

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 22, 2025 9:30am

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA 612 Division St. | La Crosse, WI | 608.782.3468 www.oursaviorslutheranchurch.net "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.

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+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+ Presiding Minister: Pastor Steve Minnema AV Team: Gary Wold Communion: Kim Grapes Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim Prayer Reader: Kim Grapes

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

As the Deer

Martin Nystrom

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,

and of the 🕂 Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen. You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

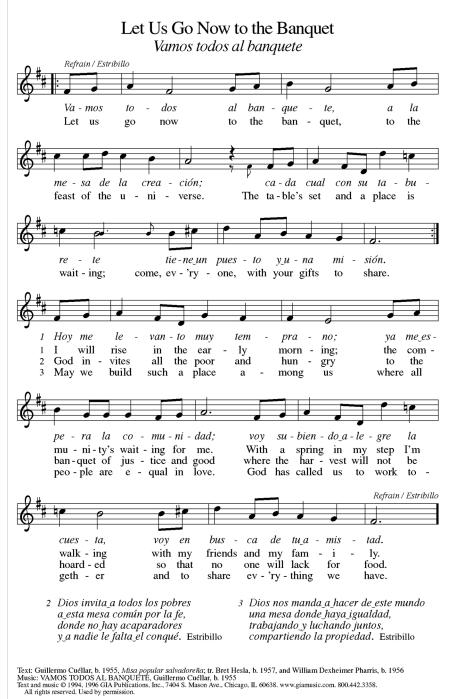
In the cross of 🕂 Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are new creation.

Amen.



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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.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,

and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

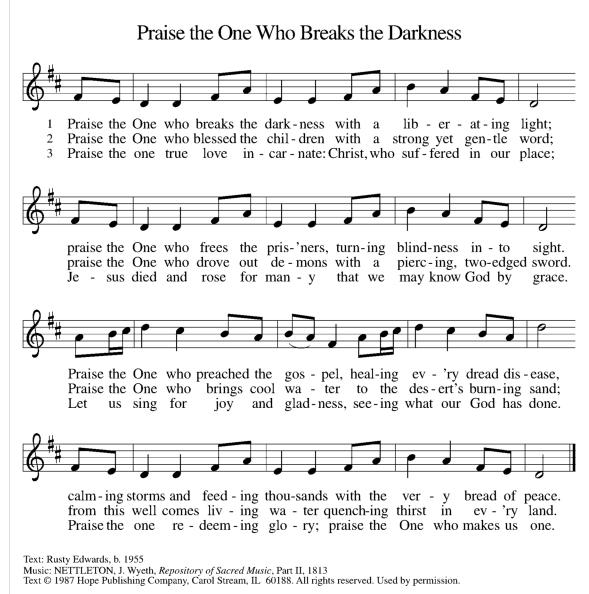
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW #843



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 8: 26-39

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Steve Minnema



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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 Healer of Our Every III, ELW#612, refrain only)

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community.

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers.

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick. Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction.

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever.

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our 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

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;

the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;

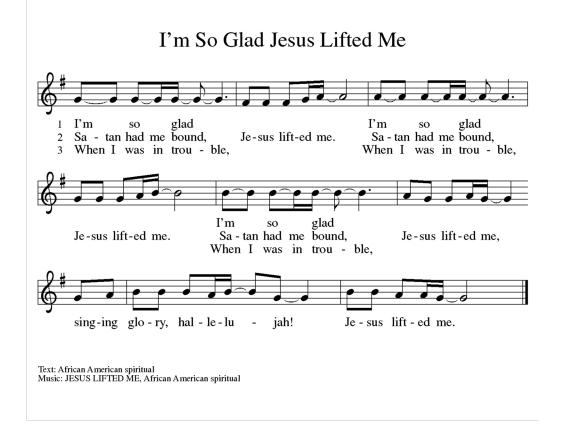
and the life of the Spirit

+ bless you and give your peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

ELW #860



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

There Is a Balm in Gilead

ELW #614

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MONTHLY DONATION DRIVE

Help Us Support Our Community!

We invite you to take part in our **Monthly Donation Drive** by bringing much -needed items to support two important local ministries:

- Canned or dried beans for The Hunger Task Force
- Egg noodles for Come For Supper

Your generous donations make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors facing food insecurity. Simply bring your items with you to church and place them in the grocery cart in the narthex. **Together, we can be a blessing to others—thank you for giving faithfully and generously!**

BABY CARE KITS

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 and handknit baby sweater (to get you started) at the display in the Narthex. After shopping, deliver your items back to the display before **Hawaiian Shirt Sunday, September 14**. Help welcome the littlest ones into a caring international community and swaddle them with love!

MOO-MOO'S PRAYER CLUB

Sunday, 22 & 29, 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.

SUMMER FIRE PIT—Saturday, June 28, 6—8pm

There will be fixings for s'mores (and grilled hot dogs too), outdoor games, and lots of fun! Bring a lawn chair or blanket and your friends and family for a great night together around the campfire

OSLC SUNSET HIKING GROUP—Sunday, June 29, 7pm—TBD

We're hosting an evening hike welcome to beginner hikers, seasoned veterans and everyone in between! Stay tuned for more details.

DORCAS POTLUCK PICNIC

Wednesday, July 2, 6pm—Fellowship Hall

The July Dorcas Society meeting will be our annual indoor potluck picnic, so be sure to bring a dish to pass. Also please bring an item you have but no longer want or need to be a white elephant gift for a fun game we'll be playing. You can bring it in a plain bag, gift bag, or wrapped in newspaper or gift wrap paper, your choice. It doesn't have to be fancy. The meal will be served at 6pm and the doors will be open at 5:30pm. Come join in on a great meal, plan on having a fun time with us and, as always, all are welcome!

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAD

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<u>Sunday, June 2</u> 9:30am 10:15am 10:15am 7—8pm	22, 2025 Worship/HC M-M's Prayer Club Coffee Fellowship Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.
<u>Monday</u> 9am—1pm 10am—12 noon	Office Open Gas Vouchers
<u>Tuesday</u> 9am—1pm 9am 1—5pm 4pm 4:15—5:15pm 5:15—5:30pm	Office Open Quilters WCC CFS Doors Open CFS Meal Served CFS Carry Outs
<u>Wednesday</u> 9am—1pm 9am 12 noon	Office Open Staff mtg. Worship/HC
<u>Thursday</u> 9am—1pm	Office Open
<u>Friday</u> Staff Sabbath	
<u>Saturday</u> 9am—1pm	WCC open
<u>Sunday, June 2</u> 9:30am 10:15am 10:15am 7—8pm	29, 2025 Worship/HC M-M's Prayer Club Coffee Fellowship Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.
Calendar Notations: HC—Holy Communion M-M's Praye Club—Moo-Moo's Prayer Club CES—Come For Supper	

CFS—Come For Supper WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Athena Burg, Bev Hanson, Casey Kanter, Cathy Ofte, Cindy Moe, Cindy Vieth, Dan Odenbach, Danielle Sorenson, Dave Kjos, Dottie Pierce, Erik Rudrud, Esther Harman, Eugene Herold, Gabe Centanni, George, Jane Spear, Jean Koll, Jeannie White, Jeff Kent, Pastor Joanne, Jim Garson, Jim Radatz, Joyce Gosman, Karen Geoglein, Katie White, Kilian Crary, Lane C., Lois Horne, Kelly Olson, Margo Erickson, Mary Covey, Morris Buros, Peggy Kneifl, Rich Pitz, Rose Sabotta, Roxanne North, Sandy Kjos, Sonja Simonson-Schrag, Tom Cade, and **Vera** Wensole

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Ron Ender and Peter Harman

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Vicki Mueller	June 22
Ben Thornton	June 23
Kevin Deal	June 24
Linda Greeno	June 25
Bev Hanson	June 26
Maddie Hanson	June 28