



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**10TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 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
Communion Assistant: Deb Wollin
Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim
Prayer Reader: Erv Dukatz

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Come to the Feast

Marty Haugen

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.

OPENING HYMN ***Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*** ELW #843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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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.

God Extends an Invitation

Nuestro Padre nos invita

Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glorious God,
your generosity waters the world with goodness,
and you cover creation with abundance.
Awaken in us a hunger for the food
that satisfies both body and spirit,
and with this food fill all the starving world;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the

grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

The Rice of Life

1 The rice of life from heav - en came to
2 True rice the hun - gry world has fed, the
3 The rice of God for all is meant; no
4 The liv - ing rice, for all a sign, came

bring true life from God a - bove. Re - ceive this gift; God's
rice re - quired for life be - low. Pro - vide this gift; God's
one who comes is turned a - way. Be - lieve in Christ whom
down e - ter - nal life to give. A - bide in Christ, the

(Last time)
mer - cy claim; in joy and pain give thanks for love.
mer - cy spread; in weak - ness God's com - pas - sion show.
God has sent; in hum - ble trust God's will o - bey.
liv - ing vine; in Christ, with peo - ple, die and live.

Text: J. Andrew Fowler, b. 1935

Music: BÍ-NÍU, I-to Loh, b. 1936

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CREED

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**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

Come to the Water of Life

ACS #955

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision,
we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For your church in every place,
that it satisfies those who hunger for your word.
Bless the ministry of all who serve your Word,
that it might be broken open and shared with all.

For your wondrous creation and all it provides.
Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish,
and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables.

Merciful God, hear us as we sing:

**All who are thirsty for mercy,
all who are thirsty for love;
all who are thirsty for love, for mercy, come:
come to the Water of life.**

For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice
and live in harmony. As this week we remember the atomic bombings
of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, keep us mindful of the horrors of war;
draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace.

For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. We name those who are suffering from the damage done by tornadoes and earthquakes. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit, especially those named on our prayer list.

Merciful God, hear us as we sing:

**All who are thirsty for healing,
all who are thirsty for touch;
all who are thirsty for touch, for healing, come:
come to the Water of life.**

For this congregation that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, and those who worship with us online or by telephone, that we may become blessings for our neighbors near and far.

With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death.

Merciful God, hear us as we sing:

**All who are thirsty for justice,
all who are thirsty for peace;
all who are thirsty for peace, for justice, come:
come to the Water of life.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

SENDING SONG

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW #491

Come, Let Us Eat



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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SUNDAY FUNDAYS—August 2, 2026, Fellowship Hall

Join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall for **BINGO** and **BIG Games** on Sun., Aug. 9. ***Fun for all ages!***

WELCOME PASTOR DIONE – Sunday, August 16, 2026

Join us as we welcome **Pastor Dione, Assistant to the Bishop**, who will be with us for worship and preaching. Following the service, everyone is invited to a **Picnic Potluck** in the Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board next to the church office for those who would like to bring a dish or help provide picnic items. We hope you'll join us!

AUGUST CALENDAR AVAILABLE NOW!

August is full of opportunities to worship, serve, and connect. Pick up a calendar in the narthex or view it online to see what's coming up!

AUGUST DONATION DRIVE – LOCKING IN KINDNESS

This August, we're collecting **new bike locks** for our Come For Supper guests. For many, a bicycle is their primary transportation, and a bike lock helps protect this essential resource. Please place donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

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!

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

DORCAS SOCIETY—Wed., 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.

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, 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.

Monday

9am—1pm Office Open
9am—1pm Sale Donation Drop Off
10am—12 noon Gas Voucher

Tuesday

9am—1pm Office Open
9am—1pm Sale Donation Drop Off
1—5pm WCC Open
4pm CFS Doors Open
4:05—5:15pm CFS Meal Served
5:15—5:30pm CFS Carry Outs
6pm Transition Task Force

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

8:30am St. Clare's Health Mission
 Mobile Medical Unit—Parking Lot
9am—1pm Office Open
9am—1pm Sale Donation Drop Off
12 noon Worship
6:30pm Dorcas Society mtg.

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open
9am—1pm Sale Donation Drop Off

Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC Open
9am—1pm Sale Donation Drop Off

Sunday, August 9, 2026

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

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, Barb Jarrett, Bev Hanson, Casey Kanter, Cassie, Cathy Ofte, Cindy Moe, Dan Odenbach, Danielle Sorenson, Dave & Sandy Kjos, Dean Geier, Don Thesing, 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, Karen Geoglein, Katie White, Lane C., Lois Horne, Kelly Olson, Mary Covey, Pamela Mathis, Peggy Kneifl, Rick, Roxanne North, and Tom Cade

GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

Ricky Macon, and Tom Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Chuck Rudrud August 7

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion

CFS—Come For Supper

WCC—Women's Clothes Closet