

Our Savior's Lutheran Church—La Crosse, WI

For in the day of trouble
God will give me
shelter



Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 25, 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."**

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: Asa and Fox Zinniel

Coffee Fellowship: Cheryl Vieth

Communion Assistant: Kim Grapes

Pianist: Mary Stutesman

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

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***Rise. Shine, You People!*****ELW #665****Rise, Shine, You People!**

1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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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.

Praise the Lord! O Heavens



1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom-ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam-ing stars and light.
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.
heav'n and earth, and all cre-a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

Text: *Foundling Hospital Collection*, London, 1796
Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us.
Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness
that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

¹ God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴ **One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;**
that I may dwell in the house of God all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of God and to seek God in the temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,

and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music to God.

⁷ Hear my voice, God, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸ **My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”**
Your face, God, I will seek.

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not,
God of my salvation.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12—23

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

HYMN OF THE DAY You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore**ELW #817****You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore**
Tú has venido a la orilla

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni,a sa - bios ni,a ri - cos; tan só - lo
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
treas - ure nor wea-pons for con - quest, just these my
love for the rest of the wea - ry - a love that's
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.
ask - ing for me to fol - low.
fish nets and will for work - ing.
will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Friend, you have come to call me.



Refrain / Estribillo
Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom-bre. En la,a-re - na he de - ja - do mi
you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a-ban-doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936-1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946
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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

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.

Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick. We pray for all who need your care. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light.

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.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Refrain
Je - sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ Our Savior.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

We invite you to attend the annual meeting of our congregation after worship today 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. Come be an active part of shaping the future of our community!

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.

DORCAS SOCIETY POTLUCK

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 6pm—Fellowship Hall

Kick off the new year with a delicious Lutheran tradition—a good old-fashioned church potluck! We'd love for you to join us. Bring a dish to share, and come see what the Dorcas Society is all about. It's a great time to gather, enjoy good food, and make new connections. We can't wait to see you there!

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 on the bulletin board next to the church office.

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.

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.

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Annual Meeting Sunday

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

Monday

9am—1pm Office Open

Tuesday

Pastor Joanne @Winter Theological
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

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC Open

Sunday, February 1, 2026

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am M-MPC
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

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 Goglein, 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

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Sofi Stutesman | January 19 |
| Erik Rudrud | January 24 |
| Eleanor Richards | January 26 |
| Raelyn McCall | January 30 |
| Presleigh Panek | January 30 |
| Dave Lee | January 31 |