



Our Mission: Cultivating God's Love

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD'S PEACE**

RINGING OF THE BELL

INVOCATION

We gather in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of the Creator,

inviting us always to risk the unknown.

We gather in the name of the Christ,

fully human, fully divine, full of gift and mystery.

We gather in the name of the Spirit,

Unveiling for us what feels long-hidden. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Here We Are To Worship

Light of the world, You step down into darkness

Open my eyes let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore you

Hope of a life spent with you

Here we are to worship Here we are to bow down

Here we are to say that you're our God

You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

**King of all days So highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor**

**We'll never know how much it cost
To see our sin upon that cross
And we'll never know how much it cost
To see our sin upon that cross**

**Here we are to worship Here we are to bow down
Here we are to say that you're our God
You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gathered into one by God's Spirit, we are bold to confess our sins, our shortcomings, our failures, right here in the open, in the presence of God and of one another. [Silence for reflection]

God of grace,

We confess that we have failed you, failed ourselves, failed one another. We assume the worst about those around us, rather than giving anyone the benefit of the doubt. We do the same to ourselves, and sometimes, even, we do the same to you. We are stubborn and determined to hold a grudge. We fail to exercise our imaginations, fail to recognize your words waiting to be born, if only we would step up to help, or sometimes, if only we would move out of the way. Forgive us, O God, and show us another way forward. Amen.

Hear the good news of the risen Christ: God is making all things new! Your sins are forgiven. God's invitation is to another way of living. Thanks be to God!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O, God, We think we have all the answers, we think we have so much to lose. We prefer to be left unquestioned; our power intact, untouched. Remind us that we can be born anew in your good creation. Grant us courage and curiosity in your name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-10

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "*N is for Nicodemus: Learning Something New*"

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of every good thing, You provide for us in every season of our lives. Help us to open our hands, open our lives, to your whole creation, that we might prioritize justice over wealth, truth over reputation, people over profits. Now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN** *God, Whose Almighty Word* #673

**God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight; health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind; oh, now to humankind
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight; move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might: boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.**

***DISMISSAL**

*Go now in peace with open hearts and minds, seeking justice and truth
in all things. Go now! Serve God! Love your neighbor!*

Thanks be to God.

Please Pray For ...

***Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the family and friends of John Sunding

***Those recovering from surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized; including, Donna Zuerlein; John Miller; James and Family; Josie Main; Nicole; Jayden Quinn; Gene Deyo; Pam Rhiger; Michelle; Trista Merritt; Rick Fischer; Michael Bramblee

***Those with on-going concerns, including Laurel Reynolds; Helen Murphy; Lowell; Cathy Dahl; Beckham; Carmen Lakner; Chelle Schefcik; David Henricksen; Shanna; Joe and Amy Hodish; Ken; Kirt Burt; Keith Buchholz; Glenyce; Reece Ullerich; Gary McKean; Suzan Heidelberger; Elizabeth Mertz; Tony; David; Corey; Kim; Iris Brimer; Peg Tesch

***For those affected by fires

***Lutherans Outdoors Campers and Staffers

***For our military members and their families

***For our leaders at all levels

***For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies,
both near and far

You are invited to join the Welcome Team!

Purpose: *To ensure new worshipers feel seen, welcomed and a part of OSL*

Duties of Members:

*Follow-up with worshipers using information provided on Welcome Cards
Be alert during fellowship time to make sure no one is sitting alone at a table*

*Be aware of those at worship who might need an extra hand and offer
to sit with them and help*

*Be available to meet with worshipers to build relationships
and answer questions about OSL*

(These duties are fluid and flexibility and may change based on the needs of the team and OSL worshipers.)

Would you like to be a part of this team? Contact Cathy Dahl at
507-327-8350 or muttidahl@yahoo.com.



DUCK RACE

Sunday, August 25, 2024

12:00 noon

Jim and Brenda Lintz Ranch

Potluck followed by Race

100% of Proceeds fund the Hermosa Backpack Program



Kicking off the start of D.O.G.Night!

Wednesday, Sept. 4 5:30 pm

The whole community is invited!!

Free picnic Games Music Meet the Volunteers

Learn more about D.O.G. Night

Check out the church building

Register your child



The Whirl Kids invite you to be a part of
D.O.G (Disciples of God) Night!

Wednesday Evenings 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Beginning September 11, 2024

****Would you like to volunteer? Please see Pastor Deb**

This week at OSL...and community

Sunday August 25: 9:30 am to 10:00 am – Worship
10:30am Choir Practice
12:00 Duck Race at Lintz Ranch

Tuesday, August 27: 10:30-11:30 Feeding SD Truck at St. Michael's

Saturday, August 31: 1:00 John Sunding Celebration of Life

Sunday, September 1: 9:30 am to 10:00 am – Worship
Fellowship after worship

***Church office will be closed. Please contact Pastor Deb as needed.
(605-890-0781 or oslpastor@mt-rushmore.net).just*

Mission of the Month Josie Main & Family

On July 6, Josie was taken to Urgent Care for what she thought was a pinched nerve. This visit ended up with her in the ER where it was confirmed she had a heart attack which resulted in open heart surgery on July 7. Josie is home and healing, but she has a long road ahead of her.



Josie is an invaluable parttime employee at OSL. Being parttime means she has no benefits-no insurance and very little paid time off, which she has already used. The donations made to this month's mission of the month will assist Josie and her family with lost wages as well as medical expenses while she is recuperating. Josie and her family are incredibly grateful for all of the help and well-wishes she (they) have already received.

Financial donations can be mailed or dropped off at the church, placed in the Mission of the Month Offering bowl on the usher's table, the offering plate during worship, or given electronically. There is a Mission of the Month option in the dropdown section on Tithe-ly. Thank you in advance for your generosity.