

Our Savior's Lutheran Church—La Crosse, WI



11th Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday, August 24, 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.

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 Tara Shilts

AV Team: Aselin Zinniel

Coffee Fellowship: Todd & Kim Grapes

Communion Assistant: Kim Grapes

Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim

Prayer Reader: Kim Grapes

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Robert Robinson (1758)

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.

Most 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 your 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 a new creation.

Amen.

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic 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.

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.

All this pain;
I wonder if I'll ever find my way.
I wonder if my life could really change at all.

You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of us

All this earth;
could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from this ground at all?

You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of us

All around,
hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos, life is being found in You.

You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
you make beautiful things out of us

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior

Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 13: 10—17

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷

When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Shilts

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

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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.**

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society

You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats.

Hear us, O God.

**O God, we call, O God, we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.**

You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life.

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness. Manifest your healing presence in their midst.

Hear us, O God.

**O God, we call, O God, we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.**

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed.

With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken.

Hear us, O God.

**O God, we call, O God, we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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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

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

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

And deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

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 you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG***Ten Thousand Reasons*****ACS #1097**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Here I am, Lord

Daniel L. Schutte (1946)

FALL BACK TO CHURCH!

Welcoming Pastor Joanne Home

Summer is quickly coming to a close, and what better way to step into a new season than by coming back together in worship and fellowship? If you've been away this summer, now is the perfect time to "fall back to church!"

We are especially excited to welcome Pastor Joanne home from her sabbatical on **Sunday, September 7**. Join us for worship as we gather in joy and gratitude, followed by a **Welcome Back Potluck** in the fellowship hall.

Bring a dish to share, bring your friends and family, and most of all—bring yourself. ***We can't wait to see you!***

OUR SAVIOR'S FREE LITTLE PANTRY—THE CUPBOARD IS BARE!

Our Free Little Pantry is empty—and neighbors are in need. This pantry offers immediate, 24/7 access to food and hygiene items for anyone facing hunger or hard times. When you donate, you help provide dignity and relief right here in our community.

What's needed most: soups (all kinds), cereal (boxed or bagged), pasta and sauce, canned vegetables and fruits, canned meats (ham, chicken, tuna, or salmon), hygiene items (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)

Place donations directly in the pantry or in the grocery cart in the narthex. Every contribution makes a difference. Thank you!

AUGUST DONATION DRIVE—SPREAD THE LOVE (AND THE BUTTER)

This month, we're teaming up again to help two wonderful local ministries! We're collecting **peanut butter** for *The Hunger Task Force* and **butter** for *Come For Supper*. These simple staples go a long way in feeding our neighbors and showing God's love in action.

Bring your donations to church and place them in the grocery cart in the narthex and/or the refrigerator in the fellowship hall—together, we can help spread hope throughout our community. ***Thank you for giving generously!***

WOMEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET "CLOTHES OUT" EVENT

Tues., Aug. 26, 1—5 pm and Sat., Aug. 30, 9am—1pm

The weather may be gorgeous outside and cold and snow are the furthest things from your mind... but it's time to be thinking about fall & winter for the Women's Clothes Closet. We have a great selection of spring and summer clothes (pants, shorts, dresses, skirts, tops, hats, scarves, handbags, shoes, and more) and will be hosting a women's clothing giveaway before our fall changeover. Come and select as much as you need. Please note that **Fall/Winter items will be available Tuesday, September 2, 2024 from 1—5pm.**

W-ELCA SUMMER EVENT: RIVER CRUISE

**Saturday, September 20, 2025, 10:15am—1pm—Mississippi River Cruise
(405 East Veterans Memorial Drive, La Crosse) ([map](#))**

Women of the La Crosse Area Synod are invited to a private chartered River Cruise on **Saturday, September 20.**

The cost is **\$55 per person.**

We will go through the lock & dam, have lunch and enjoy the views and great fellowship! See the historical sites and the local wildlife of the Upper Mississippi River. Lunch will be chef-carved baked ham, herbed baked chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, brown sugar glazed carrots, coleslaw, dinner rolls with butter, dessert, coffee and iced tea.

Registration must be received by September 10, 2025.

There is room on the cruise for 76 attendees. Invite all your church women and women friends, neighbors, & family. (They don't have to belong to ELCA church to attend.)

Send your registration & payment of \$55/person to Jodi Anderson at:

W2875 Anderson Road, Mindoro, WI 54644 with check payable to La Crosse Area Women of the ELCA. If you have questions for Jodi, email her at: jodidusty@gmail.com

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact JoAnn Salava at: [608-542-0652](tel:608-542-0652) or jams@mwt.net



Our Savior's
Lutheran Church
worship. serve. grow.

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 24, 2025

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
9am Quilters
1—5pm WCC "open
 Clothes Out" Event
4pm CFS Doors Open
4:15—5:15pm CFS Meal Served
5:15—5:30pm CFS Carry Outs

Wednesday

9am Staff mtg.
9am—1pm Office Open
12 noon Worship/HC

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open

Friday

Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC "open
 Clothes Out" Event

Sunday, August 31, 2025

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am M-M's Prayer Club
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
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

Ardelle Ender, **Athena** Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Casey** Kanter, **Cathy** Ofte, **Cindy** Moe, **Cindy** Vieth, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Erik** Rudrud, **Esther** Harman, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **George**, **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, **Michael** Speer, **Monica & Jack** D., **Morris** Buros, **Pamela** Mathis, **Peggy** Kneifl, **Rachel** Balow, **Rich** Pitz, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Pastor Steve** Minnema, **Tom** Cade, and **Vera** Wensole

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Dottie Pierce and **Jackie** Holmes

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mason Feran	August 27
David Turner	August 27
Tamara Grover	August 28
Nancy Pohlman	August 28
Paula Tipperry	August 28
Megan Hanson	August 29
Sean Chambers	August 30