

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



7th Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, July 27, 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."***

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: Michael Pechman, SAM
AV Team: Aselin Zinniel
Communion: Cheryl Vieth
Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim
Reader: Cheryl Vieth

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

W. W. Walford (1845)

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.

GATHERING SONG***Come and Fill Our Hearts*****ELW #528***(sung several times)***Come and Fill Our Hearts***Confitemini Domino*

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Psalm 136:1 (Latin): Taizé Community
Music: CONFITEMINI DOMINO, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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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.

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of several measures, some with ties. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The first system has three lines of lyrics, the second has three lines, and the third has three lines. The lyrics are: 1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and 3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song. God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song. shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

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shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior .

Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from Genesis.

²⁰ Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the

city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

A reading from Colossians.

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone

disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking,¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.]

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 11: 1—13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."² So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will

be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Michael Pechman, SAM

When We Are Living

Pues si vivimos



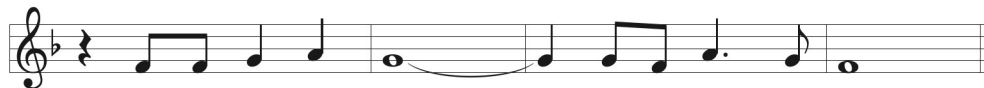
<i>Pues si vi - vi - mos,</i>	<i>pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,</i>
1 When we are liv - ing,	it is in Christ Je - sus,
2 'Mid times of sor - row	and in times of pain,
3 A - cross this wide world,	we shall al - ways find



<i>y si mo - ri - mos</i>	<i>pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.</i>
and when we're dy - ing,	it is in the Lord. . . .
when sens - ing beau - ty	or in love's em - brace, . . .
those who are cry - ing	with no peace of mind; . . .



<i>Sea que vi - va - mos</i>	<i>o que mu - ra - mos,</i>
Both in our liv - ing	and in our dy - ing,
wheth - er we suf - fer,	or sing re - joic - ing,
and when we help them,	or when we feed them,



<i>so - mos del Se - ñor,</i>	<i>so - mos del Se - ñor.</i>
we be - long to God,	we be - long to God.
we be - long to God,	we be - long to God.
we be - long to God,	we be - long to God.

2 En la tristeza y en el dolor,
 en la belleza y en el amor,
 sea que suframos o que gocemos,
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

3 En este mundo por doquier habrá
 gente que lloray sin consolar.
 Sea que ayudemos o alimentemos,
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

Text: st. 1, based on Romans 14:8; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, b. 1942

st. 2-3, Roberto Escamilla, b. 1931; tr. George Lockwood, b. 1946

Music: SOMOS DEL SEÑOR, Spanish traditional

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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 *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts* ACS #1078

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain — All



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All



1 For jus - tice, for free - dom, for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom, for cour - age, for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing, for whole - ness, for new life:
4 Lord, save us, take pit - y, light in our



hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:
hear our prayer. In weak - ness, in fear:
hear our prayer. In sick - ness, in death:
deep - est night. We call you; we wait:

Refrain



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING FOR THE EMERGENCY FUND

In response to our call for support to replenish the Emergency Fund, we're designating the *noisy offering* for the remainder of July to this important cause.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
+ bless you and give your peace.

Amen.

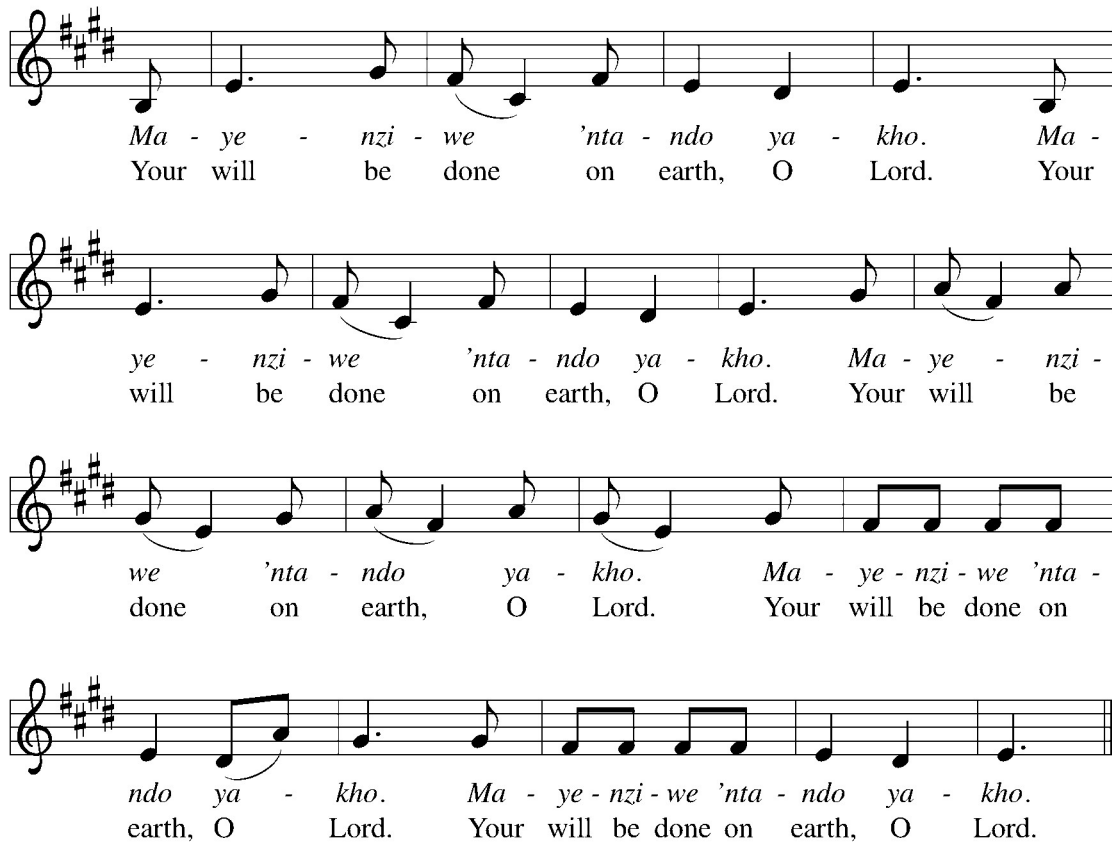
CLOSING HYMN

Your Will Be Done

ELW #741 (sung twice)

Your Will Be Done

Mayenziwe



Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho. Ma -
Your will be done on earth, O Lord. Your

ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi -
will be done on earth, O Lord. Your will be

we 'nta - ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta -
done on earth, O Lord. Your will be done on

ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.
earth, O Lord. Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Text: South African, based on the Lord's Prayer

Music: MAYENZIWE, South African traditional, as taught by Gobingca George Mxadana

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *What a friend we have in Jesus* Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1855)

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FINAL SUNDAY – SUPPORT THE EMERGENCY FUND

Today is your last chance to give to the Emergency Fund through our July noisy offering! Your generosity helps provide immediate assistance to individuals and families in urgent need. Let's finish strong—every coin and dollar makes a difference!

MOO-MOO'S PRAYER CLUB TODAY

Sunday, July 27, 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!

NEXT SUNDAY'S NOISY OFFERING SUPPORTS OUR COMPANIONS IN PERÚ

Over 20 years ago, the La Crosse Area Synod began a companion relationship with the Iglesia del Perú (IL-P). This connection has fostered mutual learning, deep friendships, and shared ministry across cultures and continents.

On **Sunday, August 3**, we will welcome Gregg Attleson, who will be leading worship that day. Gregg was a part of the most recent group from our synod to visit Perú and brings with him stories and experiences from our companions there.

We are also please to inform you that our **noisy offering** on that Sunday will support the IL-P and their vital ministry in Perú. We invite you to bring your coins—and your generosity—to make a joyful noise in support of our global companions.

MONTHLY DONATION DRIVE—AUGUST 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:

- **Peanut Butter** for **The Hunger Task Force**
- **Butter** 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!***

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 hospitals, they 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!

SHOP THE SALES—SHARE THE LOVE!

Back-to-school sales are the perfect time to pick up supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits! These simple kits help children around the world learn and grow—often in difficult circumstances. Every notebook, pencil, and crayon you give brings hope and opportunity. Grab a supply list (on the table in the narthex) and join us in making a difference!

BRING THE BAR—SHARE THE CARE!

We're collecting ***new, wrapped bath-size bars of gentle soap*** to help complete Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits and Personal Care Kits.

Each kits needs 2—3 bars of soap, depending on the size—so every donation helps us finish more kits! These kits offer dignity, comfort, and hope to families in need around the world. A simple bar of soap can be a powerful gift—can you help? Drop off your donations at church this Sunday/week!

Thank you for helping share God's love through your generosity!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tues., Aug. 5, 2025, 5—7pm—American Legion (711 6th St. S., La Crosse)

Come enjoy a friendly night out!

Washburn, Powell-Poage-Hamilton and Downtown neighborhood families, friends, and neighbors are invited to a community celebration at the American Legion. National Night Out celebrates police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

At this free event there will be food, games, music, and a bounce house. A food drive for area food pantries will be hosted at the event. Consider donating soups of all kinds, box or bag cereal, pasta & sauce, canned vegetables or fruit, canned meats such as ham, chicken, tuna or salmon, and hygiene items. All donations are greatly appreciated.

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Noisy Offering Emergency Fund

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
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

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open

Friday

Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC open

Sunday, August 3, 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 Prayer 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**, **Jackie** Holmes, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jeff** Kent, **Pastor Joanne**, **Jim** Garson, **Jim** Radatz, **Karen** Geoglein, **Katie** White, **Lane** C., **Lois** Horne, **Kelly** Olson, **Margo** Erickson, **Mary** Covey, **Monica & Jack** D., **Morris** Buros, **Pamela** Mathis, **Peggy** Kneifl, **Rachel** Balow, **Rich** Pitz, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Tom** Cade, and **Vera** Wensole

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Toni Low

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gregg Attleson	July 18
Byraius Moyer	July 29
Kevin Crary	July 31
Ardis Bolstad	August 1
Sandy Kjos	August 1
Kenzie Weeks	August 1