

Our Savior's Lutheran Church—La Crosse, WI



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 1, 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

Communion Assistant: Carol Miller

Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim

Prayer Reader: Carol Miller

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

Where Justice Rolls Down

Bob Stromberg, Rick Carlson, and Michael Pearce Donley

CONFSSION 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**Gather Us In****ELW #532****Gather Us In**

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-try, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-try,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



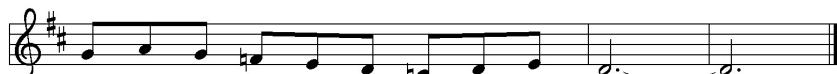
brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

You Are Holy

ELW #525

You Are Holy
Du är helig

1*

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un-der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless-ed are you com-ing near. Bless - ed are you com-ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är nä - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na! in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life 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.

READING: Micah 6: 6—8

A reading from. Acts.

⁶ "With what shall I come before God
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before God with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
⁷ Will God be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
⁸ God has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does God require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

HYMN OF THE DAY***The People Walk*****ELW #706****The People Walk**
Un pueblo que camina

Refrain / Estribillo

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!* Etribillo

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!* Etribillo

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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***Come and Fill Our Hearts*****ELW #528**

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.

God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for our Lutheran World Hunger Appeal and for Lutheran World Relief.

God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. We pray for the health of old growth forests, ice caps, and ocean currents. Preserve the diversity of life on earth.

Merciful God, hear us as we sing:

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth.

God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way.

Merciful God, hear us as we sing:

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, and mentors who model love for their neighbor and care for others.

God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you.

Merciful God, hear us as we sing:

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

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.

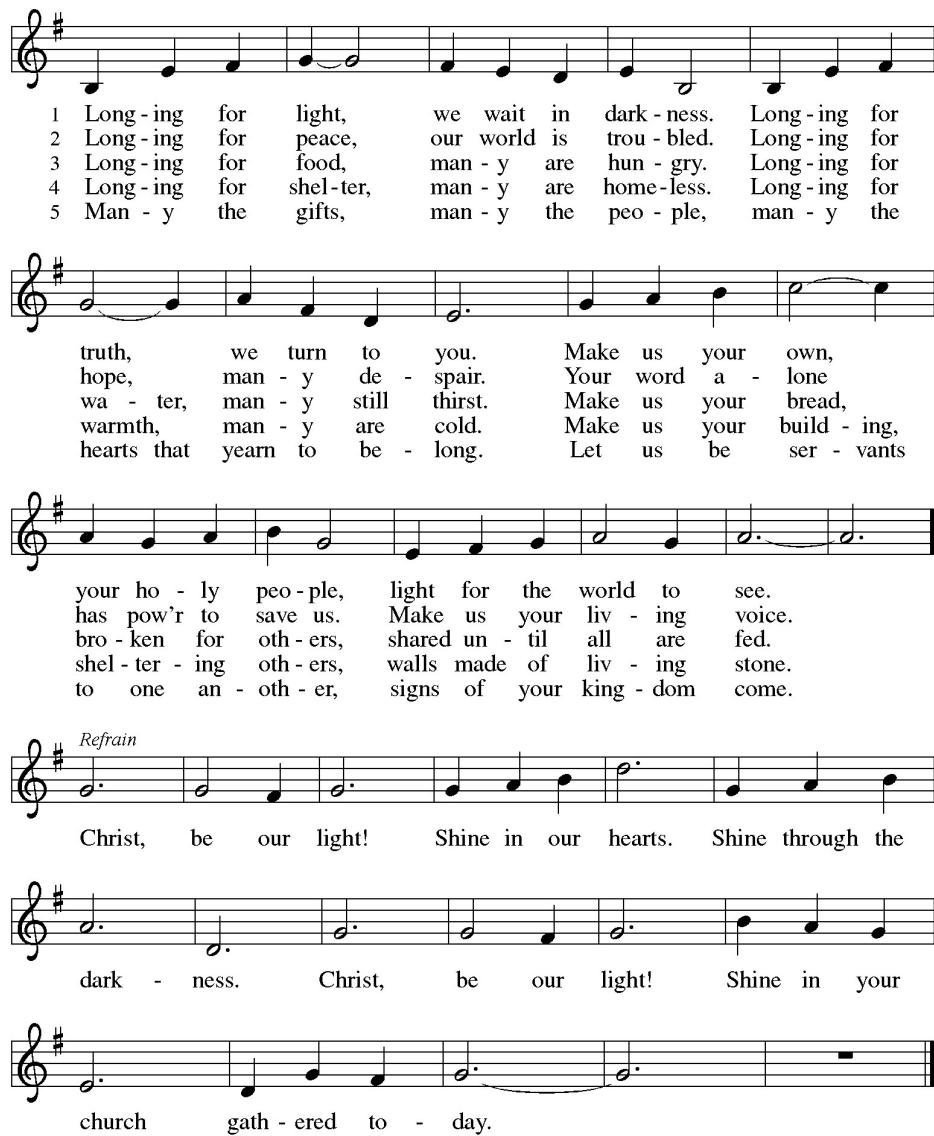
Amen.

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.

CLOSING HYMN***Christ, Be Our Light*****ELW #715****Christ, Be Our Light**

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread, warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing, hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants

your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone. to one an-oth-er, signs of your king-dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ Our Savior.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *May this church be like a tree* Pablo Sosa, Andrew Donaldson

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

More information coming.

FEBRUARY DONATION DRIVE—SNACKS THAT STACK

This February, we're collecting **crackers** to help stock the **Hunger Task Forces** shelves and everyday meals for our neighbors in need. Crackers are a simple staple that pair well with soups, cheeses, and other pantry items. All kinds are welcome—saltines, whole wheat, butter crackers, cheese crackers, and more. Please bring your donations to the grocery cart in the narthex. Together, we can help share steady nourishment and care during the winter months. ***Thank you for helping our neighbors, one box at a time.***

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

We are looking for individuals, families, and/or church groups to sign up to provide pots of soup during Lent. Look for the sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office or talk with Pastor Joanne or Lois Losby, Worship & Music Board Chair. ***Thank you for helping nourish both body and spirit during Lent.***

DORCAS SOCIETY POTLUCK THIS WEDNESDAY

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

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a sweet twist! Come indulge in a morning of **pure chocolate bliss** featuring a variety of **scrumptious confections** and **decadent desserts**—all while enjoying great company. Please bring your favorite chocolate treat to share and celebrate Valentine's Day with us in style. *It's a perfect Sunday to treat yourself (and your taste buds!)—and a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend to join us for worship!* We can't wait to see you there!

MARDI GRAS OSLC STYLE!

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

Get ready for a festive celebration of food, music, and fellowship! Join us for a fun –filled event featuring **New Orleans style food** and **lively music**. This is a chance for our whole church family to get together before we prepare for Lent. We look forward to seeing you there!

OUR SAVIOR'S COOK-OFF

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

Who will win the title of "*Best of Our Savior's*"? Tasting begins at 5pm with a free-will offering to benefit youth & family ministries. We've gone away from plastic-tasting cups and will have tin muffin liners. **You bring your own muffin tin**, we provide the liners, and you get extra votes for your favorites. Everyone wins! We are **looking for cooks** to try to win the '*Best of Our Savior's*.' So rustle up a favorite recipe and sign up with the name of your dish and a brief description on the bulletin board next to the church office to register.

JELLO JUBILEE—Sunday, March 1, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

Let's wiggle our way out of cabin fever! On Sunday, March 1 (new date), 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.

FOSTER & RESPITE CARE NEEDED IN LA CROSSE COUNTY

La Crosse County is facing a critical shortage of foster homes. Because of this, some children—including sibling groups—are being placed outside the county, making it harder for them to stay connected to family, school, and community. You are invited to prayerfully consider becoming a **foster parent** or a **respite care provider** (offering short-term care to support foster families). These roles help keep children close to home during a difficult time. To learn more contact **La Crosse County Foster Care Specialist, Lora, at (608) 789-4834.**

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 1, 2026

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 noon 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
10am WELCA Board mtg.
12 noon Worship/HC
6pm Dorcas Potluck

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open

Friday **Pastor/Staff Sabbath**

Saturday
9am—1pm WCC Open

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Chocolate Sunday

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am M-MPC
10:15am Chocolate Sunday
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 & Michael Spear, Jean Koll, Jeannie White, Jeff Kent, Pastor Joanne, Jon Zinniel, Joshua, Jim Garson, Jim Radatz, Juliana Andrews, Karen Geoglein, Katie White, Ken Feran, Lane C., Lois Horne, Kelly Olson, Margo Erickson, Mary Covey, 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, Birgitta Rice, and Kaye Kjome

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Ricky Macon, and Tom Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Liz Bahr	February 3
James Garson	February 3
Butch McMullin	February 3
Chris Wysong	February 6
Brenda Gallup	February 6
Lois Losby	February 6
Kim Wendt	February 6
Asa Zinniel	February 7