

forgive  
US OUR SINS  
AS WE forgive  
those who sin  
against us

**Lent 3**

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**Wednesday, March 26, 2025  
12 noon & 6:30 pm**

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."***

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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.

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

**AV Ministry (6:30pm):** Gary & Deb Wold

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## GREETING

The Lord be with you.

**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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

We give thanks to you, holy God, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

**Amen.**

## CATECHISM – THE LORD’S PRAYER

### THE FIFTH PETITION

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

*What does this mean?*

We ask in this prayer that our heavenly Father would not regard our sins nor deny these petitions on their account, for we are worthy of nothing for which we ask, nor have we earned it. Instead we ask that God would give us all things by grace, for we daily sin much and indeed deserve only punishment. So, on the other hand, we, too, truly want to forgive heartily and to do good gladly to those who sin against us.

## SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

## CORPORATE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Holy God,

As members of your Church we come before you seeking renewal and growth. Revive the hearts of all your children with your love and wisdom, guiding us to deeper understanding and connection with you.

In the barren deserts of our world, may your creative power be known. In the deep forests, may your sheltering presence be felt. In waterways, lakes, and oceans may your cleansing forces stir.

Renew creation. God in your mercy,

**hear us as we pray.**

Sovereign God, grant the leaders of this world the grace to follow Christ in humility, embracing the servant's heart he exemplified. Help them to lay aside their pride and self-importance, seeking to uplift others and reflect your love.

In our moments of suffering, help us to unite our hearts with Jesus, who bore our pain and sorrow. May we find strength in his example and comfort in his presence.

God, in your mercy,  
**hear us as we pray.**

Loving God, bring healing and comfort to those who are sick, grieving, or hurting. Let them feel Your presence and peace.

God, in your mercy,  
**hear us as we pray**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **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

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourishing us with words of mercy. Strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**



## DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE SUNDAY, MARCH 30!

Now is the time to place your order for Easter lilies (\$17), mums (\$18), and/or hydrangeas (\$25). Simply sign up on the bulletin board next to Pastor Joanne's office at church. Questions please contact Jessica in the church office at 608.782.3468 or [oslcoffice@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net](mailto:oslcoffice@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net).

## THRIVENT CHOICE® DOLLARS: MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY

As an eligible Thrivent member, you have the opportunity to help shape how Thrivent distributes its charitable funding. You can direct your Choice Dollars® to support causes that matter most to you—without any processing fees. The deadline to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars is tomorrow **Monday, March 31, 2025**. Don't miss out on making an impact in your community. **HOW TO DIRECT YOUR CHOICE DOLLAR:** To make a donation or direct your Choice Dollars, simply visit [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice). Make a choice that truly matters today!

### **MONTHLY DONATION DRIVE: SUPPORTING THE HUNGER TASK FORCE**

Each month, we have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on our community by contributing to The Hunger Task Force. This month item is **oatmeal**! Your generous donations will help us continue to provide for those in need, offering both nourishment and essential health items.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

- **Bring oatmeal** to church during the month of **April 2025**.
- Drop your donations in the church office or shopping cart in the narthex.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to serving others in love. Let's continue to make a difference together!

### **MOO-MOO'S PRAYER CLUB, Sunday, April 6 & 27, 10:15am—Sanctuary**

All ages are welcome (especially infants, toddlers, and elementary-age school children) to come join us to discover the many different ways people can praise and serve God!

### **YOU'RE INVITED—PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, April 13, 2025, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall**

The Youth & Family Ministry Team will be hosting their annual breakfast with egg bakes, sausage, fresh fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. The cost is a free will offering. Proceeds benefit youth and family events throughout the year. Come celebrate and enjoy a delicious breakfast while supporting our youth!

**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED** to help make this fundraiser a success. Look for the sign up sheets on the bulletin board next to the church office. There will be a labeled "Youth Breakfast" box in the refrigerator and on the counter in the kitchen for donated supplies. Please have all donations to the church by Wednesday, April 9. Thanks in advance for supporting our youth!

### **LENT 2025: THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let's refresh our knowledge of Luther's Small Catechism!  
Specifically, what Luther had to say about the Lord's Prayer.

#### **MIDWEEK LENT 3—Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

*"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."*

We'll look at the 5<sup>th</sup> petition of Luther's explanation.

#### **MIDWEEK LENT 4—Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

*"Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil."*

We'll look at the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> petitions of Luther's explanation.

#### **MIDWEEK LENT 5—Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

*"For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen."*  
We'll look at Luther's explanation to what he calls the "conclusion" of the prayer.

### **HOLY WEEK 2025**

#### **PALM SUNDAY—Sunday, April 13, 2025**

Processional Gospel Matthew 21: 1-9 and Reading from Philippians 2: 5-11

We hear the story of Jesus's grand entry into Jerusalem.

Then, we consider Paul's words to the Philippians *"he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross"*

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY—Thursday, April 17, 2025**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 "The Lord's Supper"

#### **GOOD FRIDAY—Friday, April 18, 2025**

We read the Passion according to the Gospel of John.

#### **EASTER SUNDAY—Sunday, April 20, 2025**

Luke 24: 1-12 The resurrection of Jesus!

# OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

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

## CALENDAR

### Wednesday, March 26, 2025

**9am—1pm** Office Open  
**9am** Staff mtg.  
**12 noon** Worship  
**6:30pm** Worship

### Thursday

**9am—1pm** Office Open

### Friday

**Pastor/Staff Sabbath**

### Saturday

**9am—1pm** WCC open  
**11am** Lucy Radatz Funeral

### Sunday, March 30, 2025

**9:30am** Worship/HC  
**10:15am** Choir Rehearsal  
**10:15am** Coffee Fellowship  
**7—8pm** 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  
**4pm** CFS Doors Open  
**4:15—5:15pm** CFS Meal Served  
**5:15—5:30pm** CFS Carry Outs

### Wednesday, April 2, 2025

**9am—1pm** Office Open  
**10am** W-ELCA Board mtg.  
**12 noon** Worship  
**6:30pm** Worship

#### **Calendar Notations:**

HC—Holy Communion

CFS—Come For Supper

WCC—Women's Clothes Closet

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### HEALING AND PEACE

**Athena** Burg, **Bev** Hanson, **Casey** Kanter, **Cindy** Moe, **Cindy** Vieth, **Dan** Odenbach, **Danielle** Sorenson, **Dave** Kjos, **Dottie** Pierce, **Erik** Rudrud, **Esther** Harman, **Eugene** Herold, **Gabe** Centanni, **George**, **Inara**, **Kjersten**, and **Kaden** D., **Jean** Koll, **Jeannie** White, **Jeff** Kent, **Jim** Garson, **Jim** Radatz, **Joyce** Gosman, **Juliana** & **John** A., **Karen** Geoglein, **Kate** and **Kalvin**, **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, **Tom** Cade, and **Vera** Wensole

### GRIEVING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

**Barbara** Mighall, **Linda** Nelson, **Robert** Onsrud, **Vickie** Hengel, **Janice** Tronick,, **Jean** Gilles, and **Lucy** Radatz

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<b>Virginia</b> Bentzen	March 29
<b>Theresa</b> Cravens	March 29
<b>Jeff</b> Franko	March 29
<b>Louise</b> Temte	March 30
<b>Michael</b> Burand	April 2
<b>Mike</b> Caucutt	April 2
<b>Travis</b> Pitz	April 2