

Our Savior's Lutheran Church—La Crosse, WI



16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 28, 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 Joanne Richmond
AV Team: Gary Wold
Communion Assistants: Cheryl Vieth and Lois Losby
Organist: Thomas Haag
Prayer Reader: Cheryl Vieth

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Unser Herrscher (Open Now the Gates of Beauty)* Mark Rippe

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 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* **ELW #533 vs. 1, 2, 5**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* **ELW #883 vs. 1, 3, 5**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us
with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 6: 1a, 4—7

A reading from Amos

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,

⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,

⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise God, O my soul!

² **I will praise God as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³ Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
God sets the captive free.

⁸ **God opens the eyes of the blind; God lifts up those who are bowed down;
God loves the righteous.**

⁹ God cares for the stranger;
God sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ **God shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6: 6—19

A reading from 1 Timothy

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment,
⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it,
⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, [Timothy], shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne Richmond

HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, Praise the Gracious Power* ELW #651 vs. 1, 2, 3, 4

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 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* **ELW #656**

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

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency often coming from wealth.

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all.

We pray for people in any need. Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support.

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.**

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

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.

SENDING SONG *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* **ELW #712**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Beach Spring (Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service)* Gerhard Krapf

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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.

QUILT SUNDAY

Next 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!

QUILT & KIT SET-UP, HELPERS NEEDED

Wednesday, October 1, 9am

Come join us on Wednesday, October 1, at 9am as we prepare our Lutheran World Relief quilts, health care kits, baby care kits, and school bags for blessing. Many hands make light work, and all are welcome! We hope to finish before the noon worship service. Then join us on Wednesday, October 1 and Sunday, October 5 when the quilts and kits will be displayed in the worship space as a visible reminder of God's love shared with others.

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.

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!

GOOD OLD FASHIONED CHURCH POTLUCK SUNDAY!

Sunday, October 12, 10:15am

Join us after worship Sunday, October 12 for a good old fashioned church potluck. Please bring your favorite potluck item to share. Thanks!

FALL CAMPFIRE

Saturday, October 18, 2024—6:30pm

Mark your calendars, folks! 'Cause it's fall, y'all, and we need s'more time together! Join us for an all-ages event filled with s'mores, snacks, and drinks. We'll provide the goodies; you bring a blanket or chair to cozy up by the fire. Let's make some warm memories together! See you there!

LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 25, 2025, 3–7pm—Fellowship Hall

Join us for a delicious family-style meal of lutefisk, meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, rutabagas, corn, coleslaw, lefse, dinner roll, dessert, and beverages. **Tickets:** Adult Lutefisk: \$25, Adult Meatball: \$20, Children 6–12: \$10, and 5 & under: Free

Come enjoy a traditional meal while supporting a great cause!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER FUNDRAISER

We need helping hands to make our **Saturday, October 25 Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner Fundraiser** a success! Whether you can assist with bringing needed items, setup, serving, or cleanup, your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

Please contact the Jessica at 608.738.1016 or sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office if you're able to help. Many hands make light work!

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!

FALL GATHERING OF THE LA CROSSE AREA SYNOD W—ELCA

Saturday, October 18, 8am—3pm—Trinity Lutheran, 1010 Sill St., La Crosse

What to Expect?

- *Fellowship*
- *Hymn Sings throughout the day*
- *Conference meetings*
- *Quilt Parade*
- *Lunch*
- *Book Exchange*
- *Keynote Speaker Pastor Al Erickson, "Adults Saving Kids"*

In-Kind Offering: cereal, mac & cheese, and plastic grocery bags.

Register by calling, texting, or emailing Jodi Anderson: 608.386.6187 or jodidusty@gmail.com.

REFORMATION HYMN SING – WE'RE TAKING REQUESTS!

Sunday, October 26, after worship—Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendars for ! Join us for a special Reformation hymn sing, accompanied by Dr. Eddie Kim on the piano, and help us choose the hymns we'll raise our voices to.

We'd love to hear your favorites! Please fill out the Hymn Sing Request Form below and either drop it in the offering plate or bring it to Jessica in the church office by **Sunday, October 12.**

HYMN SING REQUEST FORM

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Hymn Request (s)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

After worship that day, head over to the Fellowship Hall for a celebration of the Reformation with root beer floats and treats. We can't wait to sing and celebrate with you!

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAR

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.

Monday

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

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
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
9am LWR Quilt & Kit Set Up
10am WELCA Board mtg.
12 noon Worship/HC
6:30pm Dorcas Society mtg.

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open

Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC open

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Quilt Sunday

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Boxing LWR Quilts & Kits
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

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Ardelle Ender, **Athena** Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Casey** Kanter, **Cassie**, **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**, **Joshua**, **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, **Roger**, **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

Jessica Zinniel	September 29
Alicia Gallup	September 30
Jordan Gallup	September 30
Carol Miller	October 2
Emma Zinniel	October 5