

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



This is my commandment,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.

John 15:12

PENTECOST
SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026, 9:30AM

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA
612 Division St. | La Crosse, WI | 608.782.3468

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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 are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. We will share holy Communion; you are welcome to participate.

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.

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 Ministry Team: Asa and Fox Zinniel

Coffee Fellowship: In honor of Bruce & Lois Losby's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Communion Assistant: Sue Staples

Cover Art: Pastor Joanne Richmond

Guitarist: Colin Stiemke

Prayer Reader: Sue Staples

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us
and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

To you, O God,
**all hearts are open,
to you all desires known.
We come to you, confessing our sins.
Forgive us in your mercy,
and remember us in your love.
Show us your ways; teach us your paths;
and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness
in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

KYRIE

O God our Creator in heaven,
have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, true comforter,
have mercy upon us.
Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit,
God gives you a new birth,
and through the death
and resurrection of † Jesus Christ,
God forgives you all your sins.
The God of mercy and might strengthen you
in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Come, All You People

Uyaimose



U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW #836

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, our creator and redeemer, as you gladdened the wedding at Cana in Galilee by the presence of your Son, so by his presence now bring joy to the relationships we share. Look in favor upon us and those we love, granting us all peace and joy.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PSALM 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

² Worship God with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.

³ Know that it is God
who made us, and we are God's;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

⁴ Enter God's gates with thanksgiving
and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to God; bless God's name.

⁵ For God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever
and God's faithfulness to all generations.

GOSPEL: John 15: 9-12

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ [Jesus said] As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

HYMN OF THE DAY *Although I Speak with Angel's Tongues* ELW #644

Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my
2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er
3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions
4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are
vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -
end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now
one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.
dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.
see: then we will see love face to face.
mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951
Music: O WALY WALY, English traditional
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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 us bless God for all the gifts in which we rejoice today.

Holy God, constant in mercy, great in faithfulness: with high praise we recall your acts of unfailing love for the human family, for your children throughout time, and for your people the Church. We bless you for the joy which we, your servants, find in those we know and those we love. We pray that you would give each of us such a sense of joy in relationship with all for whom we love.

Faithful God, you are our source of love; we ask you to pour your grace upon each of us. Where we have made commitments, help us be faithful. Give us your strength and your love, your power and your patience, affection and understanding, courage and love toward you, toward others, and toward the world.

Gracious God, bless our families. Enrich parents and children more and more with your grace. Help us serve those in need.

Amen.

BLESSING OF RELATIONSHIPS

(If any of you wish to come forward to have your relationship blessed, whether you are married, in partnership, a family, housemates, or something other, you may come forward to be blessed.)

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.

As often as we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

BLESSING

The holy Three,
the holy One
increase your hope,
strengthen your faith,
deepen your love,
and † grant you peace.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
 life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er-
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
 ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
 Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
 its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

DISMISSAL

As you leave this place,
when you meet anger, speak with love.
When you meet fear, speak with hope.
When you meet pain, speak with gentleness.
But no matter what, speak this good news.

For the good news of the gospel is
love and justice for all.
It is joy that surprises,
and nonviolence that transforms.
The good news of the gospel is alive in the world.

Thanks be to God for this good, good news. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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GAME DAY TODAY—Sunday, May 24, 10:15am, Fellowship Hall

Join us for a family game day (all ages and stages welcome) that is fun for everyone, especially when there's a little friendly competition involved! Bring your favorite board game and/or a snack to share, or just bring yourself!

MAY DONATION DRIVE —PASTA FOR COME FOR SUPPER—We did it! 77

lbs. of pasta! Thanks to your incredible generosity, we've officially reached—and surpassed—our 75 lb. goal for the Come for Supper ministry! We're so thankful for the many ways our church family and community continue to care for our neighbors with kindness and compassion.

And the good news is—it's not too late to keep donating! Extra spaghetti and egg noodles will continue helping provide warm meals and fellowship in the weeks ahead.

Donations can still be brought to the church or placed on the Fellowship Hall kitchen counter.

Thank you for helping us share God's love—one meal at a time.

SUMMER FIRE PIT—Saturday, May 30, 6—8pm, Courtyard

There will be fixings for s'mores (and grilled hot dogs too), outdoor games, and lots of fun! Bring a lawn chair or blanket and your friends and family for a great night together around the campfire.

LOOKING AHEAD—TRINITY SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, May 31, 2026 | 9:30am | Sanctuary

Join us for worship on Trinity Sunday as our young people help bring the story of creation to life! Through word, movement, and participation, they will assist in sharing the beauty, wonder, and joy of God's creation story from Genesis.

Come celebrate the creativity of God and the gifts of our children and youth as we worship together. We hope you'll be part of this meaningful and memorable Sunday morning!

PLAY-DOH PLAY SUNDAY—Children, families, and all ages are invited to stay for a fun and creative time of play, imagination, and fellowship after worship on **Sunday, May 31**. Whether you love building, sculpting, or simply squishing colorful Play-Doh creations, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Come relax, create, laugh, and spend time together after worship—we'd love to see you there!

BABY CARE KITS—The Social Ministry Team invites congregation members to begin collecting items to assemble Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Baby Care Kits. These Kits are distributed as part of emergency relief efforts but they are also given to encourage expectant women to seek prenatal care. You can pick up a list of needed items (there is also a few handknit baby sweater, towel, and cloth diapers to get you started) at the display in the Narthex. After shopping, deliver you items back to the display before **Sunday, September 20**. Help welcome the littlest ones into a caring international community and swaddle them with love!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—Every Sunday, volunteers are needed to read lessons and prayers and to help serve communion. If this is something you are interested in doing, please sign up on the **Worship Assistants sign-up sheet** located on the bulletin board by the church office. Two people are needed to serve communion and read each Sunday.

SYNOD-WIDE WORSHIP IN THE PARK & PICNIC

Sunday, June 7, 2026, 10am—Riverside Park Bandstand, La Crosse

(Inclement weather site: Good Shepherd, 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd., La Crosse)

Come join us for an open-air community gathering by the water. Whether you're part of the assembly or just passing through the park, everyone is welcome to join in. A picnic will take place following the service for a free-will offering.

CHURCH PICNIC—Saturday, June 13, 11:30am – All Abilities Trane Park

Mark your calendars and join us for a fun-filled afternoon together at All Abilities Trane Park! W-ELCA is firing up the grill with hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Please bring a dish to share (beans, salad, or dessert) and a lawn chair to kick back and relax. Good food, great company, and plenty of smiles – what more could you want? This event is sponsored by Our Savior's W-ELCA to bring our church family together for some fun and shared time together.

DIP POTLUCK EXTRAVAGANZA—Sun., June 28, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

Get ready to dip, mingle, and dive into a sea of flavors! Join us for a dip-tastic gathering where we'll celebrate the art of dipping, dunking, and savoring! Whether it's a secret family recipe, a spicy salsa, or a creamy concoction, we want to taste your favorite dip creations. So, whip up your best dip recipe (sweet or savory) and dippable goodies (chips, fruits, veggies, breadsticks, etc.) and bring it to share after worship. See you there!

OSLC HIKING GROUP—Sun, June 28, 1:30pm—Paul E. Stry Nature Preserve

Join us for a relaxed afternoon hike as we explore the beautiful trails at Paul E. Stry Nature Preserve! Whether you enjoy a casual stroll or simply want to spend time outdoors with others, all are welcome. We'll take in the peaceful scenery, fresh air, and natural beauty of this local preserve while enjoying good conversation and fellowship along the way. Come walk with us and enjoy an afternoon in nature!

SAVE THE DATE—RUMMAGE BAG SALE

Friday, August 14, \$5 per bag & **Saturday, August 15**, \$5 for 1–2 bags
(Jewelry and select items will be individually priced.)

Donation Drop-Off: Mon., Aug. 3 – Sat., Aug. 9, 9am–1pm only

- No donations accepted during setup week.
- We cannot accept car seats, electronics (including TVs and stereos), large appliances, or baby furniture.
- Furniture donations are accepted by permission only.

Volunteer Help Needed

- Setup: Sunday, August 9 (after worship) & August 10 – 13
- Sale Days: Friday, August 14 & Saturday, August 15
- Cleanup: Sunday, August 15

Thank you for supporting this event with your donations and time!

MOO-MOO'S PRAYER CLUB —Sunday, June 14 and 28, 2026, 10:15am – Sanctuary

Calling all little hands and big hearts! 🤝 Infants, toddlers, and elementary-age kids are invited to explore fun, exciting ways to praise and serve God. Sing, pray, learn, and play together as we grow in faith—no experience needed, just curiosity and smiles! 😊

🍽️ 🎬 DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT 🎬 🍷 Sat., June 20, 4:30 – 6:30pm— Fellowship Hall

Join us for a cozy family movie night fun for all ages and stages! Enjoy a light dinner and snacks while we relax and watch a great film together. For more information, please call/text Jessica at [608.782.3468](tel:608.782.3468).

🔥 SUMMER FIRE PIT 🔥 Saturday, June 27, 6—8pm—Courtyard

Gather around the fire for a night of s'mores, grilled hot dogs, outdoor games, and lots of fun! Bring a lawn chair or blanket and your friends and family for a great night together around the campfire

🎲 GAME DAY 🎲_ Sunday, June 21, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

Bring the whole family and join us for a fun-filled Game Day! All ages and stages are welcome—because everything's more exciting with a little friendly competition. 😊 Bring your favorite board game, a snack to share, or simply come as you are. There's a seat (and a game) for everyone!

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 24, 2026

8:30—10:30am Office Open
9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
10:15am Game Day
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

Memorial Day
Church Office Closed

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
9am Quilters
1—5pm WCC Open
4pm CFS Doors Open
4:05—5:15pm CFS Meal Served
5:15—5:30pm CFS Carry Outs

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

8:30am St. Clare's Health Mission
Mobile Medical Unit—Parking Lot
9am—1pm Office Open
12 noon Worship

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open

Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC Open
6—8pm Courtyard Fire Pit

Sunday, May 31, 2026

8:30—10:30am Office Open
9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
10:30am Play-Doh Play
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion
CFS—Come For Supper
WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Art Olson, Athena Burg, Bev Hanson, Casey Kanter, Cassie, Cathy Ofte, Cindy Moe, Colleen Pitz, Dan Odenbach, Danielle Sorenson, Dave Kjos, Erik Rudrud, Esther Harman, Eugene Herold, Gabe Centanni, George, Jane & Michael Speer, Jean Koll, Jeannie White, Jeff Kent, Jeremy R., Pastor Joanne, Jon Zinniel, Joshua, Jim Radatz, Juliana Andrews, Karen Geoglein, Katie White, Lane C., Lois Horne, Kelly Olson, Mary Covey, Monica & Jack D., Pamela Mathis, Peggy Kneifl, Rick, Roger Loing, Rose Sabotta, Roxanne North, Sandy Kjos, Sonja Simonson-Schrag, Pastor Steve Minnema, and Tom Cade

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Ardelle Ender and Jim Garson

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Ricky Macon, and Tom Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shannon Perry May 25
Paul Kimmet May 26
Linda Schwandt May 26
Sarah Schlesner May 27