

Our Savior's Lutheran Church—La Crosse, WI



Hawaiian Shirt Sunday

Sunday, September 21, 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 Joanne Richmond
AV Team: Jim Radatz
Communion Assistants: Bruce and Lois Losby
Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim
Prayer Reader: Lois Losby

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,**

things we have done

and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you,

and uphold us by your Spirit,

so that we may live and serve you

in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy,

loved us even when we were dead in sin,

and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power

through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live

in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG***Come, Holy Spirit, Descend*****ACS #980**

(verse 1) *Come, Holy Spirit, descend*

(verse 2) *Come Breath of heaven*

(verse 3) *Come Word of mercy*

(verse 4) *Come to unite us*

Come, Holy Spirit, Descend

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system contains the first line of the hymn: '*Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us, de -'. The second system contains the second line: 'scend on us. We gath - er here in Je - sus\''. The third system contains the third line: 'name.' followed by a long note with a fermata, and '(hm)' followed by another long note with a fermata. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: BREATH OF HEAVEN, John L. Bell

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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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Santo, santo, santo



San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.
your glo - ry fills all heav - en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 8: 4—7

A reading from Amos

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 113: 1—8

¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of God;
praise the name of God.

² **Let the name of God be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

³ From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of God be praised.

⁴ **God is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵ Who is like God our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

⁶ **but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

⁷ God takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸ **enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2: 1—7

A reading from 1 Timothy

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time.⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne Richmond

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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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.**

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy, practicing justice in our own life and community.

Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources; we pray all people may benefit from your abundant gifts, marking our stewardship of creation with justice and sustainability.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
thank you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.**

Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies of economic justice for the benefit of all, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. Persuade them by your example of generosity and compassion.

Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones. May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**Been so good, been so good,
been so good,
I just want to thank you, Lord.**

God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our community and sharing resources generously through our outreach and justice ministries.

Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints who now join the heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us up from the dust of grief and remind us of your promise of new life.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**Love you, Lord, love you, Lord,
love you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING FOR THE EMERGENCY FUND

DIALOGUE

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.

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.

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

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Love Has Brought Us Here Together



1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,
2 Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and
3 Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es



love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's
kind in deeds. Love is strong and nev - er pom - pous; love puts
in the right. Keen in giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread - ing



gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through-out our life - time,
first the oth - er's needs. Not quick-tem - pered or re - sent - ful,
love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple pledge their u - nion,



love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters
prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex - cels in
all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing at love's



can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.
grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.
earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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HAWAIIAN SHIRT SUNDAY

Hawaiian Shirt Sunday is a joyful tradition where we celebrate together by wearing bright, cheerful, and colorful shirts while sharing the aloha spirit! Don't forget to grab a lei as a fun way to join in the festivities.

Stay after worship for a lively coffee fellowship with delicious treats and wonderful company—we can't wait to connect with you!

During worship today, we'll also be collecting a **noisy offering** to support our Emergency Fund. Every coin and dollar makes a difference—thank you for your generosity!

Let's celebrate, connect, and share the aloha spirit with your church family!

THANK YOU FOR LIVING OUT "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS."

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in *"God's Work. Our Hands."* Sunday! Your generosity, time, and care—whether by donating items, helping assemble the bags, or delivering them—made this day a true success. Because of you, we were able to bless Hamilton Elementary School Teachers with much-needed thanks and encouragement. Together, we were able to share God's love in a very real and meaningful way with our community.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – BABY CARE & SCHOOL KITS

Baby Care Kits and School Kits are due back **today, Sunday, September 21** to prepare them for shipping. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 608.782.3468. Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping share God's love around the world!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) SEMI LOAD

Saturday, October 11, 7—11am—Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd, La Crosse

It's that time of year again! Churches from across the synod are coming together to send baby care kits, personal care kits, school kits, and quilts around the world through **Lutheran World Relief**.

Trucks will be in the large parking lot across Birch Street—come celebrate this amazing mission, and if you're able, lend a hand helping **load the trucks**. Every bit of help makes a big difference in sharing God's love—one kit and quilt at a time!

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Balow at 608.788.8408 or jbalow@gmail.com.

QUILT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

One of the best Sunday's of the church year! The quilts made all year by the OSLC Quilters for Lutheran World Relief will be resting on the back of the pews. Pastor Joanne will offer a blessing for the quilts and those who will use them before we box them up for shipping and distribution worldwide.

Did you know? It costs just **\$2.80 to ship one quilt** overseas with Lutheran World Relief. Every dollar given helps wrap someone in warmth, comfort, and love across the globe! Your gifts to the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund help cover these costs so our quilts can reach families around the globe. Thank you for supporting this ministry of love in action!

CRUNCH & CARE – SEPTEMBER'S DONATION DRIVE!

This month, we're spreading God's love one bowl and one noodle at a time

- **Cereal for The Hunger Task Force** – anything that crunches in a bowl counts!
- **Egg Noodles for Come For Supper** – helping keep meals warm and filling every week.

Drop off your donations in the narthex grocery cart or fellowship hall kitchen. Every box and bag makes a big difference for hungry hearts and stomachs!

DORCAS MEETING – OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 3, 2025, 6:30pm—Fellowship Hall

The October Dorcas meeting will focus on planning for our upcoming Christmas Bazaar on **Friday, November 15**. All are welcome—come share your ideas as we prepare for this special event!

CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS ELVES!

The Dorcas Society is on the lookout for donations of Christmas items and décor (new and/or gently used) for our annual Christmas bazaar. If you have any festive treasures hiding in your attic or basement, we'd love to give them a new home! You can drop off your donations in the church office Sunday mornings before or after worship and Monday—Thursday, 9am—1pm between now and Friday, November 7, 2025. Thank you so much for helping us spread the holiday cheer!

WOMEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET

Cooler days are coming—our Women's Clothes Closet is ready with cozy fall and winter wear! Browse pants, tops, dresses, shoes, scarves, hats, and more.

Have items to donate? Call 608.784.5745 to schedule a drop-off. Thank you for helping neighbors stay warm and stylish this season!

WOMEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET CLOSED

Saturday, September 27

The Women's Clothes Closet will be closed on **Saturday, September 27** for Oktoberfest. We wish you a happy and safe weekend of festing and look forward to seeing you for regular shopping on **Tuesday, September 30**.

HAWAIIAN
SHIRT



SUNDAY

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Hawaiian Shirt Sunday

Noisy Offering Emergency Fund

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 pm Gas Vouchers

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
9am Quilters
1—5pm WCC open
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

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

Sunday, September 28, 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

GWOH—"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday

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, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Pastor Steve** Minnema, **Tom** Cade, and **Vera** Wensole

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Rich Pitz

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Laurie Engen	September 21
Maureen Rouse	September 25
Christian Hanson	September 26
Roxanne Root	September 28