



Hawaiian Shirt Sunday



Sunday, September 20, 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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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 Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond
AV Ministry Team: Bruce Losby and Asa Zinniel
Cantor: Liz Bahr
Communion Assistant: Erv Dukatz
Organist: Thomas Haag
Prayer Reader: Erv Dukatz

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Variation on "Unser herrscher"
(Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty)*

Mark Rippe

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.

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



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where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW #533 vs. 3, 4, 5

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants.
Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train
us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

READING: Jonah 3: 10 – 4: 11

A reading from Jonah.

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity God had said he would bring upon them, and God did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to God and said, "God! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, Go, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And God said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then God said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

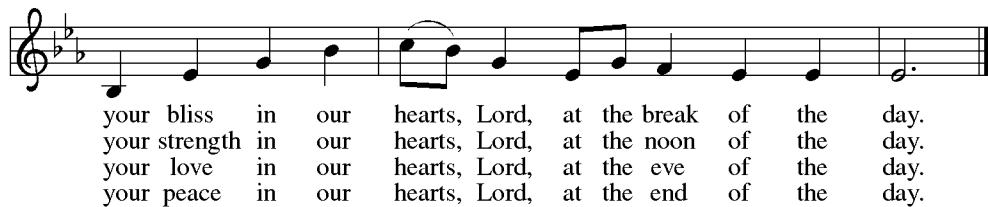
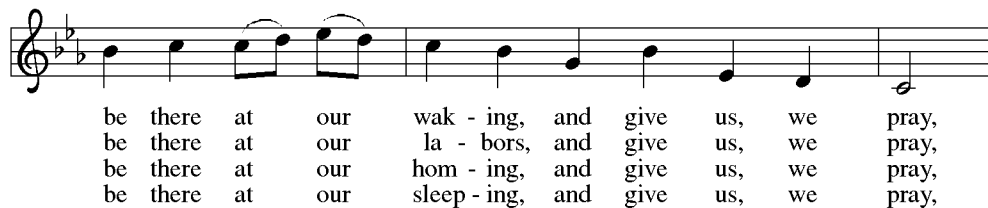
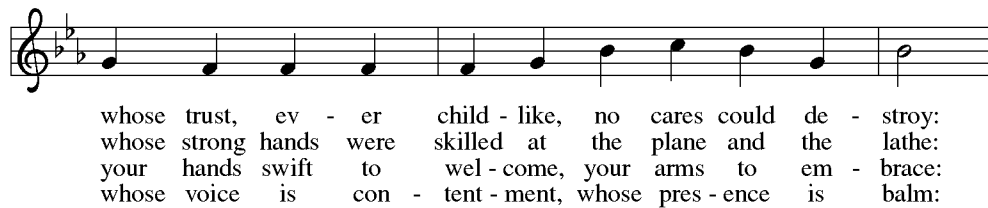
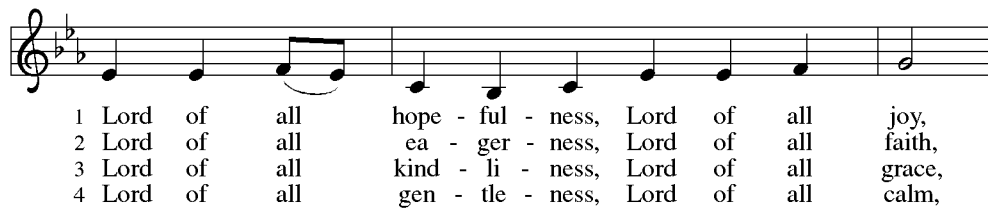
The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

Lord of All Hopefulness



Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
 Music: SLANE, Irish 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.**

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

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

Hold your church accountable for our unwillingness to share your good news and our anger at your generosity to others. Nourish us by your grace to be witnesses to your love.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guide scientists and researchers studying responses to the climate crisis so that all your creation may inspire us to give thanks for your great goodness.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Provide for those who are injured, ill, and for all in any need, including those on our prayer list.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Strengthen all those in this congregation whose labor serves the needs of others in the community. Inspire all in this congregation to support community endeavors with our time and talents.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Comfort us with the promise of the resurrection as we remember all our loved ones whose desire to be with Jesus is fulfilled.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

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

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.

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walther, 1825–1893

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rise Up, O Saints of God (Festal Song)

William H. Walther

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IT'S HAWAIIAN SHIRT SUNDAY TODAY Don't forget to grab a lei in the narthex as we celebrate together today—Hawaiian style! After worship, stick around for our **Luau Potluck** featuring good food, fellowship, and a few Hawaiian-inspired treats. **No Hawaiian shirt? No problem!** Extra shirts are available in the narthex.

BABY CARE & SCHOOL KITS DUE TODAY Please return your **Lutheran World Relief Baby Care and School Kit items** to the cart in the narthex, so we can pack them and get them ready to ship. Donations towards shipping are also appreciated!

CELEBRATING PASTOR JOANNE
Sunday, September 27, 2026

Join us next Sunday for worship as we celebrate Pastor Joanne's 40 years of ordained ministry, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to stay and celebrate this special milestone.

SEPTEMBER DONATION DRIVE

Help Stock the Women's Clothes Closet

Throughout September, we're collecting **new bras (any brand, all sizes)** for the Women's Clothes Closet. Bring your donations to church throughout September and place them in the cart in the narthex. Thank you for helping us keep the Women's Clothes Closet stocked and ready to serve our neighbors!

DINNER & A SHOW

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

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

SAVE THE DATE – HELP LOAD LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF TRAILERS

Sat., Oct. 10, 7–11am Good Shepherd (4141 Mormon Coulee Rd., La Crosse)

We need volunteers to help load quilts and kits onto the trailers. Come for all or part of the morning – every set of hands helps! **Questions?** Please contact Jim Balow at 608.788.8408.

WE HAVE A NEW MAILING ADDRESS

Please update your records! Our Savior's Lutheran Church now has a **new mailing address:**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
612 Division St.
La Crosse, WI 54601

If you have our old mailing address saved anywhere, please take a moment to update it. Thanks for helping us keep everything headed in the right direction!

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Hawaiian Shirt Sunday

Noisy Offering for Emergency Fund

8:30 – 10:30am	Office Open
8:45 – 9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
9:30am	Worship
10:15am	Luau Potluck
6:30pm	Y.E.S. A.A. Mtg.

Monday

9am – 1pm	Office Open
10am – 12 noon	Gas Vouchers

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 Only
9am – 1pm	Office Open

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

9am – 1pm	Office Open
12 noon	Worship
6pm	Church Council

Thursday

9am – 1pm	Office Open
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Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am – 1pm	WCC Open
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Pastor Joanne's 40th Ordination Celebration

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8:45 – 9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
9:30am	Worship
10:15am	Reception
6:30pm	Y.E.S. A.A. Mtg.

OUR SAVIOR'S THIS WEEK

Post on a refrigerator, 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, **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

Carol Rhode and **Esther** Harman

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE ARMED FORCES

Ricky Macon and **Tom** Rudrud

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Debbie Dukatz	September 20
Laurie Engen	September 21
Maureen Rouse	September 25
Christian Hanson	September 26

Calendar Notations:

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

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