



**Sunday, September 22, 2024**

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**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

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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**Welcome, visitors! We're glad you are here!** We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will come back soon.

**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.

If you need **hearing assistance**, ask in the church office for our special devices.

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**+FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY+**

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Joanne Richmond

**AV Team:** Gary & Deb Wold

**Coffee Fellowship:** Haitian Treats in the Narthex

**Communion Assistant:** Cheryl Vieth

**Organist:** Mary Stutesman

**Prayer Reader:** Carol Miller

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 Savior.

**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.**

**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.**

## 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

## GREETING

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**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here  
their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen, amen.**



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God, our teacher and guide,  
you draw us to yourself and  
welcome us as beloved children.

Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition,  
that we may walk in your ways of wisdom  
and understanding as servants of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 9: 30—37**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first



must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**YOUNG PERSON'S MESSAGE HYMN**

**ELW #595**

**Jesus Loves Me!**

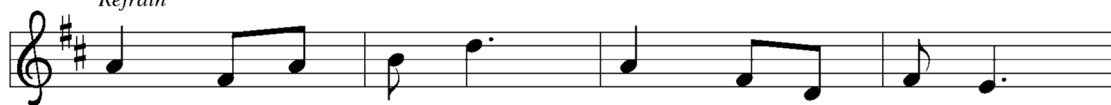


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.  
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

### This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

## **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(Response to each petition is Jesus, Remember Me, ELW #616)*

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation.

Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water.

Hear us as we sing:

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all.

Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer. Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty.

Hear us as we sing:

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life.  
Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last,  
show us the way to eternal life in you.

Hear us as we sing:

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your  
beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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**

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.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

*You may come forward for communion using the center aisle. After receiving bread from Pastor, please take an empty glass from the small table. If you prefer grape juice, take a full glass. Proceed to the person with the pouring chalice. After receiving your wine/blessing, place your empty glass in the basket you will see as you walk toward the side aisle.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



## 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**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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# HAITI

Haiti, located on the western part of the island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean, is a country with a rich and complex history. It was the first independent nation in the Caribbean and the second republic in the Americas, gaining independence from France in 1804 after a successful enslaved persons revolt. This historic event made Haiti the first country to be founded by formerly enslaved people. Over the centuries, however, economic, political, and social difficulties as well as a number of natural disasters have beset Haiti with chronic poverty and other serious problems.

Geographically, Haiti is known for its mountainous terrain, which has influenced its name—derived from the indigenous Taíno word "*Ayiti*," meaning "*land of high mountains*". The country shares the island with the Dominican Republic to the east and is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean to the north and the Caribbean Sea to the south.

Haiti has a warm, humid tropical climate. Average temperatures range from the high 70s in January/February to the mid-80s in July/August. The village of Kenscoff, at some 4,700 feet, has an average temperature of about 60°F, whereas Port-au-Prince, at sea level, has an average of 79°F. In winter, frost can occur at high elevations.

Despite its natural beauty and historical significance, Haiti faces numerous challenges. It is one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere,

grappling with political instability, economic difficulties, and natural disasters such as earthquakes and hurricanes. These issues have significantly impacted its development and the well-being of its people.

Culturally, Haiti is vibrant and diverse, with a rich heritage that blends African, French, and indigenous influences. The country is known for its art, music, and religious practices (no official religion; constitution allows for religious freedom, but more than half of the population practices Roman Catholicism), including Voodoo, which plays a significant role in Haitian society. The resilience and creativity of the Haitian people are evident in their cultural expressions and community life.

## FACTS & STATS

<b>Official Name</b>	Republic of Haiti Repiblik d' Ayiti (Haitian Creole) République d'Haïti (French)
<b>Head Of Government</b>	Prime Minister, Garry Conille
<b>Capital</b>	Port-au-Prince
<b>Population</b>	12,436,000 (2024 est.)
<b>Head Of State</b>	President, Transitional Presidential Council
<b>Form Of Government</b>	Republic with two legislative houses (Senate [30]; Chamber of Deputies [99])
<b>Official Languages</b>	Haitian Creole; French
<b>Official Religions</b>	No official religion; constitution allows for religious freedom
<b>Total Area</b>	10,450 (Sq Mi)

<b>Monetary Unit</b>	Gourde (G)
<b>Urban Population</b>	Urban: 56.4% (2021)
<b>Rural Population</b>	Rural: 43.6% (2021)
<b>Life Expectancy</b>	Male: 63.3 years (2022) Female: 68.7 years (2022)
<b>Literacy</b>	Male: (2016) 65% (2016) Female: 58% (2016)
<b>GNI Per Capita</b>	\$1,740 (U.S.) (2023)

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- More than 770,000 cases of cholera have been found in Haiti since 2010.
- Haiti is slightly smaller than the state of Maryland.
- Cuba lies some 50 miles west of Haiti's northern peninsula.
- Jamaica is some 120 miles west of the southern peninsula.
- The Great Inagua Island (of The Bahamas) lies roughly 70 miles to the north.

# TAKING REQUESTS!

♪ Join us Sunday, October 27 for a special hymn sing during worship! ♪

We'd love to know which hymns you'd like to sing.

Please fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate or give it to Jessica in the church office by Sunday, October 13, 2024.

## HYMN SING REQUEST FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Hymn Request (s)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

After worship that day, head over to the Fellowship Hall for a celebration of the Reformation with root beer floats and treats.

We can't wait to sing and celebrate with you!

## **CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS ELVES!**

The Dorcas Society is on the lookout for donations of Christmas items and décor (new and/or gently used) for our annual Christmas bazaar. If you have any festive treasures hiding in your attic or basement, we'd love to give them a new home! You can drop off your donations in the church office Sunday mornings before or after worship and Monday—Thursday, 9am—1pm between now and Friday, November 15, 2025. Thank you so much for helping us spread the holiday cheer!

## **WOMEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS**

The Women's Clothes Closet is in need of the following items: tooth brushes and tooth paste, small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and lotion. Items can be dropped off in the church office Monday—Thursday, 9 am—1pm or before or after worship on Sunday or Wednesday. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

## **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) SEMI LOAD**

**Saturday, October 12, 2022, 7—11am**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd, La Crosse.**

This is an annual event sponsored by Lutheran World Relief. Churches from throughout the synod bring baby care kits, personal care kits, new school kits, and quilts that are collected year-round to be shipped around the world to those in need. The trucks will be in the large church parking lot across Birch Street from the church. Please note that the church will not be open.

## **FALL CAMPFIRE—SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, October 12, 2024—7pm**

Mark your calendars, folks! 'Cause it's fall, y'all, and we need s'more time together! Join us for an all-ages event filled with s'mores, snacks, and drinks. We'll provide the goodies; you bring a blanket or chair to cozy up by the fire. Let's make some warm memories together! See you there!

# OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 22, 2024

**9:30am** Worship/HC  
**10:15am** CF  
**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  
**4:15—5:15pm** CFS Meal Served  
**5:15—5:30pm** CFS Carry Outs

### Wednesday

**9am—1pm** Office Open  
**9am** Staff mtg.  
**12 noon** Worship/HC

### Thursday

**9am—1pm** Office Open

### Friday

**Church Office Closed**  
**Pastor/Staff Sabbath**

### Saturday

**9am—1pm** WCC Open

### Sunday, September 29, 2024

**9:30am** Worship/HC  
**10:15am** CF  
**6:30pm** Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

#### Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion  
MMPC—Moo-Moo's Prayer Club  
CF—Coffee Fellowship  
CFS—Come For Supper  
WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### HEALING AND PEACE

**Athena** Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Carol** Kant, **Casey** Kanter, **Cindy** Moe, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Erik** Rudrud, **Esther** Harman, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **George**, **Jane** Speer, **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jim** Garson, **Joyce** Gosman, **Karen** Geoglein, **Katie** White, **Kilian** Cray, **Lane** C., **Lois** Horne, **Kelly** Olson, **Mary** Covey, **Monica & Jack**, **Morris** Buros, **Peggy** Kneifl, **Pete** Harman, **Rich** Pitz, **Rose** Sabotta, **Roxanne** North, **Sandy** Kjos, **Sonja** Simonson-Schrag, **Theo** Abnet, **Tom** Cade, and **Vickie** Hengel

### GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

**Myra** Smaby and **Pastor Lyle** Lutz (Pastor Lyle served as an Our Savior's Pastor from 1966—1967)

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

**Gabriel** W. Kleven, **Greg** Phillips, **Ricky** Macon, and **Stacie** Phillips

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Maureen** Rouse September 25  
**Christian** Hanson September 26  
**Dorothy** Gray September 27  
**Roxanne** Root September 28