

Our Savior's Lutheran Church—La Crosse, WI



Quilt Sunday

Sunday, October 5, 2025, 9:30am

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA
612 Division St. | La Crosse, WI | 608.782.3468
WWW.OURSAVIORSLUTHERANCHURCH.NET
***"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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Juan Fernandez, Custodian

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: Aselin Zinniel
Communion Assistants: Lois & Bruce Losby
Pianist: Mary Stutesman
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.

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Vamos todos al banquete

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

- 2 Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo
- 3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde haya igualdad,
trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE. Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955
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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.

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE DAY AND YOUNG PERSON'S MESSAGE

God, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Send forth your Spirit today as we call upon you
to bless our work and make it holy.

Help these quilts and kits, our offerings of hope, travel across
the furthest distances to reach our most weary neighbors
and surround them with your grace and peace.

Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread,
the sewing machines used and the items collected for the kits.
May their presence be a sign of your faithful promise,
may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love,
and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

God, we give thanks for all those who have taken part
in creating these quilts and kits.
May you guide us to greater empathy for our neighbors in crisis,
for the mothers that struggle to feed their hungry children,
for the fearful, the anxious, the isolated.
May these quilts and kits provide comfort and relief
to those who are downtrodden around the world.

Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

God, be with those who will receive these gifts —
neighbors we have never met, neighbors who are far away,
neighbors who, like us, long for your grace and mercy.
May the work crafted from our humble hands
serve as a beacon of light and hope to those
who are suffering and fill them with the peace
that is only found in you.

Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

We thank you for this ministry of service, for the
opportunity to comfort those in their darkest hours,
to remind our neighbors in Christ of your loving presence.
Bring us ever closer to your heart and our neighbors in need
throughout the world. We pray all this in the name of Jesus,
the one who is our hope.

Amen.

GOSPEL: Mark 12: 28—34

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well he asked [Jesus], "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³ and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, [Jesus] said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Joanne Richmond

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

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.**

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation.

God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence.

God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who lead and learn in this congregation and beyond.

God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

We offer our prayers, God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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.

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.**

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.

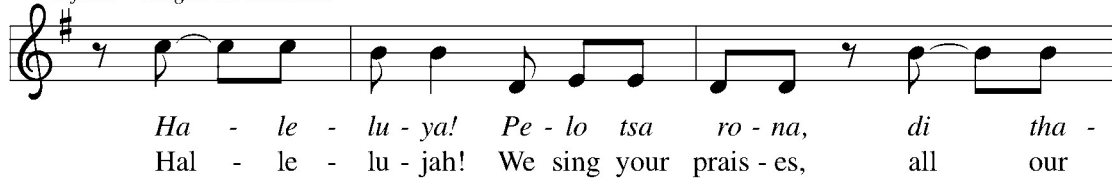
The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

Refrain— sung twice each time



Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



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Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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QUILT SUNDAY

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 are 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!

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.

GOOD OLD FASHIONED CHURCH POTLUCK NEXT 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!

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

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!



LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

Fundraiser

Lutefisk, Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Rutabagas, Corn, Coleslaw, Lefse, Dinner Roll, Dessert, and Beverages

Adult Lutefisk: \$25
Adult Meatball: \$20
Children 6 - 12: \$10
5 & Under: Free

☒ Saturday, October 25, 2025

☒ 3 PM - 7 PM

☒ Our Savior's Lutheran
612 Division St.
La Crosse, WI 54601

CONTACT US



608.782.3468



OCTOBER'S DONATION DRIVE!

"Soup warms the body and the soul." This month, you can do both by donating **CANNED SOUP** to support The Hunger Task Force. Bring your donations to the grocery cart in the narthex and help stir up hope for our neighbors in need!

Drop your cans in the grocery cart in the narthex—every can makes a difference and every bowl shared spreads God's love!

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!

FALL CAMPFIRE

Saturday, October 18, 2025—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!



Christmas BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
9AM - 1PM

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
612 DIVISION ST., LA CROSSE

NORWEGIAN BAKERY & LEFSE, HANDMADE CRAFTS,
COLLECTIBLE TREASURES, "CHRISTMASES PAST" SECTION

BREAKFAST BRUNCH (9:30AM)
FRENCH TOAST BAKE OR BISCUITS & GRAVY
MUFFINS, FRUIT, COFFEE, AND MILK



FALL *Campfire*

18
OCT

6:30
PM

FOOD | FUN | FELLOWSHIP

Snacks, s'mores, and cozy vibes for everyone.

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 and 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



**Feaut.
Dr.
Eddie
Kim**

Sunday, October 26, 2025

**Root Beer
& Pretzels**

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAR

Quilt Sunday, October 5, 2025

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Boxing LWR Quilts & Kits
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
9am Staff Meeting
12 noon Worship/HC
1pm Priscilla Circle

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open

Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

7am—11am LWR Loading @ GSLC
9am—1pm WCC open

Sunday, October 12, 2025

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Potluck
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion
M-MPC—Moo-Moo's Prayer Club
CFS—Come For Supper
LWR—Lutheran World Relief
GSLC—Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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**, **Jane** Spear, **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 and **Louis "Bud"** Herlitzke, Jr.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Emma Zinniel	October 5
Esther Harman	October 6
John Schilling	October 8
Dan Mihalovic	October 9
Mary Van Berkum	October 10
Katie Herlitzke	October 11