

Our Savior's Lutheran Church—La Crosse, WI



19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 19, 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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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: Cheryl Vieth and Lois Losby
Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim
Prayer Reader: Cheryl Vieth

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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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.

Golden Breaks the Dawn

Qing zao qilai kan

Qing zao qi - lai kan, hong ri chu tong - fang,
 1 Gold - en breaks the dawn, comes the east - ern sun;
 2 Ho - ly, liv - ing God, keep me safe to - day;
 3 Give me dai - ly bread, while I do my part;



xiong - zhuang xiang yong - shi, mei - hao xiang xin - lang;
 like a rid - er strong, set the course to run.
 though I wea - ry plod, make me kind, I pray.
 bright skies o - ver - head, glad - ness in my heart.



tian gao fei - niao guo, di kuo ye - hua xiang,
 Birds a - bove me fly, flow - ers bloom be - low;
 Let me guide our youth, hon - or weak and old;
 Sim - ple wants pro - vide, e - vil let me shun;



zhao wo qin gong - zuo, Tian - fu you en - guang.
 through the earth and sky God's great mer - cies flow.
 let me serve with truth, and God's love un - fold.
 Je - sus at my side, till the day is done.

Text: Tzu-chen Chao; para. Frank W. Price, 1885-1974

Music: LE PING, Te-ngai Hu

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

READING: 2 Timothy 3: 14—4: 5

A reading from 2 Timothy.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 18: 1—8

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

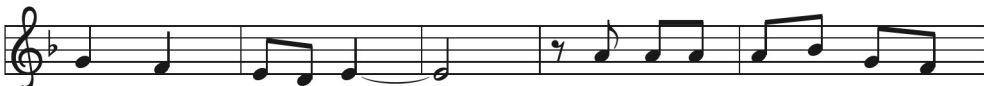
Pastor Joanne Richmond

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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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

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

We pray for the church universal. God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We pray for creation. God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,

for you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love

we only find in you, our God.

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world.

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer.

We take a moment of silence to pray for those on our prayer list...

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.**

**There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.**

We pray for Our Savior's Lutheran Church. God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need.

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.**

**There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.**

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

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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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.

The People Walk
Un pueblo que camina

Refrain / Estribillo



Un pue - blo que ca - mi - na por el mun - do gri -
The peo - ple walk through-out the world to - geth - er and



tan - do: "¡Ven, Se - ñor!" Un pue - blo que bus - ca en es - ta
cry out, "Come, O Lord"; the peo - ple who long to claim the



vi - da la gran li - be - ra - ción.
prom - ise, God's lib - er - at - ing Word.



1 Los po - bres siem - pre es - pe - ran el a - ma - ne - cer de un
1 The poor ones of the world a - wait the dawn of hope, when
2 You broke the bonds of sin, un - tied the cap - tive's hands, re -
3 The life - blood of the world is shed in mind - less war; and



dí - a más jus - to y sin o - pre - sión. Los
jus - tice will shine and make op - pres - sion flee. The
leased us from fear and slav - 'ry to the law. We
fam - 'lies de - sire a home where con - flicts cease. With

Refrain / Estribillo



po - bres he - mos pues - to la es - pe - ran - za en ti: ¡Li - ber - ta - dor!
emp - ty hands of all are raised to you, Lord God: oh, set us free!
lift our hands in hope, we put our trust in you, O God of love.
all the world we lift our hands in hope to you, O God of peace.

2 *Salvaste nuestra vida de la esclavitud, esclavos de la ley, sirviendo en el temor. Nosotros hemos puesto la esperanza en ti: ¡Dios del amor! Estribillo*

3 *El mundo, por la guerra, sangra sin razón; familias destrozadas buscan un hogar. El mundo tiene puesta su esperanza en ti: ¡Dios de la paz! Estribillo*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Total Praise

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3RD QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS

3rd quarter giving statements are now available. Please plan on picking yours up after worship in the Narthex today. We want to thank you for your commitment, generosity, and support. Your contributions make a significant impact, not only within our church but also in our neighborhood and around the world. Through your giving, we are able to reach out, support, and uplift those in need, making a real difference in countless lives. Thank you for being a vital part of our shared mission.

REFORMATION HYMN SING & CELEBRATION!

Sunday, October 26, after worship—Fellowship Hall

Come be part of our joyful Reformation festivities next Sunday! Join friends old and new for a spirited hymn sing led by Dr. Eddie Kim on piano, celebrating faith, music, and community. Enjoy delicious root beer floats and treats, support Our Savior's Youth & Family Ministry, and raise your voice in song as we celebrate the Reformation together. Doors to the Fellowship Hall open right after worship — we can't wait to sing and celebrate with you!





LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

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
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La Crosse, WI 54601

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LUTEFISK & MEATBALL

DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 25, 2025, 3–

7pm—Fellowship Hall



It's Back!



Get ready for one of the tastiest traditions of the year!

Enjoy a delicious, family-style meal featuring lutefisk, handmade meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, lefse, rutabaga, corn, coleslaw, cranberries, dinner roll, dessert, milk, and coffee. Come

hungry and bring your family and friends! Family-style dining, carry-outs available and walk-ins always welcome.

Tickets: Adult Lutefisk & Meatball – \$25, Adult Meatball Only – \$20, Children 6 - 12 – \$10, Ages 5 & under – Free

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!

SHARE A STORY

Help brighten Pastor Barb's day! We're looking for volunteers to visit and read to her at the nursing home—a simple act that brings joy and connection. If you can help, please speak with Pastor Joanne.

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!

SAVE THE DATE—WELCA THANKOFFERING

Thursday, November 20, 1:30pm—Fellowship Hall

Did you know that the concept of thankoffering celebrations date back more than 100 years and beyond Lutherans? Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community. Coming together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. Please remember to bring your thankoffering boxes/offerings.

CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS ELVES!

The Dorcas Society is gathering donations for our annual Christmas Bazaar—and we need your help!

We're accepting Christmas items and décor (new or gently used) to fill our holiday tables with festive cheer. Drop off donations in the church office on Sunday mornings before or after worship or Monday—Thursday from 9am–1pm, through **Friday, November 7, 2025.**

BAKED GOODS FOR THE BAZAAR

The Dorcas Society is also welcoming **donations of baked goods** (Norwegian goodies, cookies, bars, muffins, breads, candy and homemade pies, etc.) for their upcoming annual Christmas Bazaar. Donations can be dropped off starting **Monday, November 10 until Thursday, November 13,** from **9am—1pm** and are appreciated more than you know. Thank you!

COME AND HELP BAKE & SET UP FOR THE BAZAAR!

Come help bake and set up for our annual Christmas Bazaar! These upcoming days are the perfect opportunity for anyone wanting to learn how to make delicious Norwegian goodies. We would appreciate any help you could offer at any of these dates and times. **All are welcome to help bake and set-up, women (and men, too!)**

Rosettes—Sat., Nov. 8, 9am

Sandbakkels—Mon., Nov. 10, 4pm

Scrolls—Wed., Nov. 12, 4pm

Set Up—Friday, November 14, 9am

Thank you for helping us make this season merry and bright!



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

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 19, 2025

:30am Worship/HC
10:15am M-MPC
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
12 noon Worship/HC

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open

Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath
1pm Lutefisk Setup

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC open
3—7pm Lutefisk & Meatball
Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Reformation Sunday

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Hymn Sing
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, **Dala** Hynek, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Dean** Geier, **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

Louis "Bud" Herlitzke, Jr., **Jimmy**

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Andy Stutesman	October 19
Monica Wiebke-Peterson	October 21
Fox Zinniel	October 22
Linda Baehr	October 23
Dan Lintin	October 23
Diane Stutesman	October 24
Jeff Taylor	October 25
Samantha Gallup	October 26
Barb Seidel	October 26