

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

4th Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, July 6, 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.

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).

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The Servant Song

Richard Gillard

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.

Come, All You People

Uyaimose



U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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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

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

ELW #863

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art



- 1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
- 2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
- 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
- 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
- 5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READING: Galatians 9: 51—62

A reading from Galatians.

[¹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads.

⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they

want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE *There are Rules and There are Rules* Pastor Steve Minnema

We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be

Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to
 love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
 oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: WE ARE CALLED, David Haas

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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 Your Will Be Done, ELW#741)

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

You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news.

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of the *Mighty Mississippi River* and all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste.

God of grace,

Your will be done on earth, O Lord. (5x)

You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people.

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain. Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt.

God of grace,

Your will be done on earth, O Lord. (5x)

Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you.

You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you.

God of grace,

Your will be done on earth, O Lord. (5x)

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.

Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt.

Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lead on, O King Eternal

Ernest W. Shurtleff (1887)

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MOO-MOO'S PRAYER CLUB TODAY

Sunday, July 6, 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.

HOSPITAL VISIT REMINDER

If you are hospitalized and would like a visit from a pastor, please contact the church office directly at **608.728.3468**. Due to privacy policies at both **Emplify by Gundersen** and **Mayo/Franciscan Healthcare** hospitals will not notify us or share patient information unless we inquire using a specific name. This means we won't know you're in the hospital unless you or a family member lets us know. We're here for you—please don't hesitate to reach out!

A JOURNEY HOME, FUELED BY COMPASSION

This week, we're sharing a powerful story of compassion and community: the journey of helping a Puerto Rican family return home. During our Monday gas voucher hours, a woman came in seeking help. The woman shared that she had moved to La Crosse to live with the father of her children and life was good. Until recently when the father passed away. Since his death, she has struggled to find work and provide for her two young boys and was on the verge of losing their housing. She asked if we could help with tickets back to Puerto Rico, where they have a home and a support system. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to assist them—but the cost stretched our Emergency Fund beyond what we had budgeted for this time of year... ***hear the full story during worship this Sunday.***

If you'd like to donate to the Emergency Fund and help others in crisis, give online at [**oursaviorslutheranchurch.net/give**](https://oursaviorslutheranchurch.net/give) and select "***Emergency Fund***" from the dropdown menu, bring your donation to church Sunday, or contact the church office for more ways to give.

And as always, please continue to keep this family and those we help with our Emergency Fund in your prayers.

MONTHLY DONATION DRIVE—JULY 2025

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:

- **Pet Food** for **The Hunger Task Force**
- **Spaghetti** 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!***

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

As the school year approaches, let's make a difference in the lives of children globally by collecting items for **Lutheran World Relief (LWR) School Kits**.

ITEMS NEEDED

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks

ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons

FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)

ONE pencil sharpener

FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers

ONE pair of blunt scissors

ONE 12-inch ruler (with centimeters on one side)

ONE 2½" eraser

Please remember to keep items neutral and universally helpful by avoiding religious symbols, US flags, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the US armed forces.

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

1. **Shop Smart:** Take advantage of great back-to-school sales going on now!
2. **Collect Items:** Pick up a school bag to fill and list of needed items at the display in the Narthex today!
3. **Deliver Your Donations:** After shopping, simply return your filled school bag back to the display.

For more information, please visit <https://lwr.org/schoolkits>.

Thank you for your continued generosity! Let's empower young minds and spread love across borders..

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 6, 2025

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am M-M's Prayer Club
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
7—8pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

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

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
9am Quilters
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
12 noon Worship/HC
1pm Priscilla Circle

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open
10am Loffler mtg.

Friday

Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC open

Sunday, July 13, 2025

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am M-M's Prayer Club
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
7—8pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion

M-M's Praye Club—Moo-Moo's Prayer Club

CFS—Come For Supper

WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Ardelle Ender, **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, **Lane** C., **Lois** Horne, **Kelly** Olson, **Margo** Erickson, **Mary** Covey, **Monica & Jack** D., **Morris** Buros, **Pamela** Mathis, **Peggy** Kneifl, **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

Scott Rathgaber	July 6
Amy Thornton	July 7
Aura Bubbers	July 8
Jane Speer	July 8
Sylvia Attleson	July 10
Jessie Brobeck	July 12
Rayna May	July 12
Ruth Carlson	July 13
Stanley Hayek	July 13
Renee Heser	July 13
Bill Temte	July 13