

Sunday, September 29, 2024

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ELCA 612 Division St. | La Crosse, WI | 608.782.3468 WWW.OURSAVIORSLUTHERANCHURCH.NET "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 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 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 Team:** Asa and Fox Zinniel

Communion Assistant: Sue Staples

Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim **Prayer Reader:** Sue Staples

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Marty Haugen

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

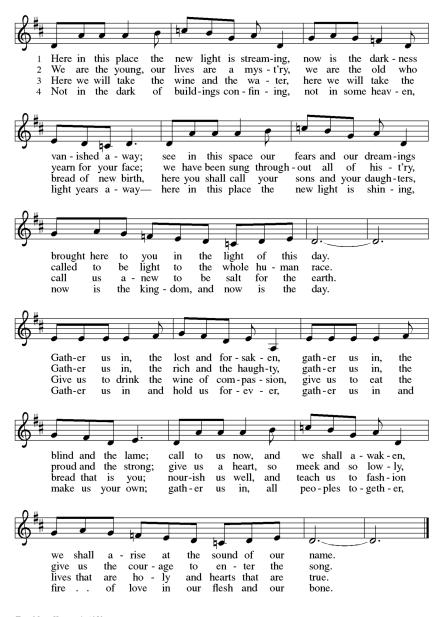
through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG ELW #532

Gather Us In



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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.

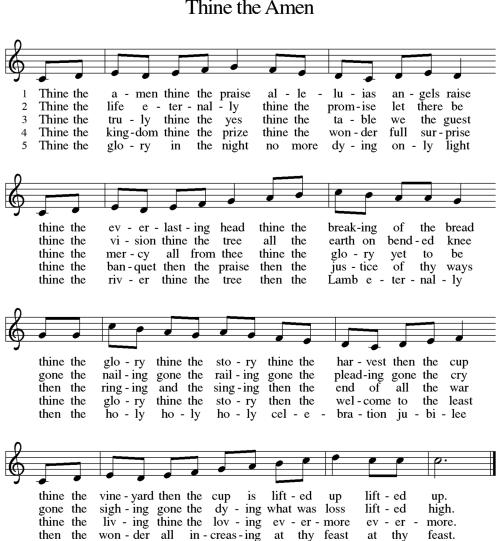
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen, amen.





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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed God, you gifted the world with your Word for the nourishment of your people.

Grant that we may hear your Word, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of your promises of love, forgiveness, and eternal life, which you give us in and through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PSALM 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

READING: James 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They

should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for

the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them

with oil in the name of the Lord. 15The prayer of faith will save the sick, and

the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be

forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one

another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful

and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently

that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on

the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth

yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My family of faith, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is

brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a

sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover

a multitude of sins.

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 38—50

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in

your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."

³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

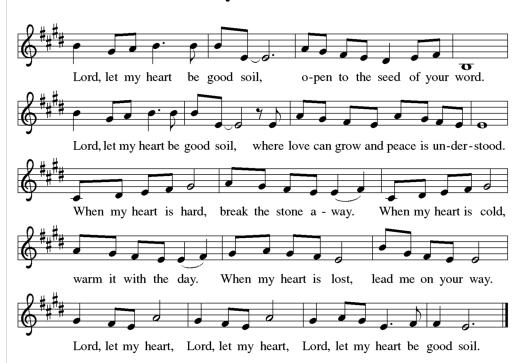
Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PERSON'S MESSAGE—PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Response to each petition the refrain from There Is a Balm in Gilead, ELW #614)

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.

We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter.

We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats.

Hear us, God, as we sing:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities.

Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world.

We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing.

Hear us, God, as we sing:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all.

We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care.

Hear us, God, as we sing:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

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.

SENDING SONG ACS #987



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Community Dave Brown

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QUILT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, October 6, 2024

One of the best Sunday's of the church year is next Sunday. The quilts made all year by the OSLC Quilters for Lutheran World Relief will be resting on the back of the pews. Pastor Jim will offer a blessing for the quilts and those who will use them before we box them up for shipping and distribution worldwide. We will also be taking a special collection during Coffee Fellowship to pay for shipping our quilts. It costs \$2.80 to deliver one mission quilt overseas. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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, school kits, and quilts that are collected year and 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.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of WELCA, we want to thank each and every one that helped with our rummage sale. Whether you donated, worked, or shopped, we appreciate you and all you did to make the sale a tremendous success. This year the profit ended up being \$4,179.00. Much of this money will be distributed by the end of the year to ministries within our church and local organizations in need of help.

Again, thank you all!

Doris & Carol

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 29, 2024

9:30am

Worship/HC

10:15am

CF

10:30am

W&M mta.

6:30pm

Y.E.S. A.A. mta.

Monday

9am—1pm

Office Open

10am—12 noon Gas Vouchers

Tuesday

9am—1pm

Office Open

1—5pm

WCC Open

4pm

CFS Doors Open

5:15—5:30pm CFS Carry Outs

4:15—5:15pm CFS Meal Served

Wednesday

9am—1pm

Office Open

10am 12 noon WELCA Board Worship/HC

6:30pm

Dorcas mtg.

Thursday

9am—1pm

Office Open

Friday

Church Office Closed

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm

WCC Open

Quilt Sunday, October 6, 2024

9:30am

Worship/HC

10:15amCF/Moo-Moo's Prayer Club

10:15am Boxing LWR Quilts & Kits 6:30pm

Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion

MMPC—Moo-Moo's Prayer Club

W&M—Worship & Music Committee

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 Crary, 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

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alicia Gallup September 30 **Jordan** Gallup September 30 Carol Miller October 2 **Emma** Zinniel October 5 **Esther** Harman October 6