

# **OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**15TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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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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](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.

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devices. If you need **assistance with the live stream**, please call 608.782.3468  
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+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

AV Ministry Team: Gary & Deb Wold

Communion Assistant: Lois Losby

Pianist: Mary Stutesman

Reader: Lois Losby

# 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.**

Blest Are They

Leader or All



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they . . . who seek peace; . . . they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they, who  
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they, who  
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they . . . shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

*Refrain*  
 All  
 Re - joice and be glad!  
 Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!  
 Re - joice and be glad!  
 Yours is the king - dom of God!

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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,

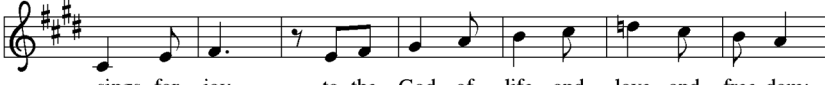
**have mercy upon us.**

## Now the Feast and Celebration

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



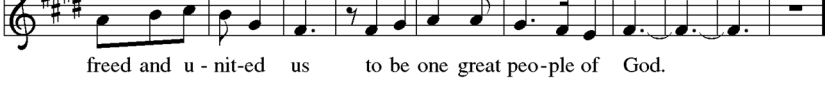
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

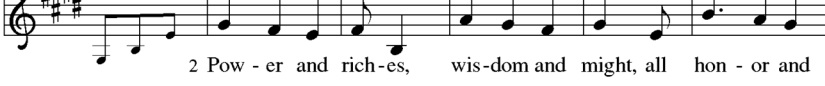


1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

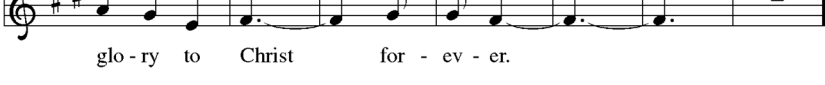


freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*

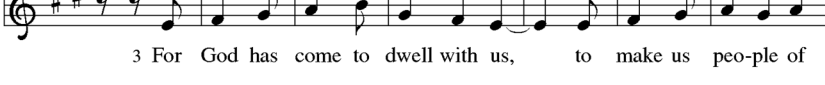


2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

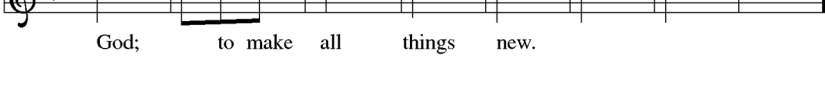


glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

*Refrain*

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **READING: Philemon**

A reading from Philemon

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To our beloved coworker Philemon, <sup>2</sup> to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Philemon's Love and Faith**

<sup>4</sup> I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. <sup>7</sup> I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

## **Paul's Plea for Onesimus**

<sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, <sup>9</sup> yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. <sup>12</sup> I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

<sup>22</sup>One thing more: prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.

<sup>23</sup>Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, <sup>24</sup>and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my coworkers.

<sup>25</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Joanne Richmond

## Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
let you be my ser - vant, too.

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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.**

**PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION**

***Lord, Be Glorified***

**ELW #744**

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love,  
we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to announce  
the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in unexpected ways.

Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs of  
all. Protect grasslands, marshes, swamps, and all places of transition. Heal  
communities crying out after disaster.

Hear us as we sing:

**In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away  
from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the  
good of all who labor.

Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore  
broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry  
with us.

Hear us as we sing:

**In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in our song, Lord, be glorified today.**

Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections.

Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for all who have gone before us.

Hear us as we sing:

**In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**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 (ELW p. 108)**

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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **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.**

# SENDING SONG

## We Are Marching in the Light of God

ELW #866

### We Are Marching in the Light of God



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...  
We are praying ...  
We are singing ...

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## **DISMISSAL**

**ELW p. 115**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, September 13, 10:15am**

Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, September 13, for a Special Congregational Meeting. We will review and vote on the **proposed exterior door renovation project** and present the **draft 2027 budget**. Your participation is important as we make decisions for the future of our congregation.

## **"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY**

**Sunday, September 13, 10:45am | Fellowship Hall**

*"God's Work. Our Hands."* Sunday is a chance to live out our calling as the ELCA—**freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbors, both locally and globally.**

This year, we'll spend the day serving together through several hands-on projects, including **making fleece mittens and blankets** and other projects that benefit our community.

**WELCA will provide lunch**, so come ready to serve, fellowship, and enjoy a meal together! There's no cost to participate; just bring your heart to serve and your time. ***Make plans now to join us!***

## **HAWAIIAN SHIRT SUNDAY**

**Sunday, September 20, 2026**

***Wear your Hawaiian shirt, bring a dish, and come celebrate with us!***

Join the fun on **Hawaiian Shirt Sunday** by wearing your favorite Hawaiian or brightly colored shirt to worship! Everyone will receive a lei as we celebrate the day together—aloha style.

After worship, stick around for a **Luau Potluck** with good food, fellowship, and Hawaiian treats! Bring a dish to share and come ready to enjoy the aloha spirit.

## **CALLING ALL BABY CARE KITS & SCHOOL KITS**

Please remember to return all **Lutheran World Relief Baby Care and School Kit items** to church **on or before Sunday, September 13**, so we can pack them and get them ready to ship.

***Want to help with shipping costs?*** Donations to help cover the cost of sending these kits around the world are greatly appreciated. Every contribution helps!

Thank you for your generosity in turning ordinary items into **extraordinary gifts of love and care.**

## **CELEBRATING PASTOR JOANNE'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

Join us on **Sunday, September 27**, as we celebrate **Pastor Joanne's 40th Anniversary of Ordination**. We will give thanks for her years of faithful ministry during worship, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to stay after the service as we celebrate this special milestone and share our appreciation for Pastor Joanne's dedication and service.

## **DINNER & A SHOW**

**Saturday, October 3, 6:30–7:30pm | Zinniel House**

Grab your comfiest clothes and join us for an **outdoor movie night for all ages and stages!** We'll enjoy dinner and snacks, relax under the stars, and watch a great movie together. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and get ready for a fun night of food, fellowship, and film!

## **SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP CELEBRATES 60 YEARS**

**September 18 – 20, 2026 | Sugar Creek Bible Camp**

Join Sugar Creek Bible Camp for a weekend celebrating **60 years of ministry, memories, and "God stories"!** The weekend includes fellowship, worship, a special anniversary dinner and program, the Annual Quilt Auction, silent auction baskets, a country store, crafts, pony rides, yard games, and more.

**Registration and lodging information are available at**

[sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/60th-anniversary-celebration/](https://sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/60th-anniversary-celebration/).

## **SAVE THE DATE – LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SEMI LOAD**

**Saturday, October 10, 7—11am**

**Good Shepherd (4141 Mormon Coulee Rd., La Crosse)**

It's time to gather all our quilts and kits! The trucks will be in the large church parking lot across Birch Street from the church. Any and all help would be most appreciated. **Questions?** Please contact Jim Balow at 608.788.8408. You can also check for updated info on the La Crosse Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/LaCrosseLWRingathering](https://www.facebook.com/LaCrosseLWRingathering). Thank you in advance for all of your help.

## **JOIN OUR LIVESTREAM TEAM!**

Do you enjoy technology or want to help others worship from home? We're looking for a few new volunteers to join our Sunday morning livestream team.

Serving on the livestream team is easier than you might think! Volunteers help operate the cameras and presentation software during worship, and training is provided. Whether you're comfortable with technology or simply willing to learn, we'd love to have you.

This ministry helps members who are homebound, traveling, or unable to attend worship in person stay connected with our church family.

If you're interested in learning more or would like to give it a try, please contact the church office or speak with one of our current livestream volunteers. We'd be happy to answer your questions and help you get started!

# OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 6, 2026

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

### Monday—Labor Day

**Church Office Closed**

### Tuesday

**9am—1pm** Office Open  
**9am** Quilters  
**1—5pm** WCC Open  
**4pm** CFS Doors Open  
**4:04—5:15pm** CFS Meal Served  
**5:15—5:30pm** CFS Carry Outs Only

### Wednesday, September 9, 2026

**9am—1pm** Office Open  
**12 noon** Worship  
**1pm** Priscilla Circle

### Thursday

**9am—1pm** Office Open

### Friday

**Pastor/Staff Sabbath**

### Saturday

**9am—1pm** WCC Open

### Sunday, September 13, 2026

**God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday**

**8:30—10:30am** Office Open  
**9:30am** Worship  
**10:15am** Special Cong. Mtg.  
**10:45am** Service Projects  
**11am** Lunch  
**6:30pm** Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

## 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, 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

**Pastor Jim Radatz**

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

**Ricky Macon, and Tom Rudrud**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Sue Staples** September 6  
**Jeff Krueger** September 8  
**Kay Rowe** September 8  
**Curt Root** September 13

#### **Calendar Notations:**

HC—Holy Communion

CFS—Come For Supper

WCC—Women's Clothes Closet