

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

*This is he of whom I said,  
'After me comes a man  
who ranks ahead of me  
because he was before me.'*

John 1: 30

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**Sunday, January 18, 2026, 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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**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](http://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:** Gary & Deb Wold

**Cantor:** Liz Bahr

**Communion Assistant:** Deb Wollin

**Organist:** Thomas Haag

**Prayer Reader:** Kim Grapes

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Welcome! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today.*

*We will share holy Communion; you are welcome to participate.*

**PRELUDE**      *Arise, Your Light has Come (Festal Song)*      Seth Bingham

## 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.**

### Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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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.**

## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;  
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **GOSPEL: John 1: 29—42**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."<sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him."<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."



<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

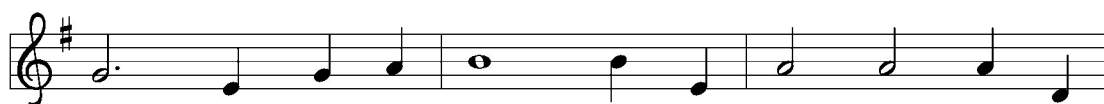
Pastor Joanne Richmond

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult* **ELW #696 vs. 1, 2, 4**

**Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult**



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## **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**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus 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**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,  
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.  
As we have shared this feast of love,  
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

The God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

**Amen.**



## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ Our Savior.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise (St. Denio)* Austin Lovelace

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## **BIBLE SUNDAY**

Today we celebrate **Bible Sunday** as Everett (son of Liz & Tyler Bahr) receives his first Bible. This special moment marks the fulfillment of the baptismal promises made by our congregation—to nurture him in faith, prayer, and the knowledge of God's Word. We give thanks for Everett and invite everyone to join in this joyful affirmation of our shared commitment to support him on his faith journey.

## **END-OF-YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Your end-of-year financial statements are available for pick up in the Narthex. To help us save on mailing costs, we encourage you to take your statement home with you that day. Thank you for our cooperation!

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, January 25, 2026, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall**

We invite you to attend the annual meeting of our congregation to hear leadership updates, engage in meaningful discussions about the ministry here at Our Savior's, and cast your vote on the 2026 budget and the nominees for our Church Council.

Don't miss this opportunity to be an active part of shaping the future of our community!

## **2025 ANNUAL REPORTS**

2025 Annual Reports are available in the Narthex for review before the meeting.

## **THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Monday, January 19, 2026**

The church office will be closed tomorrow (Monday, January 19, 2026) in observance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## **MOO-MOO'S PRAYER CLUB TODAY**

**Sunday, January 18, 2026, 10:15am—Sanctuary**

Children of all ages—especially infants, toddlers, and elementary-age students—along with their families are welcome to come discover the many different ways people can praise and serve God through prayer, song, and hands-on learning. Join us as we grow in faith, curiosity, and joy—together!

## **JANUARY DONATION DRIVE—SOUP-ER WARM HEARTS**

As winter settles in and we begin a new year, we're collecting **soup** for **The Hunger Task Force** to help provide warm, nourishing meals for our neighbors in need. All varieties are welcome—chicken noodle, tomato, vegetable, hearty stews, and more. If it's cozy, comforting, and soup-er delicious, it's perfect! Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. Together, we can help bring warmth and care to our community during the coldest months of the year. Thanks for sharing comfort, one can at a time!

## **LENTEN SOUP SUPPER**

Lenten Soup Suppers are coming soon! We invite you to help make these evenings of fellowship possible by signing up to bring a pot of soup. If you are willing to share your favorite soup, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the church office. Thank you for helping nourish both body and spirit during Lent.

## **CHOCOLATE SUNDAY**

**Sunday, February 8, 2026, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall**

Please bring a chocolate treat to share and celebrate Valentine's Day with us in style. ***What a perfect Sunday to also invite a friend to worship!***

## **MARDI GRAS OSLC STYLE!**

**Sunday, February 15, 2026, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall**

Join us for this fun fellowship event! The fun begins after worship, with New Orleans style food and music. This is a chance for our whole church family to get together before we prepare for Lent.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

More information coming.

## **OSLC COOK-OFF**

**Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 5pm—Fellowship Hall**

Who will win the title of "*Best of Our Savior's*"? **You bring your own muffin tin!** We are **looking for cooks** to try to win the '*Best of Our Savior's*.' So rustle up a favorite recipe and a sign up will be posted soon.

## **PIE-LUCK SUNDAY**

**Sunday March 8, 2026, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall**

Come chase cabin fever away! Bring your favorite pie to share during the coffee hour! All pies are welcome, be they savory or sweet or store-bought or homemade.

## **JELLO JUBILEE**

**Sunday, February 22, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall**

***Let's wiggle our way out of cabin fever!*** On Sunday, February 22, we're inviting everyone to bring a favorite **Jello dish** to share during coffee fellowship—sweet, savory, classic, or delightfully surprising. Together we'll shake off the winter blues, enjoy some laughter, and celebrate the joy of being together as the days grow longer.

# OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**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**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**Church Office Closed**

**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  
**1pm** Art & Faith

**Thursday**

**9am—1pm** Office Open

**Friday**

**Pastor/Staff Sabbath**

**Saturday**

**9am—1pm** WCC Open  
Fireside Room Event

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**9:30am** Worship/HC  
**10:20am** Annual Meeting  
**6:30pm** Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

### **Calendar Notations:**

HC—Holy Communion  
M-MPC—Moo-Moo's Prayer Club  
CFS—Come For Supper  
WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### **HEALING AND PEACE**

**Ardelle** Ender, **Athena** Burg, **Bev** Hanson,  
**Casey** Kanter, **Cassie**, **Cathy** Ofte, **Cindy** Moe,  
**Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos,  
**Debe**, **Erik** Rudrud, **Esther** Harman,  
**Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **George**,  
**Jane** Spear, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jeff** Kent,  
**Pastor Joanne**, **Jon** Zinniel, **Joshua**, **Jim** Garson,  
**Jim** Radatz, **Juliana** Andrews, **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, **Sandy** Kjos,  
**Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Pastor Steve** Minnema,  
**Tom** Cade, and **Vera** Wensole

### **GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF**

**Joyce** Hunter

### **MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES**

**Ricky** Macon, and **Tom** Rudrud

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Sofi** Stutesman January 19  
**Erik** Rudrud January 24