



Give your servant, therefore,
an understanding mind to
govern your people, able to
discern between good and
evil, for who can govern
this great people of yours?

1 Kings 3:9

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**9TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JULY 26, 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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Liz Bahr, Cantor | Judi Winkler, Custodian

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 Pastor: Joanne Richmond

AV Ministry Team: Asa and Fox Zinniel

Coffee Fellowship: Fruits and Veggies Potluck

Communion Assistant: Carol Miller

Pianist: Mary Stutesman

Prayer Reader: Carol Miller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

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 our Lord.

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 and Lord.

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.

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 - t'ry, 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 - t'ry,
 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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Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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GREETING

ELW p. 98

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

God our Creator in heaven,

have mercy upon us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit, true comforter,

have mercy upon us.

Yours, Lord, Is the Glory



Tu - ya es la glo - ria, la hon - ra tam - bién;
 1 Yours, Lord, is the glo - ry, and hon - or as well;
 2 Yours, Lord, the do - min - ions, and pow - er as well;
 3 To you I sur - ren - der my be - ing, my life;
 4 Glo - ry in the high - est, and on earth as well.



tu - ya pa - ra siem - pre. A - mén, a - mén.
 yours, Lord, now and al - ways.
 yours, Lord, now and al - ways.
 all, Lord, I sur - ren - der. A - men, a - men.
 Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia.

2 *Tuyos los dominios,
los tronos también;
tuyos para siempre.
Amén, amén.*

3 *A ti yo me rindo,
te adoro también,
amo absoluto.
Amén, amén.*

4 *Gloria en las alturas
y en la tierra también;
gloria aleluya.
Amén, amén.*

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 Music: TUYA ES LA GLORIA, traditional
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PSALM 119: 129—136

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come, We That Love the Lord* ELW #625 vs. 1, 3, 4

Come, We That Love the Lord
We're Marching to Zion



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

CREED

ELW p. 105

**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.**

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ELW #632

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way.

God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated.

God our intercessor and our lawgiver, we pray for of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. We pray for those who are ill, including those named on our prayer list.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.**

God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us.

God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks.

God of grace, hear us as we sing:

**God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

NOISY OFFERING

DIALOGUE

ELW p. 107

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 112

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

ELW p. 114

God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love
to the world and continue forever
in the risen life of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Thee Is Gladness



1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my
 2 Je-sus is ours! . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or

heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the
 death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can

true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou
 change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his

break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly
 glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es

and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are
 in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for

pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,
 glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him

to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
 and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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FRUITS & VEGGIES POTLUCK—Sunday July 26, 10:15am

Come celebrate the flavors of summer with us at our Fruits & Veggies Potluck after worship today!

SUNDAY FUNDAYS—July 26, 2026, Fellowship Hall

Join us after worship today for **Potato Head fun!** Looking ahead: **BINGO** on Sunday, August 2, and **Big Games** on Sunday, August 9. ***Fun for all ages!***

OSLC HIKING GROUP—Today, 1:30pm, Lower Hixon Trailhead

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon hike on the Lower Hixon Trails! Hikers of all levels are welcome as we enjoy nature, fellowship, and good conversation.

SUMMER CAMPFIRE—Saturday, August 1, 6—8pm, Courtyard

Join us for an evening of fellowship around the fire with yard games and s'mores! All ages are welcome. Check our social media ([@oursaviorslacrosse](#)) for weather updates.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT—Tues., Aug. 4, 5—7pm, American Legion

Join Washburn, Powell-Poage-Hamilton, and Downtown neighbors, for an evening of community, food, games, music, and family fun! Bring a nonperishable food item for the Washburn Neighborhood Little Free Pantry and consider a gift to St. Clare Health Mission, matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$500. Everyone is welcome!

DORCAS SOCIETY—Wednesday, August 5, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

The Dorcas Society will gather for its regular monthly meeting in August. All women of the congregation are welcome to join us for fellowship, devotion, and planning as we continue our work of serving our church and community.

We're also excited to share that a **Monarch Butterfly Tagging** event is planned for mid-August! If you're interested in participating or would like more information, please contact **Paula Tippery**.

We hope you'll join us for the meeting and consider taking part in this special opportunity to learn more about monarch migration and conservation.

AUGUST DONATION DRIVE – LOCKING IN KINDNESS

This August, we're collecting **new bike locks** for our Come For Supper guests. For many, a bicycle isn't just recreation – it's their primary transportation to work, appointments, the grocery store, and other daily activities. A bike lock is a simple gift that helps protect something they rely on every day. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex. ***Thank you for helping us lock in kindness, one bike at a time.***

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE BIBLE VERSES!

As Pastor Joanne prepares for her retirement on **January 31, 2027**, she'd love your help as she chooses biblical passages to preach on.

Is there a Bible story, passage, or scripture that has inspired, challenged, comforted, or shaped your faith over the years? Pastor Joanne would love to hear from you! Your favorite passage may even become the basis for one of her sermons in the months ahead.

Whether it's a well-known story or a passage that holds special meaning in your life, she invites you to share it with her. Please include the Bible reference (if you know it).

You can submit your favorite Bible verse by:

- Filling out a response card at church

Emailing Pastor Joanne (pastor@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net)

Talk to Pastor Joanne about it!

Thank you for helping Pastor Joanne think about what is or has been meaningful to you in your spiritual journey.

AUGUST CALENDAR AVAILABLE NOW!

Summer continues with plenty of opportunities to gather, serve, and connect at Our Savior's!

The August calendar is now available. Be sure to check out upcoming worship opportunities, fellowship events, service projects, and ways to get involved throughout the month.

Pick up a copy in the narthex or view the calendar online, and mark your calendar for the events and activities that are coming up.

We look forward to sharing August with you!

OUR SAVIOR'S RUMMAGE BAG SALE

Friday, August 14, 9am—4pm: \$5 a bag

Saturday, August 15, 9am—2pm: Fill 1–2 bags for \$5

Jewelry and selected items priced separately.

Donations Needed! Clean, gently used clothing, shoes, linens, jewelry, books, tools, and household items are welcome.. (No electronics, large appliances, car seats, or baby furniture. Furniture donations require prior approval.)

Donation Drop-Off: Mon., August 3—Thurs., August 6, 9am–1pm

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser through your donations and participation!

BACK TO SCHOOL SALES—July is the perfect time to pick up school supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits while Back-to-School sales are happening! Donations of notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, erasers, scissors, and pencil sharpeners help provide students around the world with the supplies they need to learn. Thank you for your support!

EACH KIT NEEDS

- ☐ 4 wide- or college-ruled spiral notebooks (70 sheets each, approximately 8" × 10½")
- ☐ 1 box of crayons (16 or 24 count)
- ☐ 1 ruler (30 centimeters, or centimeters on one side and inches on the other)
- ☐ 1 pencil sharpener
- ☐ 1 pair of blunt (children's) scissors
- ☐ 5 unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers
- ☐ 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens)
- ☐ 1 eraser (approximately 2½ inches long)

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 26, 2026

8:30—10:30am Office Open
9:30am Worship
10:15am Fruits & Veggies Potluck
10:15am Funday—Potato Heads
1:30pm OSLC Hiking Group
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Monday

9am—1pm Office Open
10am—12 noon Gas Voucher

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, July 29, 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 Fire Pit - Courtyard

Sunday, August 2, 2026

8:30—10:30am Office Open
9:30am Worship
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
10:15am Sunday Funday—BINGO
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

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

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE

Art Olson, **Athena** Burg, **Barb** Jarrett, **Bev** Hanson,
Casey Kanter, **Cassie**, **Cathy** Ofte, **Cindy** Moe,
Dan Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos,
Dean Geier, **Erik** Rudrud, **Erv** Dukatz,
Esther Harman, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni,
Gale, **Jane & Michael** Speer, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie**
 White, **Jeff** Kent, **Jeremy** R., **Jim**, **Jim** Radatz,
Pastor Joanne, **Jon** Zinniel, **Joshua**,
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, and **Tom**
 Cade

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Esther Suter

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Ricky Macon, and **Tom** Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kevin Crary	July 31
Sandy Kjos	August 1
Kenzie Weeks	August 1