



October 26-27, 2024

Reformation Sunday

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

**PEACEKEEPER BAGS FOR CHILDREN** to use during worship are available in the coat room.

**FELLOWSHIP PADS:** We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

**OFFERING:** No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: [oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving](http://oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving). Or text your gift amount to 608-471-7267 and follow the instructions on the response you receive. Or use the QR Code to the right. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work together.



# Order of Worship

\*Please stand as you are able

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you  
with our lips, but have harmed our  
neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us cause  
conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first we make distinctions  
among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of  
eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

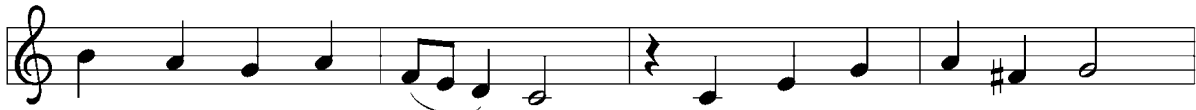
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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

**\*GREETING**

page 98 (in front of the hymnal)

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.**

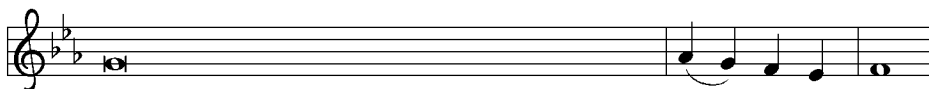
# \*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



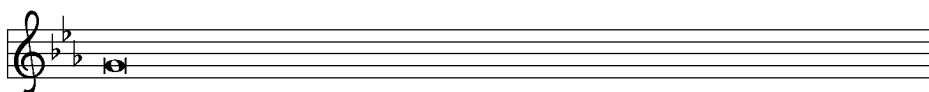
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



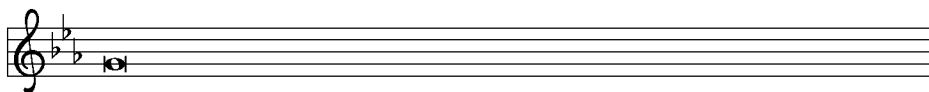
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.




Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

**\*THIS IS THE FEAST**

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*




hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "God Is Our Refuge and Strength"  
Senior Choir/Brass 8 & 10:30 AM

**READING** Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

<sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*GOSPEL**

Mark 10:46-52

The Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>46</sup>They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN**

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

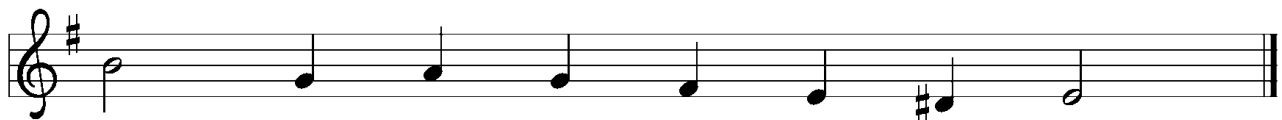
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1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.  
 and may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 and lead us out of death to life.



## **\*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**

P: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*(After a brief silence...The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond. Be with those who are isolated, alone, or homebound, especially Helen and Judi. Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for your servants to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Addyson as she seeks to grow in her discipleship, and guide her family that together they may reflect your love and grace. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

### **\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

### **MISSION MOMENT**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

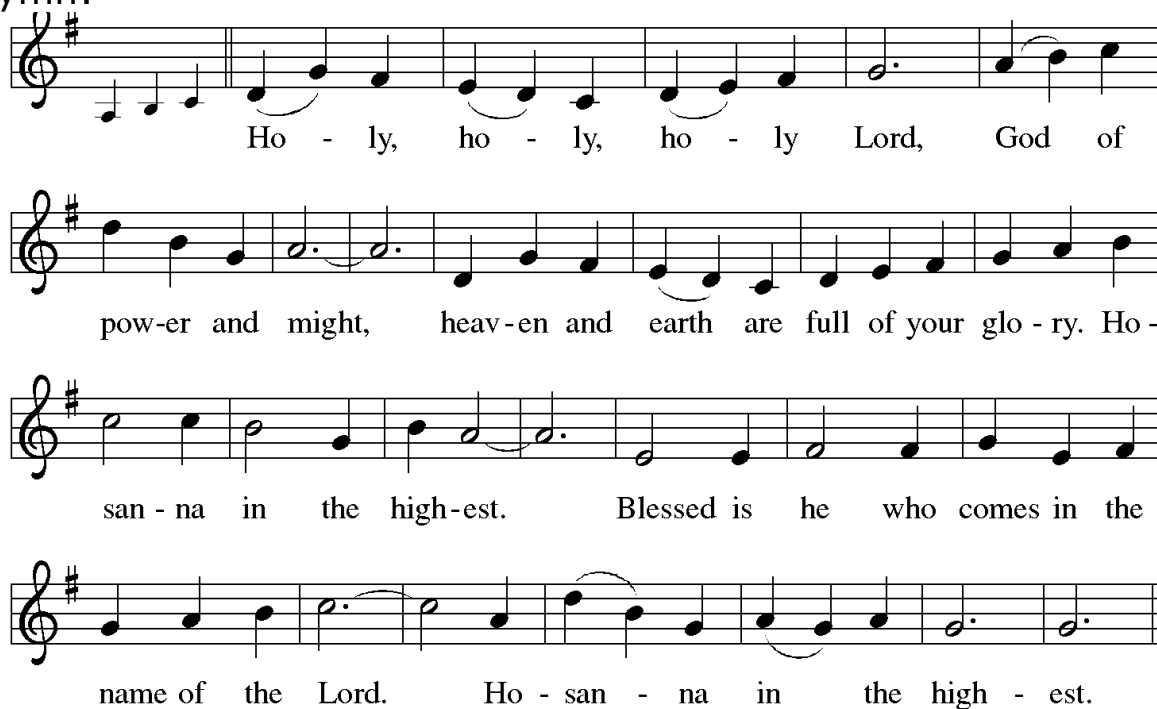
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**      page 112 (*in front of hymnal*)

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.

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

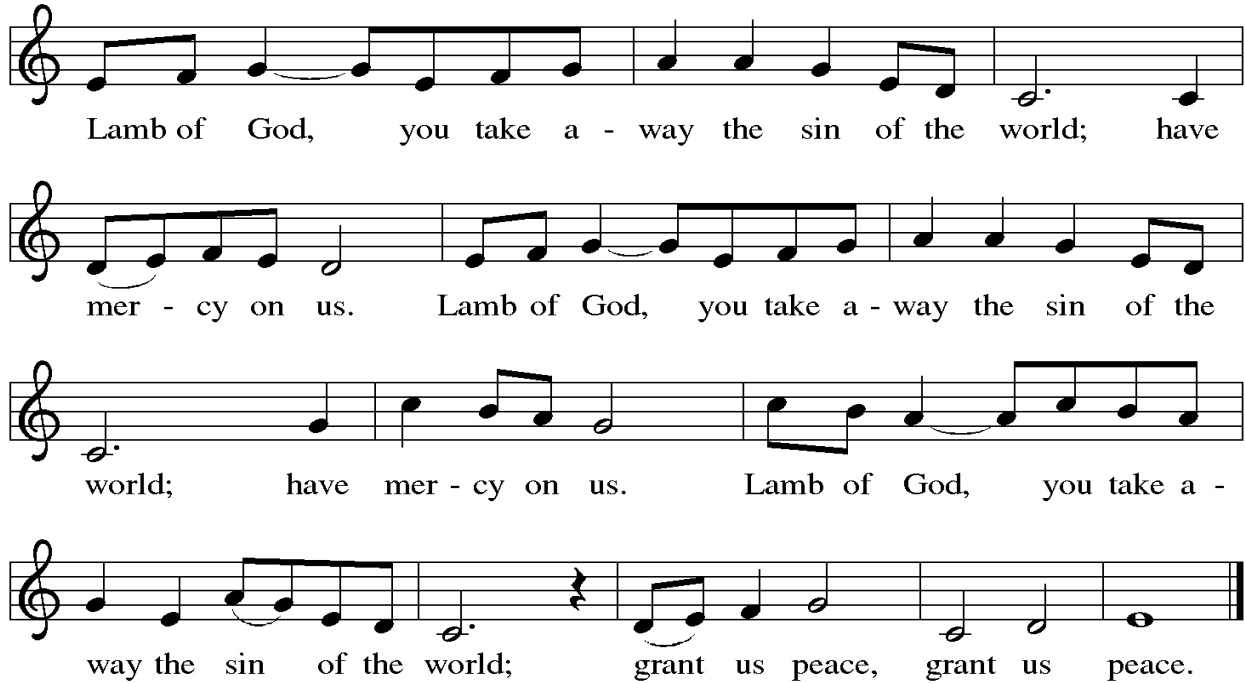
Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

**HOLY COMMUNION** *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

## AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

"That Priceless Grace"

#591

"Eat This Bread"

#472

### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### \*SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist XXX in this ministry on which she is/he is/they are sent forth. Bless her/his/ their time with YY, and in your love and care, nourish and strengthen them in this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence. **Amen.**

### \*BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**"Rise, Shine, You People!"**

**#665**



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

**\*DISMISSAL** (*Done from the back of the church*)

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM**

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Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**6 p.m.**  
Worship Assistant Anna Vick  
Communion Assistant Judy Morzinski  
Welcoming Team Todd & Inger Michael

**8 a.m.**  
Worship Assistant Camille Zarecki  
Communion Assistant Sharon Olson  
Welcoming Team Twite Family

**10:30 a.m.**  
Worship Assistant Paige Christianson  
Communion Assistant Tracey Beckley  
Welcoming Team Baganz Family

Home Communion Carol & Scott Thompson  
Altar Guild for October Cindy Averbeck/Jaime Fortier

**CARD MINISTRY** - Please be sure to sign the cards for this week's shut-ins, Helen Friell and Judi Rogness. The cards are on the table by the Pre-K/K classroom.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** - A time for fellowship and treats between services on Sundays! Please sign up to bring treats or to serve what others have provided.

**WE THANK TODAY'S BRASS PLAYERS:** Ladd DaFoe, Eric Ender, Andrew Larson, and Mike Larson.

## CONFIRMATION AFTER SCHOOL & CLASS

**Wednesday, October 30**

6 pm - 6<sup>th</sup> grade class

6 pm - 7<sup>th</sup> grade Gathering @ Firepit

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** -If you are interested in joining Our Savior's...or if you are just looking to brush up on faith and church...come and join Pastor Jon's new member class in October!

**October 27 & November 3**

*Between services @ 9:15 AM*

*Koinonia room - bring your coffee and goodies!*

## SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE

Help support Our Savior's Sugar Creek Bible Camp Camperships and World Hunger!

**KWIK TRIP**

**WOODMAN'S**



Culver's, Kwik Trip, Kwik Trip car wash, and Woodman's.



## Hungry Jar Offering for October Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)

Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

From wildfires on the Hawaiian Island of Maui, to tornadoes, hurricanes, and severe storms ... people's lives have been forever changed and LDR is there to help them rebuild. Right now LDR is on the ground in the Eastern U.S. assisting with food, water, shelter, and essential supplies in the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton.



**CARE AND SHARE FOOD PANTRY** - "Ask and you will receive" The food pantry shelves were getting a little sparse in spots. We asked and now have been blessed with food from a SEP Project, The Presbyterian Women's Conference, Haunted Trails at the School Forest, and an anonymous drop off. We have the National Honor Societies Annual Trick or Can Drive coming on Halloween. We are blessed!

We thank this community for their support with the outpouring of non-perishables and money. Did you know with the money we receive we buy hamburger and coupons for bread, milk and eggs to give out? We are open every Saturday 10-12 and are here to support those with food insecurity.

## JOIN US FOR A FALL HIKE



### **Sunday, October 27 at 2 PM - Veteran's Memorial Park**

Meet in the parking lot by the dog park, near the bike trail. We will hike for about an hour ... get some exercise, share in conversation, and discover where God is at work in creation.

## Cookies for LuMin

Lutheran Campus Ministry of the LaCrosse Area Synod traditionally shares cookies in the square on the campus of UW-L every Wednesday during the school year. Congregations of the Synod are asked to sign up for a week to provide these cookies – 500 (42 dozen)!!



**We are signed up for Wednesday, October 30th.** We are inviting members of the congregation to

- ♥ bake a batch (or two) of your favorite cookies
- ♥ put them in plastic bags with a dozen in each bag
- ♥ and bring them to church (there's a box in the Gathering Area) **no later than Sunday, October 27.**

We will make sure the cookies get down to campus.



# HALLOWEEN PARTY

Pre-K to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Wednesday, October 30  
6-7 PM in the church fellowship hall



Games, activities, stories, candy ...  
and yes, even Jesus!

Come in your costume - a "best costume contest" is part of the evening.  
Parents are encouraged to join us!

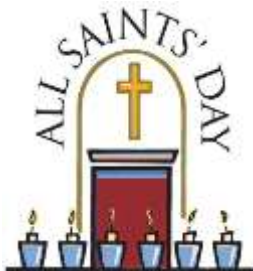
*Sponsored by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class.*



**7<sup>th</sup> Graders**  
**October 30 at 6 PM**  
**Outdoor firepit gathering**

There has been talk that the confirmation kids miss the outdoor firepit gatherings. So, here's the plan for the first gathering ... 7<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to meet Wendy Amundson at the firepit to have hot dogs and smores, along with some reflective talk about your favorite Bible passage. We know that you have the night off from class, but this will give us some one-on-one time to get to know each other better and see where God is leading you.

Please bring a chair and we'll see you at the firepit!



## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We invite you to join us on Sunday, November 3 as we celebrate the witness of all the saints who have gone before us, give thanks for the gift of their presence, and pray for continued healing for all who grieve the loss of loved ones.



**Norwegian Dinner & Bake Sale**  
**November 2, 2024**  
**3:30 to 6:30 pm**

Ticket sales start at 3 pm  
Cost: Lutefisk and Meatballs – \$20  
Meatballs only – \$16  
Children 4-12 – \$8  
Children under 4 – free

**Plated meal** serving lutefisk, meatballs, lefse,  
boiled potatoes, rutabagas, cranberry sauce, sweet treats  
coffee, milk, and water

All proceeds given to missions



To make this work ... ***we need your help!*** Sign-up in the  
Gathering Area. Be sure to sign-up early to get your favorite job.

Why sign up to help? To make a difference! Remember, all the profits go to  
support ministries and programs that change people's lives – a great way to live out  
your calling as a disciple of Jesus.

**Check out our new social media pages and keep up on what's going on, including  
livestreaming of worship ...**



New Facebook Page - Our Savior's ELCA – West Salem  
New Instagram Page – oursaviors\_ws  
New YouTube Channel (for livestream and recording of worship) -  
[youtube.com/@techoslca](https://www.youtube.com/@techoslca)

Check out the October newsletter ([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) to find out more.