

Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Sunday, March 30, 2025
9:30am**

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: Isaac Stutesman and Asa Zinniel

Coffee Fellowship: Cookies and Coffee

Communion Assistant: Kim Grapes

Pianist: Dr. Eddie Kim

Prayer Reader: Kim Grapes

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Broken* Elaine Loukes (Brunswick Uniting Church Project)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us
and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

To you, God,
all hearts are open,
to you all desires known.
We come to you,
confessing our sins.
Forgive us in your mercy,
and remember us in your love.

**Show us your ways;
teach us your paths;
and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness
in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit
God gives you a new birth,
and through the death
and resurrection of † Jesus Christ,
God forgives you all your sins.
The God of mercy and might
strengthen you
in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN

ACS #904

Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus
Tú, Jesús, nuestra esperanza


Español: 1 Tú, Je - sús, nues - tra es - pe - ran - za, ven y
2 Ven, y te - je un mun - do nue - vo ca - mi -
English: 1 Come to be our hope, O Je - sus, come to
2 Come to build your new cre - a - tion through the

li - bra nues - tro ser. Ni - ño,
nan - do en la ver - dad, pa - ra
set your peo - ple free. From op -
road of ser - vant - hood; give new

na - ce en - tre no - so - tros, ven y da - nos tu po -
que, por fin, el pue - blo vi - va en ple - na li - ber -
pres - sion, come, re - lease us, grant us your true lib - er -
life to ev - 'ry na - tion, chang - ing e - vil in - to

der. Ven li - ber - ta pri - sio - ne - ros de in - jus -
tad. Ven, Je - sús, a - bre el fu - tu - ro de tu
ty. Come, re - lease from ev - 'ry pris - on those who
good. Come and o - pen our to - mor - row for your

ti - cia y a - flic - ción; ven, re - ú - ne nues - tros
rei - no de a - le - grí - a. Ven, de - rrum - ba es - te gran
suf - fer in our land. In your love we find the
joy - ful reign so near. Take a - way all hu - man

pue - blos en a - mor y en com - pren - sión.
mu - ro que hoy se - pa - ra no - che y dí - a.
rea - son still to live and un - der - stand.
sor - row; give us hope a - gainst our fear.

Português: 1 *Vem, Jesus, nossa esperança, nossas vidas libertar.
Vem, nascer em nós, criança, vem o teu poder nos dar.
Vem, liberta os prisioneiros da injustiça e da aflição;
vem, reúne os forasteiros em amor e em compreensão.*

2 *Vem tecer um mundo novo nos caminhos da verdade;
para que, afinal, o povo viva em plena liberdade.
Vem, Jesus, abre o futuro do teu reino de alegria.
Vem, derruba o imenso muro que separa a noite e o di*

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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

Dr. Eddie Kim

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 15 : 1—3, 11b—32

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²

And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Joanne Richmond

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ten Thousand Reasons

ACS #1097

No downloads available.

APOSTLES 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 The Lord Is My Song, ELW # 751.)

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

God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love.

God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life.

God, in your mercy, hear us as we sing:

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the wellspring of life.

God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all.

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion. Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness.

God, in your mercy, hear us as we sing:

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the wellspring of life.

God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all.

God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died. We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found.

God, in your mercy, hear us as we sing:

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the wellspring of life.

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.

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

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.

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

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

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


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

Amen.


As the Winter Days Grow Longer




1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:
Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

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Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

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EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE TODAY!

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.

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. Make a choice that truly matters today!

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!

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.

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!

LUMIN COMMUNITY WORSHIP TONIGHT!

Sun., March 30, 2025, 5pm—Common Ground, 1334 Pine Street, La Crosse

Our second worship in the four part series called "The Becoming" will explore the values of *counter-cultural and imagination*. EVERYONE is welcome to join us. Help us build a community as diverse as our campuses.

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 4—Wednesday, April 2, 2025

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

We'll look at the 6th and 7th 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

Sunday, March 30, 2025

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Affirmand's mtg.
10:15am Choir Rehearsal
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
1—5pm WCC
4pm CFS Doors Open
4:15—5:15pm CFS Meal Served
5:15—5:30pm CFS Carry Outs

Wednesday

9am—1pm Office Open
12 noon Worship
6:30pm Worship

Thursday

9am—1pm Office Open

Friday

Pastor/Staff Sabbath

Saturday

9am—1pm WCC open

Sunday, April 6, 2025

9:30am Worship/HC
10:15am Moo-Moo's Prayer Club
10:15am Choir Rehearsal
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
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, 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 Calvin, 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

Lucy Radatz

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN ARMED FORCES

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Louise Temte	March 30
Jenifer Bahr	March 31
Colleen Cartwright	March 31
Mike Caucutt	April 2
Jennifer Edmonds	April 3
Jane Wood	April 3
Jackson Pitz	April 4