

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church—La Crosse, WI**



**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, November 16, 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."***

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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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**+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+**  
**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Joanne Richmond  
**AV Team:** Aselin Zinniel  
**Communion Assistant:**  
**Pianist:** Dr. Eddie Kim  
**Prayer Reader:**

# 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.**

OPENING HYMN

*Bring Many Names*

ACS #1094 vs. 1, 6

Bring Many Names



1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,  
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,  
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child,  
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,  
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,  
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in  
 plan - ing all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -  
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -  
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -  
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for  
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than



glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and ho -  
 qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and ho -  
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and ho -  
 pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and ho -  
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and ho -  
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and ho -



san - na! Bring man - y names!  
 san - na, strong moth - er God!  
 san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
 san - na, old, ach - ing God!  
 san - na, young, grow - ing God!  
 san - na, 6 great, liv - ing God!

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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.**

## Heaven Opened to Isaiah



1 Heav-en o - pened to I - sa - iah, show-ing him God's glo-rious  
2 Ser - a - phim con - tin - ue sing - ing; cher - u - bim still lift their  
3 One day heav - en will be o - pened and be - fore the Sav - ior's

throne: Lord of might, high and ex - alt - ed, tem - ple flow-ing  
praise. Earth and all its crea-tures wor - ship; moon and stars are  
throne, saints from ev - 'ry time and na - tion will be - gin their

with his robe. Ser - a - phim flew all a - round him,  
still a - mazed. Now a - bove cre - a - tion's cho - rus  
end - less song: "To our God of all sal - va - tion,

hum - bled at the ho - ly sight. As they cir - cled they were  
comes an - oth - er fer - vent cry: all of earth's re - deemed are  
to the high and ho - ly Lamb, to the bless - ed Ho - ly

sing - ing, call - ing out with all their might.  
sing - ing, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
Spir - it be for - ev - er praise. A - men!"

*Refrain*  
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, you are ho - ly," ev - 'ry  
an - gel voice pro - claims; "All the earth re - flects your  
glo - ry; ev - 'ry tongue sings out your praise!"

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **READING: Isaiah 65:17-25**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>17</sup> For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.

<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating,  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy  
and its people as a delight.

<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it  
or the cry of distress.

<sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it  
an infant who lives but a few days  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

<sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat,  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain  
or bear children for calamity,  
for they shall be offspring blessed by God—  
and their descendants as well.

<sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
says God.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Borning Cry*

ELW #732

*Borning Cry*

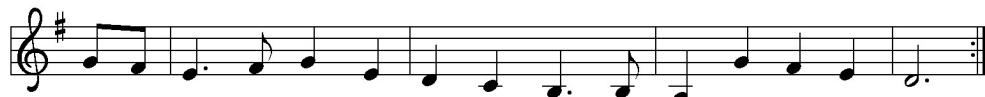
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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## **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 *Let Not the Needy Be Forgotten* ACS #1058**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call.

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis.

Hear us, God, as we sing:

**Let not the needy be forgotten.**

**And let not the hope of the poor be stripped away.**

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good.

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind.

Hear us, God, as we sing:

**Let not the needy be forgotten.**

**And let not the hope of the poor be stripped away.**

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and prayer.

Encourage your people to build community where all are valued.

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful.

Hear us, God, as we sing:

**Let not the needy be forgotten.**

**And let not the hope of the poor be stripped away.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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**

**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**

## God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we  
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.  
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

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## **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.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **BREAKFAST POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY**

### **Sunday, November 23, after worship—Fellowship Hall**

Join us for a breakfast potluck! Whether you're a culinary enthusiast with a signature dish or simply coming to enjoy the community, your presence is what makes our gatherings special. There's always more than enough to share, so bring yourself, a dish to pass if you're able, and an appetite for delicious food and warm conversations. Let's share the joy of fellowship and the blessings of good food together. We can't wait to see you!

## **NOVEMBER DONATION DRIVE FOR THE HUNGER TASK FORCE**

This month, we're collecting **squash** for the Hunger Task Force!

Your donations help provide fresh, healthy produce for families in need.

Please bring your squash to the collection area anytime during November.

Every little bit adds up to make a big difference—thank you for sharing the harvest!

## **EGG NOODLES NEEDED FOR COME FOR SUPPER**

Our *Come for Supper* ministry serves many neighbors each week—and we go through **22—25 pounds of egg noodles** every time! If you're able to help, please consider donating egg noodles to support this vital community meal. Donations can be dropped off in the church kitchen or office during the week. Your generosity helps us share nourishment, comfort, and care—thank you!

## **WELCA THANKOFFERING CELEBRATION**

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

Join us for a special Thankoffering Celebration this Thursday.

This celebration is an opportunity for our community to come together in joyful thanksgiving, reflecting on all that God has provided. We invite you to bring your Thankoffering boxes or offerings as part of this cherished tradition. ***Let's unite in giving thanks and celebrating God's generosity!***

## **CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT OUR SAVIOR'S**

Christmas is coming—and we can't wait to worship and celebrate together!

Join us for these special services as we welcome the birth of Christ and share the joy of the season.

**Christmas Eve**—Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 12 noon

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A joyful, family-friendly candlelight service filled with music and light.

**Christmas Day**—Thursday December 25, 2025, 9:30am

Start Christmas morning in worship, celebrating the good news of Jesus' birth!

**First Sunday of Christmas**—Sunday, December 28, 9:30am

The celebration continues! Come for a warm, joy-filled service as we keep singing the songs of Christmas.

**Second Sunday of Christmas**—Sunday, January 4, 9:30am

We'll wrap up the Christmas season together and step into the new year with hearts full of hope and light.

# OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

## CALENDAR

**Stewardship Sun., Nov. 16, 2025**

**Noisy Offering—Emergency Fund**

**9:30am** 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  
**1pm** Art & Faith  
**6pm** Church Council

**Thursday**

**9am—1pm** Office Open  
**1:30pm** W-ELCA mtg.

**Friday**

**Pastor/Staff Sabbath**

**Saturday**

**9am—1pm** WCC open

**Sunday, November 23, 2025**

**9:30am** Worship/HC  
**10:15am** Breakfast 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

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### HEALING AND PEACE

**Ardelle** Ender, **Ardis** Bolstad, **Athena** Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Casey** Kanter, **Cassie**, **Cathy** Ofte, **Cindy** Moe, **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** Devereaux, **Morris** Buros, **Pamela** Mathis, **Peggy** Kneifl, **Roger** Loing, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Roy** Modahl, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Pastor Steve** Minnema, **Tom** Cade, and **Vera** Wensole

### GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

**Cindy** Vieth

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Makenna</b> Klingelhofer | November 18 |
| <b>James</b> Radatz         | November 18 |
| <b>Pam</b> Smaby            | November 19 |
| <b>Louden</b> Lecher        | November 21 |
| <b>David</b> Kadera         | November 22 |
| <b>Sara</b> Weeks           | November 22 |
| <b>Rachel</b> Byers         | November 23 |
| <b>Christian</b> Rudrud     | November 24 |
| <b>Dawn</b> Ortiz           | November 25 |
| <b>Jaida</b> Budworth       | November 27 |
| <b>Julia</b> Rudrud         | November 28 |
| <b>Bruce</b> Kwosek         | November 30 |