



God's Presence at the Threshold

LuMin Sunday

**Sunday, June 1, 2025
9:30am**

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

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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.

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+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kathryn Thompson

AV Team: Gary & Deb Wold

Communion Assistant: Lois Losby

Guitarist: Colin Stiemke

Prayer Reader: Lois Losby

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Strong Enough

Matthew West

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

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.

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(by Christine Jerrett <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/04/prayer-new-creation.html>)

Creating God, this is the day that you have made. Joining the chorus that is rising throughout all the earth, we rejoice in this day. You take our endings, and you make your new beginnings. You surprise and astound us in places where we expected that you were absent. You meet us in the thresholds of our lives and invite us to reconsider what is possible. We give you thanks for this day and for your love that surrounds us. Amen.

Amen.

PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

**'Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.'**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge

GOSPEL: John 20: 1-18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb.

He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid

him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.


YOUNG PERSONS MESSAGE

SERMON


Pastor Kathryn Thompson

Spirit of Gentleness


Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness




call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,




stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

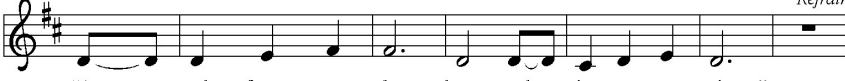


then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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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

(by Amy Aspey <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/04/easter-prayer-of-petition.html>)

God of new life, just like your disciples long ago, we peer into the tombs of our hearts. So many things fill our inner tombs—broken relationships, failed attempts at self-improvement, shame, anger, missed opportunities, and grief.

Loving God,

Meet us at the threshold.

God, some of our disappointments, losses, and grief are from long ago and yet they still feel fresh. Some are new and we feel the pain in our every breath. We lift up to you all that is within us and all that we carry.

Loving God,

meet us at the threshold.

Jesus, when those who came to your tomb looked within, they couldn't find you. Sometimes it feels like we can't find you. Perhaps we, too, are looking in the wrong places. You are always with us, but often in ways that defy our expectations. Just as the tomb couldn't limit you, neither can we.

Loving God,

meet us at the threshold.

Open us to all the ways that you dwell in our midst. Help us to see in new ways like Mary did outside the tomb. Through your presence and love, transform our misunderstanding into learning and our hardheartedness into tenderhearted compassion. Help us to love others with your generous love.

Loving God,

meet us at the threshold.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING

(All gifts collected will be given to Lutheran Campus Ministry – La Crosse)

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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF 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.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Jessica Zinniel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take My Life, That I May Be
Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



To stanzas *Last time*
 y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estribillo



pul - so de tu a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

- 2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos
 de lo santo puedan ir,
 y que a ti, Señor, mi voz,
 se complazca en bendecir.* Estribillo
- 3 *Que mis labios al hablar
 hablen sólo de tu amor;
 que mis bienes dedique
 yo los quiera a ti, Señor.* Estribillo

- 4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté
 consagrado a tu loor;
 que mi mente y su poder
 sean usados en tu honor.* Estribillo

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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

He Reigns

Peter Furler and Steve Taylor

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DIP POTLUCK EXTRAVAGANZA TODAY!

Get ready to dip, mingle, and dive into a sea of flavors! Join us after worship today for a dip-tastic gathering where we'll celebrate the art of dipping, dunking, and savoring!

WELCOME PASTOR KATHRYN TO OUR SAVIOR'S

Pastor Kathryn Thompson (she/they) graduated with an M.Div. from Wartburg Seminary and a Bachelor's of Arts (English) from St. Olaf College. Pastor Kathryn's ministry with LuMin began August 1, 2024. Pastor Kathryn loves writing and reading poetry, and being in nature, including walking and hiking and being on or near water. Pastor Kathryn and their spouse, Sara, have two kiddos. Their family loves to explore the outdoors, have dance parties, and eat great food.

NEXT SUNDAY—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.

MONTHLY DONATION DRIVE

Support our monthly mission by bringing **canned or dried beans** for ***The Hunger Task Force*** and **egg noodles** for ***Come For Supper***. Donations can be dropped in the church office or narthex cart anytime in June. Thank you for helping feed our community with love!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Every Sunday, we need two volunteer to read and serve communion. Interested? Sign up on the bulletin board by the church office.

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT

The Franciscan Spirituality Center has teamed up with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of La Crosse County to offer a **FREE** Family Caregiver Support Group.

In-person meetings are 1:30-2:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month starting June 12 at the Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St., La Crosse, Wisconsin. The group is open to ALL caregivers. The focus will be on reducing the stress of family caregivers, not on a specific diagnosis. Meet others and share the caregiving journey!

No registration is required. For more information, please contact Kristine Meyer at 608-386-0922 or kmeyer@lacrossecounty.org.

2025 DATES: June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAR

Graduate Sunday, June 1, 2025

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

Monday

9am—1pm Office Open
10am—12 noon Gas Voucher

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
1—5pm WCC
4pm CFS Doors Open
4:15—5:15pm CFS Meal Served
5:15—5:30pm CFS Carry Outs

Wednesday

9am—1pm Office Open
10am W-ELCA Board
12 noon Worship/HC
6:30pm Dorcas Society

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open

Friday

Staff Sabbath

Day 1—Synod Assembly

Saturday

Day 2—Synod Assembly

9am—1pm WCC open

Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025

10am Worship at the Park
Picnic following
6:30pm 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, **Pastor Joanne**, **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, **Rich** Pitz, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Tom** Cade, and **Vera** Wensole

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Ron Ender and **Pete** Harman

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nicole Milliren	June 2
Bev Schilling	June 2
Sonja Simonson Schrag	June 2
Rachel Balow	June 5
Ruth Hartley	June 5
Thomas Larson	June 5
Jennifer Blank	June 8
Steve Dolan	June 8