is Kick-Off weekend at OSL, when we celebrate the beginning of our fall activities. We also celebrate the 80th anniversary of the beginning of ministry at OSL. Since 1988, OSL has been training laypeople as Stephen Ministers—congregation members who provide one-to-one emotional and spiritual support to those going through difficult times in life. For almost half its ministry life, OSL has offered Stephen Ministry, the ministry of listening. That is what Stephen Ministers do. We all need help at times, and Stephen Ministers are there for those moments: to listen, really listen, confidentially and without judgement. If you are going through a tough time, you do not have to handle it alone. Give yourself the gift of a Stephen Minister. To learn more and request a Stephen Minister, contact Pr. Tim.

Upcoming Events:

09/13/26: Kick-Off Sunday; 80th Anniversary Celebration Free Breakfast 9:30am-11am, Sunday School begins at 10:15am,

Festive Worship time returns to 11:00am

09/17/26: Book Talk with Pastor Michael & Kristie, 1pm

09/22/26: The Greater Good, 12pm

09/26/26: Women’s Retreat, 10:00am-3:00pm

09/27/27: Augustana Choir & Augustana Bach Collegium in Concert, 7pm in the Sanctuary