



God's work. Our hands.



16th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 13, 2026, 9:30am



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America



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.

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+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joanne Richmond

AV Ministry Team: Gary & Deb Wold

Communion Assistant and Prayer Reader: Carol Miller

Guitarist: Colin Stiemke

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

ELW 603

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF VOCATION AND BLESSING OF HANDS FOR MINISTRY

We are called to proclaim the good news:

God is at work!

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

God is at work in the world still today!

In us and through us, God is glorified in our work.

When we offer a helping hand, God is praised.

When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

God is at work in us!

In our service today and in our daily lives,

let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

God is at work through our hands!

OPENING HYMN

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW #523

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Vamos todos al banquete

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres
a esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no hay acaparadores
y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo
una mesa donde haya igualdad,
trabajando y luchando juntos,
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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GREETING

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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

Come, All You People

ELW #819

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.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.

Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

YOUNG PERSON'S MESSAGE

(Signing a cross on the backs of the hands)
God bless your hands and your work,

(Signing a cross on the palms of the hands)
that through you God's love may be known.
Amen.

READING: Romans 14: 7 - 11

A reading from Romans.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your sibling? Or you, why do you despise your sibling? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Sing to the Lord

ELW #822

Oh, Sing to the Lord

Cantad al Señor

1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
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 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

¡Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

4 *Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

Gathered into God's embrace, let us lift our voices on behalf of a weary and wounded world.

God of love, send us out filled with your love and life. Be known in our daily living, that your love may be known through our proclamation.

God, we pray,
open our hands in love.

God of creation, remind us to be good stewards of your diverse and beautiful world.

God, we pray,
open our hands in love.

God of peace, fill the hearts of those who rule, govern and lead. Give them and us compassion to guide the peoples of this world in the ways of truth, justice, equity and peace.

God, we pray,
open our hands in love.

God of healing, visit those who yearn for your wholeness, especially those whose names are included on our prayer list., Encourage all to bear each other's burdens.

Give wisdom and perseverance to all who work in health care professions.

God, we pray,
open our hands in love.

God of service, give us strength and humility. In our service to those near and far, whose needs are visible or invisible, may we find you in the faces of our neighbors.

God, we pray,
open our hands in love.

Everlasting God, support us in this life. As we remember those who have gone before as examples of faithful living and honor those whose faith was known only to you, inspire us to follow their example of baptismal life until we join with them in worship.

God, we pray,
open our hands in love.

Into your wounded hands of love, God, we place all our prayers, trusting in your mercy through the crucified and risen one, Jesus. Amen.
Amen.

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

Honor, praise, glory and thanksgiving
to you, God, our loving Creator.

In the beginning you reached your hands into the earth
and formed humanity in your own image.
You breathed into us your own breath of love
and gave us hearts and hands and voices
to live your loving purpose in the world.

Throughout the history of your people, you never abandoned us,
but brought us into community with one another and with you.
With endless patience and love,
you called to us time and again to return to life with you.

In the fulfillment of all things, you came to us in Jesus,
born into a human family,
raised in a hometown,
who gathered around himself a community formed by your love,
and yearned to gather all people under the loving wings of a mother hen.
Sitting at dinner with friends
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.

In the same way 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 sins.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Trusting in his promise to be among us whenever we gather in his name,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Gathered as your people,
meeting in Jesus' name,
and preparing ourselves to feast upon Jesus' very body and blood,
we plead with all creation:

Come, Lord Jesus.

Send your Spirit upon this meal,
the body and blood of Jesus,
that we overflow with your selfless love.
Turn us to face our neighbors,
that by us and through us your love may be known in the world.
Again, we beg:

Come, Holy Spirit.

All honor and praise and glory to you,
God of creative, dirty hands,
God of holy, wounded hands,
God who strengthens and guides our hands,
now and forever.

Amen.

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

Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God who sets forth the law of love,
Jesus who fulfills the law for you,
and the Spirit through whom you are called to love,
+ bless you this day,
that you may be God's hands and heart and voice
at work in the world.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

The Peace of the Lord

ELW #646

The Peace of the Lord

La paz del Señor



1 *La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la*
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



paz del Re - su - ci - ta - do: la paz del Se -
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the



ñor a ti ya mí, a to - dos al - can - za -
 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



rá; la paz del Se - ñor a ti ya
 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

2 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,
 la paz del Resucitado:
 se hace presente ahora y aquí
 apréstate a recibirla;
 se hace presente ahora y aquí
 apréstate a recibirla.*

3 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,
 la paz del Resucitado:
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,
 apréstate a compartirla;
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,
 apréstate a compartirla.*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

J. Scriven & C. Converse

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SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, September 13, 10:15am

Please plan to stay after worship today 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

"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

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Join us 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.

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!

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!

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/.

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. Thank you in advance for all of your help.

CALENDAR		OUR SAVIOR'S THIS WEEK	
		Post on a refrigerator, near a phone on an altar and any other sacred place.	
Sunday, September 13, 2026 God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday		PRAYER CONCERNS	
8:30 – 10:30am	Office Open	HEALING AND PEACE	
9:30am	Worship	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	
10:15am	Sp. Cong. Mtg.		
10:45am	Service Projects		
11am	Lunch		
6:30pm	Y.E.S. A.A. Mtg.		
Monday			
9am – 1pm	Office Open		
10am – 12 noon	Gas Vouchers		
Tuesday			
9am – 1pm	Office Open		
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 16, 2026		GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF	
9am – 1pm	Office Open	Pastor Jim Radatz, Carol Rhode, and Esther Harman	
12 noon	Worship	MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE ARMED FORCES	
1pm	Art & Faith	Ricky Macon, and Tom Rudrud	
Thursday		HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
9am – 1pm	Office Open	Curt Root September 13	
Friday		Justin Pitz September 18	
Pastor/Staff Sabbath		Mary Hayek September 19	
Saturday		Debbie Dukatz September 20	
9am – 1pm	WCC Open	Calendar Notations:	
Sunday, September 20, 2026 Hawaiian Shirt Sunday		HC—Holy Communion	
8:30 – 10:30am	Office Open	CFS—Come For Supper	
8:45 – 9:15am	Choir Rehearsal	WCC—Women's Clothes Closet	
9:30am	Worship		
10:15am	Luau Potluck		
6:30pm	Y.E.S. A.A. Mtg.		
8:30 – 10:30am	Office Open		
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