



*Pastor Jonne's 40th Ordination
Anniversary Celebration*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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

Preaching Minister: Pastor Tara Shilts

AV Ministry Team: Andy Stutesman

Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim

Prayer Reader: Diane McMahon

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

John L. Bell

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as your children,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Waterlife

Leader or All



1 Be - fore I can re-mem-ber the cov - e - nant was sealed
 2 A sim - ple sweet be - gin - ning, a lov - ing place to start:
 3 My hope and ex - pec - ta - tion for true com-mun - i - ty

with Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, in wa - ter was re-vealed.
 Christ be - gan the sing - ing that swells with-in my heart.
 be - gins with res - ur - rec - tion, his death and life in me.

The cleans-ing was for cer - tain, with wa - ter and the Word;
 His love be-came my call - ing, his life my min - is - try.
 His Spir - it fills the Bod - y: his church through wa - ter sees

gen - tle words were spo - ken, in heav - en they were heard.
 His name is my a - dop - tion in - to his fam - i - ly.
 prom - ise for to - mor - row, his wa - ter-life in me.

Refrain
 All

They were sing-ing wa - ter-life, be - gin - ning life, wa-ter-life

all my life, wa-ter-life, Spir - it life, wa - ter - life.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: SPIRIT LIFE, Handt Hanson

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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.

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,

Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,

sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life you offer us. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. With thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service; through Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all worship and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

READING: Isaiah 40: 30 - 31

A reading from Isaiah.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,
³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 24: 1 – 10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women ^[b]were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tara Shilts

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish 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 *Let My Prayer Rise Up* ELW #232 (opening refrain only)

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

Center your church in humility as we attempt to follow in your way. Help us see every person as your greatly loved child.

You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork.

Hear us, God, as we sing:

**Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.**

Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to humbly use their authority for the sake of the common good.

Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need, including those named on our prayer list. Grant us your salvation.

Hear us, God, as we sing:

**Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.**

Change this congregation's heart when we say no to your call. Open us to courageous service in our community, especially in new or challenging places.

Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks.

Hear us, God, as we sing:

**Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.**

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

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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

Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.

We praise you.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.

We bless you.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.

We thank you.

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.

Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.
Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.

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 One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

BLESSING

The holy Three,
the holy One
increase your hope,
strengthen your faith,
deepen your love,
and ☩ grant you peace.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way;
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way;
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way;
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind, without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way;
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

DISMISSAL

As you leave this place,
when you meet anger, speak with love.
When you meet fear, speak with hope.
When you meet pain, speak with gentleness.
But no matter what, speak this good news.
For the good news of the gospel is
love and justice for all.
It is joy that surprises,
and nonviolence that transforms.
The good news of the gospel is alive in the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

When We Are Living (Pues Si Vivimos)

Roberto Escamilla

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CELEBRATING PASTOR JOANNE'S 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY

Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate Pastor Joanne's 40 years of ordained ministry!

OCTOBER DONATION DRIVE – WRAPPING WINN IN WARMTH

This month, we're collecting **new or gently used blankets** for WINN (**What I Need Now**) to help keep our neighbors warm this winter. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex.

QUILT SET-UP - Saturday, October 3, 2026, 1:30pm | Sanctuary

Help us get ready for Quilt Sunday! Come arrange the quilts on the pews and prepare them for their blessing and journey around the world.

DINNER & A SHOW Saturday, October 3, 6:30–7:30pm | Zinniel House

Grab a chair or blanket and join us for an **outdoor movie night for all ages!** We'll enjoy dinner, snacks, and a movie under the stars. ***Want to join us?*** Text 608.782.3468 with your name and we'll send you the address.

QUILT SUNDAY - Sunday, October 4, 2026 | Sanctuary

Join us for one of the most meaningful Sundays of the year! Our Savior's Quilters' LWR quilts will fill the Sanctuary as Pastor Joanne blesses the quilts and those who will receive them around the world.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) SHIPPING FUND

It costs about \$4 per quilt to help get these quilts where they're needed. Consider making a gift to the Lutheran World Relief Shipping Fund and help send warmth, comfort, and care around the world. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

DORCAS SOCIETY - Wednesday, October 7, 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall

The October Dorcas meeting will focus on planning for our upcoming Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, November 14**. All are welcome—come share your ideas as we prepare for this special event!

HELP LOAD LWR TRAILERS – Sat., Oct. 10 | 7–11am | Good Shepherd

Help load quilts and kits onto the LWR trailers. Come for all or part of the morning—every set of hands helps! **Questions?** Contact Jim Balow at 608.788.8408.

FALL CAMPFIRE - Saturday, October 17 | 6–8pm | Courtyard

It's fall, y'all! Join us for an all-ages evening of **s'mores, snacks, drinks, and time together around the fire**. Bring a blanket or chair and get cozy!

SOUP POTLUCK SUNDAY - Sunday, October 18 | 10:15am | Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite homemade soup and join us for a cozy Sunday of **sampling, sharing, and soup-season fun!**

ART & FAITH - Wednesday, October 21 | 1pm | Fellowship Hall

Join us for an hour of card-making, conversation, and creativity as we create cards to brighten someone's day. **All supplies provided—no experience necessary!** 📧

🎵🍹 REFORMATION ROOTBEER & HYMN SING 🍹🎵 Sun., Oct. 25, 10:15am

What goes better with Reformation Sunday than root beer and a few favorite hymns? Join us after worship for an afternoon of singing, sipping, and good fellowship. Come sing loud, sip something sweet, and celebrate together!

WE HAVE A NEW MAILING ADDRESS - Please update your records!

**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 27, 2026

Pastor Joanne's 40th Ordination Celebration

8:30 – 10:30am	Office Open
8:45 – 9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
9:30am	Worship
10:15am	Reception
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

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

9am – 1pm	Office Open
12 noon	Worship

Thursday

9am – 1pm	Office Open
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Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am – 1pm	WCC Open
10am	Visitation
11am	Esther Harman Funeral Luncheon following
1pm	Quilt Set Up
6:30pm	Dinner & a Show

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Quilt Sunday

8:30 – 10:30am	Office Open
9:30am	Worship
10:15am	Boxing LWR Quilts & Kits
10:45am	Coffee Fellowship
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, **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

Roxanne Root	September 28
Jessica Zinniel	September 29
Alicia Gallup	September 30
Jordan Gallup	September 30
Carol Miller	October 2

Calendar Notations:

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

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