

Sunday, January 7, 2024
Baptism of Jesus

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA
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***"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known
to all as we worship, serve and grow together."***

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work for racial equity in our Church and in the world.

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Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here! We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will come back soon.

We would like to be in touch with you! Visitors—please use the Live Stream Attendance Info Form (www.allarewelcome.org under the Live Stream tab) today. **Members**—you only need to fill them out once a year when you receive Holy Communion. **In addition**, use the form for prayer requests, hymn requests, to get the monthly newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any communication with the office or pastor.

Fellowship time is offered after worship, we hope you will join us.

If you need **hearing assistance**, ask in the church office for our special devices. If you need **assistance with the live stream**, please call 608.782.3468 or join us on the phone live stream at 1.877.552.3468 (toll-free).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist
(The old year has passed)

J. S. Bach

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

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

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another

and sinned against you.

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.**

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en;
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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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.

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
 quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
 you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.
 in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING: Acts 19:1—7

A reading from Acts.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
 2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
 nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
 doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
 fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
 ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
 ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
 true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
 to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
 pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

APOSTLES CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

(Response to each petition is Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, ELW #752 each verse a response)

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness. Uplift leaders to share the truth of your word. Encourage us to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all the world.

Renew your creation, God of thunder and mighty waters. Restore the rivers in which your children are baptized. May fields flourish and grow.

Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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Give strength to your leaders, God who is present in every nation and place in this world. Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love.

Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, God of strength. Accompany those separated from family or hurting from broken relationships. Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



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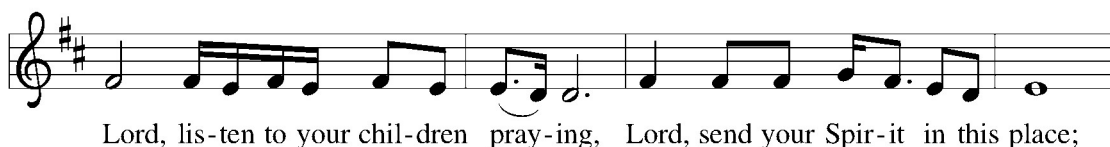
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Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors on the margins, following the example of Jesus.

Trusting the assurance of the Holy Spirit, we remember all who have died and rest in God's care. Give hope to those who grieve even as we rest in your eternal promise of resurrection.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



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Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Amen.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

You may come forward for communion using the center aisle. After receiving bread from Pastor, please take an empty glass from the small table. If you prefer grape juice, take a full glass. Proceed to the person with the pouring chalice. After receiving your wine/blessing, place your empty glass in the basket you will see as you walk toward the side aisle.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift,

Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.

Raise us to life by your power

for the benefit of all and to your glory,

now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

In Thee is Joy

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+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

AV Team: Bruce Losby and Jim Radatz

Coffee Fellowship: Sue Staples

Communion Assistant: Carol and Bob Miller

Organist: Thomas Haag

Prayer Reader: Carol Miller

BYRON BLACKMORE

We have received word of the death of Byron L. Blackmore, 88 years old, who lived in Sun City West, Arizona.

Byron was the Organist and Director of Music here at Our Savior's for 32 years (1965—1997 and was the first musician to ever be employed as a full-time church musician in the city of La Crosse.) Many of those who play organ in La Crosse area churches studied with him.

Byron was very passionate about the organ and continued practicing and playing until his last day. He will always be remembered by his dedication to the entire world of the organ.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year from all of us in the church office! May you begin each day of the new year with hope, renewed faith, and restored vision for the work that God calls us to do in the world. We can't wait to see what 2024 has in store for our ministry at the corner of 6th & Division Streets!

SPECIAL REQUEST—We are in need of clean, warm **sleeping bags** (can be gently used), warm **boots, hats,** and **mittens**. They can be dropped off in the church office. Please talk to Pastor Joanne for more information.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 28, 2024, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

Come hear leadership reports, discuss the ministry of Our Savior's, and vote funding the 2024 budget and the ballot of individuals to serve on the church council for 2024.

MOO-MOO'S PRAYER CLUB

Sunday, January 14, 2024, 10:15am—Sanctuary

All ages are welcome (especially infants, toddlers, and elementary-age school children) to come join us to discover the many different ways people can praise and serve God! A short video will be shown with a small snack and followed by an activity and/or discussion.

MARDI GRAS OSLC STYLE!

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

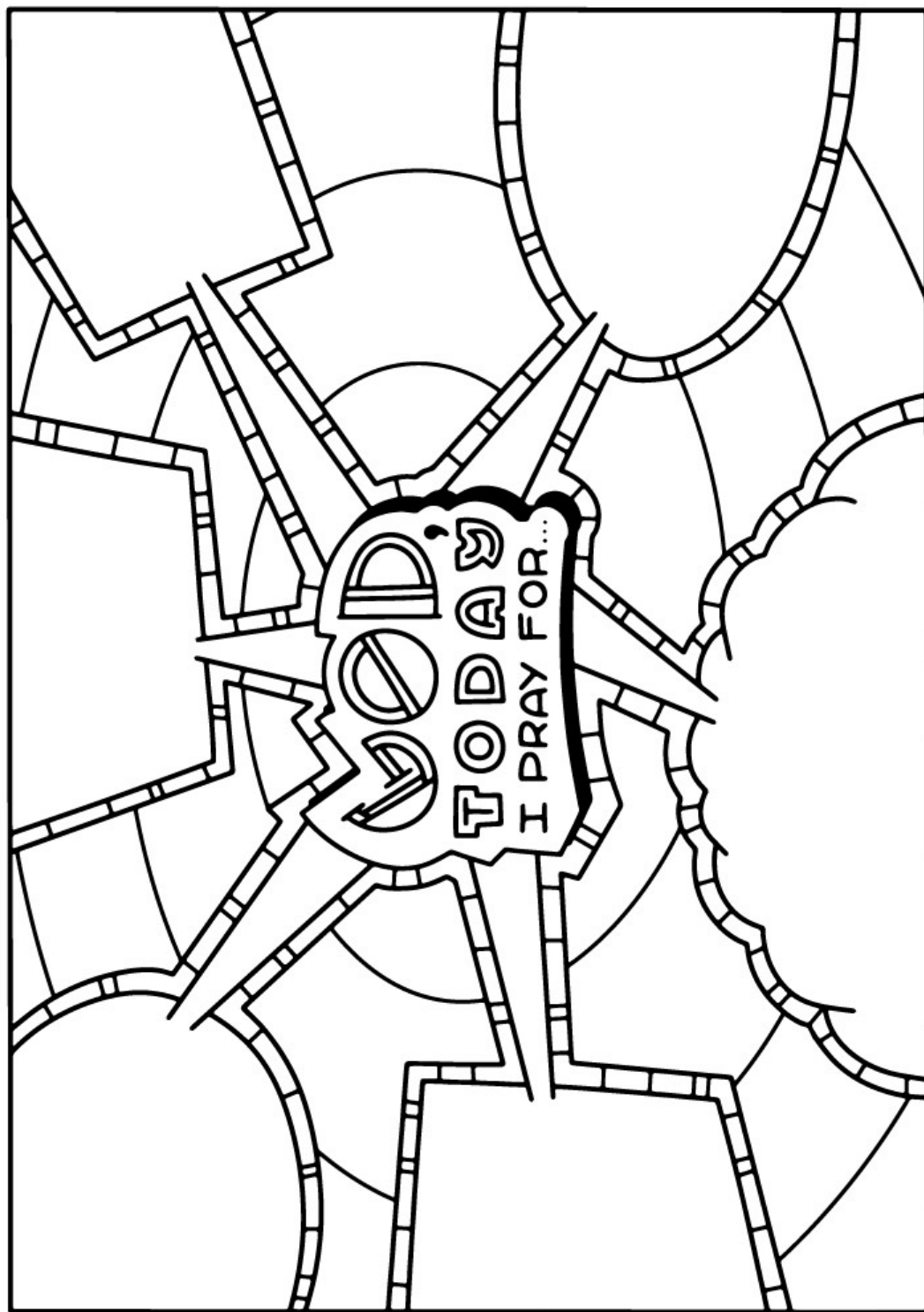
The fun begins after worship, with New Orleans style food and music. This is a chance for our whole church family to get together before we prepare for Lent. Proceeds go to those attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. Join us for this fun fellowship event!

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 26, 5 – 7pm – Fellowship Hall

Join us for a family movie night (all ages and stages welcome) that is fun for everyone! Dinner and snacks will be provided. For more information, please call/text Jessica at 608.738.1016





OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 7, 2023

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am CF
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

9am-1pm Office Open
6pm Priscilla Circle

Tuesday

9am-1pm Office Open
1-5pm WCC open
4pm CFS—Doors Open
4:30-5:30pm Meal Served

Wednesday

9am-1pm Office Open
9am Quilters
12 noon Worship/HC

Thursday

9am-1pm Office Open

Friday

Office Closed
Pastor's Sabbath

Saturday

9 am—1pm WCC open
 Joanne Allemand
1pm Visitation
2pm Funeral
 (lunch to follow)

Sunday, January 14, 2023

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Prayer Club
10:15am CF
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion
 CF—Coffee Fellowship
 CFS—Come For Supper
 WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Alison Geier, **Ardelle** Ender, **Athena** Burg, **Barb** Dolato, **Barry** N., **Bev** Hanson, **Carol** Kant,, **Connie** Garson, **Casey** Kanter, **Cheryl** Zoerb, **Chuck** Miller, **Cindy** Moe, **Dale** Duresky, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Eric** Mihalovic, **Erik** Rudrud, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **Jane** Speer, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jennifer** Beck-Hicks **Jessie**, **John** A., **Joyce** Gosman, **Juliana** A., **Karen** Geoglein, **Kilian** Crary, **Lane** C., **Lloyd** Clark, **Lois** Horne, **Louis** Herlitzke, **Margaret** Namejunas, **Mary** Covey, **Patti** Hanson, **Rachel** Muehlenkamp, **Rich** Pitz, **Robert** Onsrud, **Rose** Sabotta, **Rudy** Nedvidek, **Sally** Vaaler, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, and **Tom** Cade

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Byron Blackmore and **Joanne** Allemand

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Gabriel W. Kleven, **Greg** Phillips, **Ricky** Macon and **Stacie** Phillips

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Britney Oliver	January 7
Mariah Wold	January 7
Carol Poole	January 8
Patti Hanson	January 11