



so now I bring
the first of the
fruit you gave me

Sunday before Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 24, 2024

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."***

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: Gary & Deb Wold

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Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim

Prayer Reader: Lois Losby

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O God of Every Nation

William W. Reid, Jr. (1923-)

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.

You Are Holy

Du är helig

1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

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GREETING

The grace of 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.

Oh, Sing to God Above
Cantemos al Señor



1 *Can - te - mos al Se - ñor* *un him - no de a - le - grí - a,*
 2 *Can - te - mos al Se - ñor* *un him - no de a - la - ban - za*
 1 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of joy - ful greet - ing,
 2 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of praise and bless - ing,



un cán - ti - co de a - mor *al na - cer el nue - vo dí - a,*
que ex - pre - se nues - tro a - mor, *nues - tra fe y nues - tra es - pe - ran - za.*
 a song of grate - ful love in the new day's light re - peat - ing;
 a song of grate - ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex - press - ing;



El hi - zo el cie - lo, el mar; *el sol y las es - tre - llas*
En to - da la crea - ción *pre - go - na su gran - de - za,*
 you made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splen - dor;
 cre - a - tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo - ry,



y vio en e - llos bon - dad, *pues sus o - bras e - ran be - llas.*
a - sí nues - tro can - tar *va a - nun - cian - do su be - lle - za.*
 de - light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won - der.
 and we, too, will re - joice to pro - claim the sav - ing sto - ry.

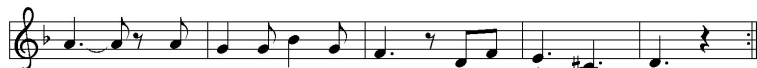
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¡A - le - lu - ya! *¡A - le - lu - ya!* *Can - te - mos al Se -*
Al - le - lu - ia! *Al - le - lu - ia!* *Oh, sing to God a -*



ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya! *¡A - le - lu - ya!* *¡A - le - lu -*
bove: Al - le - lu - ia! *Al - le - lu - ia!* *Al - le - lu -*



ya! *Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!*
ia! *Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!*

Last time



Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!
Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your generous goodness
comes to us new every day.

By the work of your Spirit lead us
to acknowledge your goodness,
give thanks for your benefits,
and serve you in willing obedience,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

READING: Deuteronomy 26: 1—11

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and

populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

YOUNG PERSON'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -



stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 gal How does the crea - ture say Care



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life

5 God of the neighbor
 God of the foe
 God of the pruning hook
 How does the creature say Love
 How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages
 God near at hand
 God of the loving heart
 How do your children say Joy
 How do your children say Home

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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

(Adapted from "Praying for Kinship on Thanksgiving" by Chaplain Daniel Heath posted at Pres-outlook.org. Response to each petition is from ELW #692, We Are an Offering.)

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

We offer our gratitude for life, health and strength. We give thanks for the provision of all necessities of life: food, water, shelter, clothing and transportation. We remember: there are those who do not have healthy food or who have no food at all. There are those who thirst and can only drink water from tainted pipes. There are those who live in structures that do not provide sufficient shelter.

Gracious God, hear us as we sing:

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,**

**All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering.**

We give thanks for the lands that provide so much. We ask your guidance to be good stewards and not wasteful or stingy over the fruit of the lands. We honor Mother Earth and ask that you instill in all humans a concern and care for her. Take away the appetite to conquer, divide, overwork and sell the land, because the land is sacred and the sacred is not for sale. We regret the ways in which we have mistreated, abused and forsaken the land, manipulating natural cycles and Earth's ability to make her own decisions.

Creator God, hear us as we sing:

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,**

**All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering.**

Teach us, God, how to listen and learn from our ancestors, who still speak through imprints on the lands, through their children, their children's children, and through visions and dreams. Let us dismantle the stereotypes of savages, cartoon characters, and sexualized bodies of native peoples. Let us challenge the names and images of mascots and Halloween costumes capitalizing on Indigenous stereotypes.

Help us to reimagine our country, not as a melting pot where identities fade away, but as a botanical garden where each distinct plant compliments the beauty of other buds and blooms. We are silenced, minimized, and erased in so many ways every day. Help us to live with all as kin, committing to the practices of respect, relatedness, thoughtfulness and belonging.

Loving God, hear us as we sing:

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,**

**All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through 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 Plow the Fields and Scatter

Aramos nuestros campos

A - ra - mos nues-tros cam-pos, y lue - goel sem - bra - dor
 1 We plow the fields and scat-ter the good seed on the land,
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



en e - llos la si - mien - te es - par - ce con a - mor.
 but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
 You paint the way-side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
 the seed-time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



Mas es de Dios la ma - no que laha - ce ger - mi - nar,
 who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
 No gifts have we to of - fer for what your love im - parts



ca - lor y llu - via dan - do a to - dos por i - gual.
 the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
 but what you most would trea - sure— our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

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Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 15, 10:30am—Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a special meeting of the congregation to discuss remodeling of the altar area in the sanctuary for accessibility

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Mark your calendars now for Christmas worship 2024

Christmas Eve—Tuesday, December 24, 2024, 7pm

Christmas Day—Wednesday December 25, 2024, 9:30am

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's time to order poinsettias! Simply sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office. Poinsettias are available in **red, white, and pink** with two options: **Pizzazz—\$19** or **Brilliance—\$29**. Orders must be received by **Sunday, December 1, 2024**. For questions, please contact Jessica in the church office at [608.782.3468](tel:608.782.3468) or osloffice@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net.

GIVING TREE

Help make someone's Christmas a bit merrier by selecting a tag off the Christmas tree in the Narthex for New Horizons.

How You Can Make a Difference:

1. **Pick a Tag:** Choose a tag from the tree. Each tag will feature a wanted item.
2. **Shop with Love:** Purchase the gift that's listed on the tag.
3. **Return:** Carefully place your gift in a gift bag, attach the original tag, and return it to the church by **Sunday, December 15, 2024**.
4. Your thoughtful gift will bring joy and warmth to someone's holiday, and remind them that they are cherished by our community.

Thank You for your generosity and kindness. Together, we can make this Christmas truly meaningful for everyone. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the church office at 608.782.3468 or by email at osloffice@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To those of you who donated, purchased and attended our Dorcas Society Christmas Bazaar 2024, thank you for helping to make it a huge success. God bless all of you!

The Dorcas Society's Board

IT'S PARTY TIME!

To thank you for volunteering your time and energy by helping us at the Dorcas Society Christmas Bazaar, you are invited to our Christmas party on Wednesday, December 4, at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This year instead of a gift exchange, we are asking you to bring a donation for the Women's Clothes Closet. Below is a list that Sandy has given us of the latest needs.

We will play a Christmas trivia game and enjoy a delicious meal.

Hope to see you then,

Paula Tippery, President; Nancy Davidson, Vice President;

Barb Clark, Secretary and Colleen Pitz, Treasurer.

Women's Clothes Closet Donation Needs

- Travel size shampoo, conditioner and lotion
- New: Bras sizes 32 – 42 A, B & C cups; Socks – low cut or crew cut; Underwear – Bikini sizes 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Briefs sizes 5, 6, 7:
- New or used handbags, mittens, or gloves

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 24, 2024

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
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

Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed

Friday

Church Office Closed
Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC Open

Sunday, December 1, 2024

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
10:15am Tree Trimming
6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.

Calendar Notations:

HC—Holy Communion

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, **Jeff** Kent, **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

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Christian Rudrud	November 24
Dawn Ortiz	November 25
Jaida Budworth	November 27
Julia Rudrud	November 28
Bruce Kwosek	November 30
Kaye Kjome	December 1