OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Planting Faith - Nurturing Hope - Sharing God's Love

Prayers for the week of November 15, 2026

United with God's people of ever time and place, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and for all of creation.

God of Grace, your love builds up faithful witnesses to be your church throughout the ages. Fill us with your Spirit, and guide us with your wisdom, that we may be your light, that shines between us for all the world to see. Enliven our ministry with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Grace, as the nights grow longer, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals, and show us too, how to find rest for our weary souls. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Grace, rescue all nations and peoples from wars and conflicts. Be with those who are displaced, and hunger for peace. Recommit our leaders and communities to change systems that divide into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Grace, in your embrace we find refuge from the trials and troubles of this life. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or depressed. We pray for the hospitalized, and for those who have requested our prayer, Doris West, Gracie Lange, Lowell Arens, and with those whom we name in our hearts before you. We pray also for Verona Moen upon the death of her daughter, Mary. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Grace, the faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving love. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

On Sunday, November 15th, we will have worship services as normal, but our Celebrate Service will not be televised, due to a TV scheduling conflict.

For more information about the OSL Stephen Ministry program, you are invited to attend the forum at 10am on Sunday, November 15. If you are a good listener or would like to be trained to be a good listener, consider joining the Stephen Series classes starting in January. You will be blessed.

You are invited to volunteer with OSL at our Augustana Hockey Parking Fundraisers for the 2026-2027 season! This is a great way for all ages to serve together and help raise funds for OSL programs and partner organizations. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the Church Office.

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OSL member Kristi VanDeRostyne has graciously offered her time, expertise, and experience to present education for adult forum time on Sunday, November 15th. Kristi, Prevention Services and Program Manager at the Carroll Institute, will be providing education on topics such as substance use disorders, signs of substance abuse, and how to get help. We are looking forward to learning more about this important and prevalent topic.

Join us for The Greater Good on Tuesday, November 17th at 12pm. Our very own Pastor Michael will be one of the featured speakers this month, sharing his talk: "The Price is Right Theory of The Universe" and discussing how we connect with one another.

Join us for a Congregation Forum on Saturday, November 21, following worship, or Sunday, November 22, at 10:00 a.m. Bring your questions and be part of the conversation and fellowship as we gather. We look forward to seeing you there.

You are invited to join Pastor Michael for our OSL Bible Study: Beyond The Surface: Preparing for the Songs of Advent. We meet on Tuesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 11am. This session will meet November 17th & 19th, and December 1st & 3rd.

The OSL Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday. The OSL Community Library will be closed 11/25/26, 11/26/26 & 11/27/26.

You are invited to join us to help put up Christmas decorations at Our Savior's on Sunday, November 22nd after worship. We will gather for lunch, provided in the Friendship Room at noon and decorating will be from 12:30-3:00pm. We are also looking for volunteers to help us move Celebrate Center chairs into the round set-up on Monday, November 23rd at 9am. Sign up not required, all are welcome to join and help us prepare our worship spaces and church building for the upcoming Christmas season!

The tradition continues! Join Friendship Club on Tuesday, December 1, for a traditional Christmas celebration as we travel to Nora South Dakota to celebrate Christmas at the "Old Country Store." We will depart for Nora at 1:00 and return to the church around 4:30 – 5:00pm. Cost of transportation is $30.00 per person, with lunch being a suggested offering of $6.00. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the Church Office at 605-336-2942 by November 25 to reserve your spot on the bus.

Save the date and make plans to join us for our Advent Fair on Wednesday, December 2nd, from 5pm-7pm!

We are excited to host another Vikings Night at OSL on Sunday, December 6th! College students are invited to come to OSL for a time of studying before finals week, games in the Gym, and lots of good food! We need volunteers to help serve food as well as bring snacks and treats for the students. You can sign up at the links below or at the Welcome Desk! Thank you for helping us invite students into our space and make OSL a place they feel welcome!

Join us at Our Savior's on Saturday, December 12, at 6:15 PM in the Celebrate Center for a special screening of 24 Hours on 8th Street, followed by a Q&A with Church on the Street. Admission is free, with free-will donations encouraged as we work toward our goal of raising $1,500 for Church on the Street.

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it is 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 struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. Start fresh and ask for a Stephen Minister. Just contact Pr. Tim. If you are sensing the call to walk with someone who is struggling by becoming a Stephen Minister, prayerfully consider joining the Stephen Series classes starting in January. You will be blessed.

Upcoming Events:
11/15/26: Carroll Institute Forum, 10am (Friendship Room); Stephen Ministry Forum 10am (Office Conference Room)
11/17/26: The Greater Good, 12pm
11/21/26: Congregational Forum; immediately following 5pm worship
11/22/26: Congregational Forum, 10am; Decorate the Church for Christmas, 12pm-3pm
11/25/26: OSL Community Library Closed; Church Office closing at 2pm
11/26/26: Church Office & OSL Community Library Closed
11/27/26: Church Office & OSL Community Library Closed
12/01/26: Friendship Club Trip to Nora
12/02/26: Advent Fair
12/06/26: Heartland Handbells 3pm; Viking Night 6pm-midnight