

STAND STRONG

in your faith.

Be who God made
you to be!



We invite, encourage, educate and empower all people to follow
God and serve others.

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:10-28

[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Faithfully Persistent”

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

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

OFFERING

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.

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *In Christ There Is No East or West*

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Okay, we will!

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We lift in prayer

- *Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the family and friends of Pamela.
- *Those who are working on the front lines during this pandemic.
- *Those recovering from surgeries, those who are ill or hospitalized, including Pat.
- *Those with ongoing health concerns, including Terri, Suzan, Chelle, Patricia, Felix, Taylor, Beverly, Pepper and Kelly.
- *For our firefighters and our first responders.
- *For our leaders at every level, including President Trump, Governor Noem, Presiding Bishop Eaton and Bishop Hagmaier.
- *For all teachers and students, starting back to school during this pandemic.



PLEASE PRAY...

There will be a special congregational meeting following the parking lot service TODAY.

Agenda item:

Broadcasting System/Sound System Project

Following business portion, Pastor Deb and Church Council members will be available to answer other church related questions



**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

The meeting and Q&A that will follow will be available through Zoom, but those participating through Zoom will not be able to vote as it's not legal in our state and is not permitted according to the OSL Constitution.

Zoom info:

Meeting ID: 518-251-3825

Password: OSLHermosa

Blessing of the
Backpacks, Bikes and
School Staff

Sunday August 23rd

During Parking Lot
Worship

Bring your bag or your
bike for a special
blessing!



August 19th- Hill City Schools
August 26th- Custer School District
August 31st- Douglas School District
September 8th- Rapid City Public
Schools



DOG Night, as we know it, is changing to keep our children and adults safe.

COMING NEW THIS FALL....

Disciples of God Online Christian Education Ministry

All are welcome! Beginning in September

More information coming soon.

If you have any questions or ideas, please call Pastor Deb at 605-890-0781
or Josie Main at 605-255-4662.



P ARKING LOT WORSHIP

Sundays- starting August 16th 9:30am

*Our Savior's Lutheran *605-255-4662



Everyone is welcome to join us for parking lot worship, every Sunday, beginning August 16th. You can sit in your car and hear the service through the FM radio, or we do have spaces for your lawn chairs socially distanced out. Our services are also live streamed on our Facebook page every Sunday morning at 9:30 am
<https://www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa>

Welcome

New Members

Are you searching for a family of faith to call your own?
Are you curious about Our Savior's Lutheran
congregation and its mission and would like to learn more?
Are you interested in becoming a member of OSL?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions,
please contact Pastor Deb and schedule a time for
her to come visit with you. (605-890-0781)
We will be welcoming new members on Sunday,
September 20 during worship.



*We are back at it!
The same but different.*
OSL Community High School Youth Group
Sunday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Beginning August 16

We are a safe group for any 9th - 12th grade students who are interested in learning about God and deepening our faith to become better adults while having fun.

*Weekly gatherings will rotate to include Bible study, Service and Fun activities.
Fundraising activities will also be scheduled. This group is youth driven with Pastor Deb Grismer guiding us along. We expect all members to be respectful, have a good attitude, be willing to actively participate in all types of activities and want to grow in faith. We realize not everyone is able to be with us every week. We hope you will come when you are able.*

Contact Pastor Deb for more information.



OPEN Thursday

August 20th

3:00-5:00pm

*Located @ Heartland Hair



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

From our SD Synod's website....

<https://sdssynod.org/>

“How long, O Lord?” the Psalmist writes (Psalm 13). Perhaps the psalmist sighs these lyrics, their pain and longing so deep there are no other words. Perhaps they shout the words out of frustration or anger. Or maybe they cry them, cheeks stained with unending tears. “How long, O Lord?”

Lately I have found myself asking that question. Right now, I ask out of a longing to know. “How long, O Lord, will life feel out of whack?”

I want to know when I can visit my loved ones without fear of transmitting illness. I want to know if my five-year-old can go to kindergarten in the Fall. I want to know that my husband and I are making the right decision by putting our kids back in daycare after juggling work and home life for the last 16 weeks. I want to know if kids are safe in their own homes, or if some are going hungry, or when people can safely go back to work. I want to know: How long, O Lord, will we be so politically divided? I want to know how much longer people can hold out emotionally and mentally, as we all wait with expectant hope for a vaccine or effective treatment for COVID-19. I want to know ... how long, O Lord?

Some may say this is not a helpful question, but along with the Psalmist, I ask it. I don't expect an exact answer, but I do have a promise from God, that God hears the question and the longing within it. This is a faithful and prayerful question, because we speak it to the One who holds together all things, the One who is our past, present, and future. And we, like the Psalmist, trust in God's steadfast love (verse 5), no matter how long we must wait for what we deem to be new life.

There is a song in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book (i.e. the “cranberry” or “red” or “new” hymnal), called “How Long, O God.” It is hymn #698. The lyrics were written by Ralph Smith. Ralph served as a professor and dean of the chapel at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA. While I attended seminary at Wartburg, I learned of Ralph Smith, of his life and of his tragic death because of a car accident at the age of 44. I cannot sing this hymn without thinking of this man I have never met.

Perhaps in this time where communal singing poses a great danger to those gathered, we can pray our beloved hymns. Maybe it will give us a chance to pay more attention to the words and how they get planted in our hearts and minds. Hymn #698 is a hymn I find worth praying. It is a psalm in and of itself. Verse five both asks the question and proclaims our hope: “How long, O God?” the psalmist cries, a cry we make our own. Though we are lost, alone, afraid, our God will lead us home.”

- Rev. Renee Splichal Larson