



**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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**Sunday, May 11, 2025  
9:30am**

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."***

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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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**+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+**

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Joanne Richmond

**AV Team:** Ashe Zinniel

**Communion Assistant:**

**Organist:** Thomas Haag

**Prayer Reader:**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**     *St. Columba (The King of Love My Shepherd Is)*     Robert Arnatt

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✝ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

ELW #502 vs. 1, 2, 6

## The King of Love My Shepherd Is



- 1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
- 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
- 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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## **GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

## In Thee Is Gladness



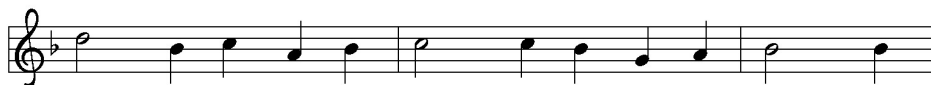
1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my  
 2 Je-sus is ours! . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the  
 death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou  
 change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly  
 glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are  
 in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,  
 glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!  
 and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY—DEDICATION OF SPACE**

Blessed are you, God,  
ruler of the universe.  
You have enriched our lives  
with every good and perfect gift;  
you have commanded us  
to show your splendor to our children  
and to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

Accept this newly accessible worship space  
which we offer in thanksgiving;  
may it serve to increase our vision of your glory and love,  
to remind us of your goodness,  
and to support our calling  
to worship you in spirit and in truth.  
May those who use this space  
do so in reverence and love,  
giving honor and glory  
to your holy name.

**Amen.**

## **GOSPEL: John 10: 22-30**

The holy gospel according to...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Joanne Richmond

## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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## **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 from the hymn Hear Our Prayer, ELW #178.)*

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love.

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors.

Hear us as we sing:

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:**

**peace to all people, hope for each soul.**

**God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities.

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care.

Hear us as we sing:

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children.

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child.

Hear us as we sing:

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **NOISY OFFERING**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

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.

As often as we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again. Amen.**

## **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**

*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**

God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourishing us with words of mercy. Strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING SONG

ELW #631 vs. 1, 3, 4

#### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy  
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect -



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-n-ing;  
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.  
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## **BLESSING**

The holy Three,  
the holy One  
increase your hope,  
strengthen your faith,  
deepen your love,  
and ✝ grant you peace.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**      *Hyfrydol (Love Divine, All Love Excelling)*      John Ferguson

## **MOTHER'S DAY**

At Our Savior's we recognize that there are all sorts of families - and there are all sorts of people who share maternal / mothering love. Regardless of gender or family relationship, we celebrate and give thanks for ALL those who have shared maternal love in our lives. We also recognize that this is a day that can bring up grief, hurt, and trauma for many, and we pray for all those for whom this holiday is difficult.

## **MOO-MOO'S PRAYER CLUB TODAY!**

**Sunday, May 11, 2025, 10:15am – Fellowship Hall**

All ages are welcome (especially infants, toddlers, and elementary-age school children) to come join us after worship to discover the many different ways people can praise and serve God!

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Every Sunday, volunteers are needed to read lessons and prayers and to help serve communion. If this is something you are interested in doing, please sign up on the **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS sign-up sheet** located on the bulletin board by the church office. Two people are needed to serve communion and to read each Sunday.

## **CALLING ALL GRADUATES!**

We wish to honor our high school, technical college, university, graduate school, and seminary graduates. Please contact the church office (608.782.3468 or [oslcoffice@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net](mailto:oslcoffice@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net)) with information about any graduate. Let us know what has been accomplished and what is ahead for our grads and then come on **Sunday, June 1** and take this opportunity for us to honor you and your accomplishments!

## **BABY CARE KITS 🌍 HELP SHARE GOD'S LOVE AROUND THE WORLD! 🌍**

The Social Ministry Team invites congregation members to begin collecting items to assemble Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Baby Care Kits. These Kits are distributed as part of emergency relief efforts but they are also given to encourage expectant women to seek prenatal care. You can pick up a list of needed items (there is also a few handknit baby sweaters, towels, and cloth diapers to get you started) at the display in the Narthex. After shopping, deliver you items back to the display before **Sunday, September 14**. Help welcome the littlest ones into a caring international community and swaddle them with love!

## **MONTHLY DONATION DRIVE**

Each month, we have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on our community by contributing to The *Hunger Task Force*. This month item is **brown rice**! Your generous donations will help us continue to provide for those in need.

### **How You Can Help**

- Bring brown rice to church during the month of May 2025.
- Drop your donations in the church office or shopping cart in the narthex.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to serving others in love. Let's continue to make a difference together!

## **LOOKING AHEAD—DIP POTLUCK EXTRAVAGANZA!**

**Sunday, June 1, 2025, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall**

Get ready to dip, mingle, and dive into a sea of flavors! Join us next Sunday for a dip-tastic gathering where we'll celebrate the art of dipping, dunking, and savoring! Whether it's a secret family recipe, a spicy salsa, or a creamy concoction, we want to taste your favorite dip creations. So, whip up your best dip recipe (sweet or savory) and dippable goodies (chips, fruits, veggies, breadsticks, etc.) and bring it to share after worship **Sunday, June 1, 2025**.

See you there!

## **SYNOD-WIDE WORSHIP IN THE PARK & PICNIC**

**Sunday, June 8, 2025, 10am—Riverside Park Bandstand, La Crosse**

**(Inclement Weather Location: Our Savior's—La Crosse, WI)**

Invite a neighbor and come to the Riverside Park Bandstand for a Pentecost worship with communion. A picnic will take place following the service for a free-will offering.

## **LOOKING AHEAD—SYNOD NIGHT OUT AT THE LOGGERS GAME**

**Sunday, July 15, 5:05—8:30pm (Gates open 4pm)—Copeland Park**


Let's gather for an evening of family fun and fellowship! Tickets are \$27 ages 13—adult (ages 0—3: Free and 4—12: \$15) and includes group seating in the Topper Terrace party deck all you can drink pop/water, the ballpark classic dinner and 3 beers for adults 21+. Invite a friend and come out for a night of fun! You can purchase tickets by contacting the synod office at [lacrosseareasyndod.org](http://lacrosseareasyndod.org) or calling 608.788.5000 before Wednesday, June 4.

## **HELP SHARE GOD'S LOVE AROUND THE WORLD!**

We're excited to support **Lutheran World Relief (LWR)**—an organization that brings **hope, dignity, and practical help** to people around the globe facing crisis. You can join this mission of compassion by collecting items for **Personal Care Kits** and **Baby Care Kits**.


### **Collection Dates: Mother's Day, May 11, 2025 – Hawaiian Shirt Sun., Sept. 14, 2025**

Whether you can contribute one kit or several, **every item makes a difference** in the life of someone facing hardship. Your gifts will help people feel clean, cared for, and remembered.

 **Personal Care Kits** : These kits provide hygiene essentials to individuals coping with natural disasters, conflict, or displacement.

#### **Each kit includes:**

- ☐ ONE lightweight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27")
- ☐ TWO bath-size bars of soap (4–5 oz each)
- ☐ ONE metal nail clipper
- ☐ ONE sturdy comb
- ☐ ONE adult toothbrush

 **Baby Care Kits**: These kits support mothers and newborns in need, helping them start life with care and dignity.

#### **Each kit includes:**

- ☐ TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts
- ☐ TWO receiving blankets
- ☐ TWO pairs of socks
- ☐ FOUR cloth diapers
- ☐ ONE hand towel
- ☐ TWO diaper pins
- ☐ TWO gowns or sleepers
- ☐ TWO bath-size bars of gentle soap
- ☐ ONE jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood (or include a baby cap)

Let's put our faith into action and bless others with the care they need.

**Start collecting Kit items today!**

Dear Mama God,

Thank you for the Earth...

...and all living things.



# OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

## CALENDAR

### Dedication Sunday, May 11, 2025

#### **Mother's Day**

<b>9:30am</b>	Worship/HC
<b>10:30am</b>	M-MPC
<b>10:15am</b>	Coffee Fellowship
<b>6:30pm</b>	Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

#### **Monday**

<b>9am—1pm</b>	Office Open
<b>10am—12 noon</b>	Gas Voucher

#### **Tuesday**

<b>9am—1pm</b>	Office Open
<b>9am</b>	Quilters
<b>1—5pm</b>	WCC
<b>4pm</b>	CFS Doors Open
<b>4:15—5:15pm</b>	CFS Meal Served
<b>5:15—5:30pm</b>	CFS Carry Outs

#### **Wednesday**

<b>9am—1pm</b>	Office Open
<b>9am</b>	Staff mtg.
<b>12 noon</b>	Worship/HC
<b>1pm</b>	Priscilla Circle

#### **Thursday**

<b>9am—1pm</b>	Office Open
<b>9:30am</b>	W-ELCA mtg.

#### **Friday**

#### **Pastor/Staff Sabbath**

#### **Saturday**

<b>9am—1pm</b>	WCC open
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#### **Sunday, May 18, 2025**

#### **Noisy Offering Emergency Fund**

<b>9:30am</b>	Worship/HC
<b>10:15am</b>	Coffee Fellowship
<b>6:30pm</b>	Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

#### **Calendar Notations:**

HC—Holy Communion  
M-MPC—Moo-Moo's Prayer Club  
CFS—Come For Supper  
WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### HEALING AND PEACE

**Athena** Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Casey** Kanter, **Cindy** Moe, **Cindy** Vieth, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Dottie** Pierce, **Erik** Rudrud, **Esther** Harman, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **George**, **Inara**, **Kjersten**, and **Kaden** D., **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jeff** Kent, **Jim** Garson, **Jim** Radatz, **Joyce** Gosman, **Juliana** & **John** A., **Karen** Geoglein, **Kate** and **Kalvin**, **Katie** White, **Kilian** Crary, **Lane** C., **Lois** Horne, **Kelly** Olson, **Mary** Covey, **Monica** & **Jack**, **Morris** Buros, **Peggy** Kneifl, **Pete** Harman, **Rich** Pitz, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Tom** Cade, and **Vera** Wensole

### GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<b>William</b> Beranek	May 12
<b>Ardelle</b> Ender	May 12
<b>Tom</b> Herlitzke	May 12
<b>Cal</b> Thorton	May 13
<b>Julie</b> Huntington	May 16