

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



**Transfiguration Sunday**

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**Sunday, February 15, 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

**Coffee Fellowship:** Mardi Gras

**Communion Assistant:** Cheryl Vieth

**Guitarist:** Colin Stiemke

**Prayer Reader:** Cheryl Vieth

# 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.**

### How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

## **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.**

## Light Dawns on a Weary World

1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -

see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a

wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

*Refrain*

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;  
 the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!  
 We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,  
 as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed your embrace of us as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **READING: Exodus 24: 12—18**

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>12</sup> God said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of God settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day God called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of God was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 17: 1—9**

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Joanne Richmond

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***Lead Me, Guide Me***

**ELW #768**

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, along the way;  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
to help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, along the way;  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

2

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

### Refrain

Lead me, guide me, along the way;  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

- 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
I am blind without thy light to see.  
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

### Refrain

Lead me, guide me, along the way;  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Text: Doris Akers, 1922—1995

Music: Doris Akers

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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.

Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger, particularly those fearing for their lives, their families, and their homes because of ethnic and racial persecution.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star.

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 FOR THE EMERGENCY FUND**

## **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**

***Arise, Your Light Has Come!***

**ELW #314**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ Our Savior.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **MARDI GRAS OSLC STYLE**

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

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

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 12 noon and 6pm**

Join us for worship as we begin the season of Lent with prayer, reflection, and the imposition of ashes. All are welcome as we gather to begin our Lenten journey together.

### **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.***

### **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.

### **AUTHENTIC PERUVIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, Feb. 21, 6—8pm—English Lutheran (1509 King St., La Crosse)**

Help us support the ministries of la Iglesia Luterana del Perú, a companion church of the La Crosse Area Synod. Come enjoy fellowship, a delicious meal, and learn about our companion synod in Peru. **Cost:** \$30/person includes authentic Peruvian cuisine, appetizers, salads, entrees, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. Reserve your space today on the synod's website - only 80 spots available! Don't wait! **Reservation deadline:** February 15. ***Come enjoy a delicious meal and learn more about our companion synod in Peru. We can't wait to see you there!***

### **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 15, 2026

**9:30am** Worship/HC  
**10:15am** Mardi Gras  
**10:30am** Church Council mtg.  
**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

### Ash Wednesday, February 18

**9am—1pm** Office Open  
**12 noon** Worship/HC  
**1pm** Art & Faith  
**5pm** Our Savior's Cook Off  
**6pm** Worship/HC

### Thursday

**9am—1pm** Office Open

### Friday

**Pastor/Staff Sabbath**

### Saturday

**9am—1pm** WCC Open

### Sunday, February 22, 2026

#### First Sunday in Lent

**9:30am** Worship/HC  
**10:15am** M-M's Prayer Club  
**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 & Michael** Speer, **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, **Mary** Covey, **Monica & Jack** D.,  
**Morris** Buros, **Pamela** Mathis, **Peggy** Kneifl,  
**Roger** Loing, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North,  
**Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag,  
**Pastor Steve** Minnema, and **Tom** Cade,

### GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

**Joyce** Hunter, **Birgitta** Rice, **Kaye** Kjome,  
**Ken** Feran, and **Vera** Wensole

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<b>Alfie</b> Bahr	February 16
<b>Mary</b> Stutesman	February 16
<b>Colleen</b> Pitz	February 16
<b>David</b> Kjos	February 18
<b>Emerick</b> Weeks	February 18
<b>Everett</b> Bahr	February 20
<b>Rita</b> Heintz	February 20
<b>Olive</b> Hanssen	February 21
<b>Jeanne</b> Johnson	February 22
<b>Heather</b> Kadera	February 22