



January 11-12. 2025

Baptism of Our Lord

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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Pastor Jonathan M. Schmidt

Pastor Jean R. Schmidt



**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: [oursaviorswestsaalem.org/giving](http://oursaviorswestsaalem.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 & FORGIVENESS** pp 211-212 *(in front of hymnal)*

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 Lord.

**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 and  
Lord. 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.**

**\*HYMN**

**"Shall We Gather at the River"**

**#423**



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;




gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

**\*GREETING** page 213 *(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** page 213 (*in front of the hymnal*)



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE** pp 213-215 (*in front of the hymnal*)

*Refrain*




Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

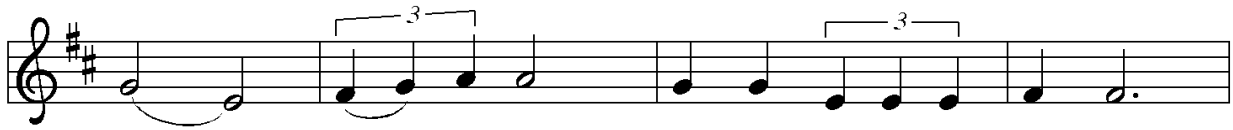
*Refrain*



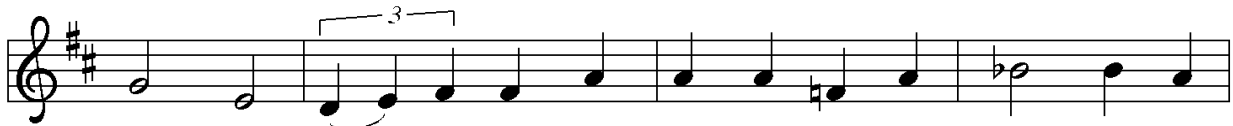
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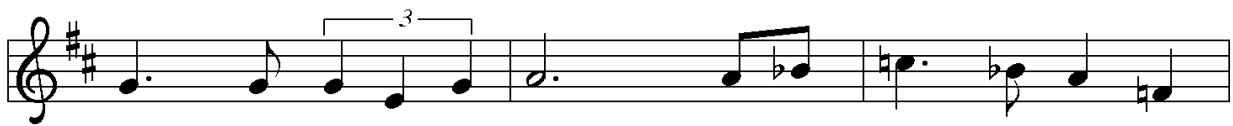
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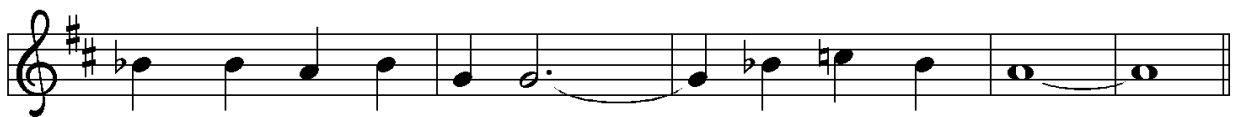
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



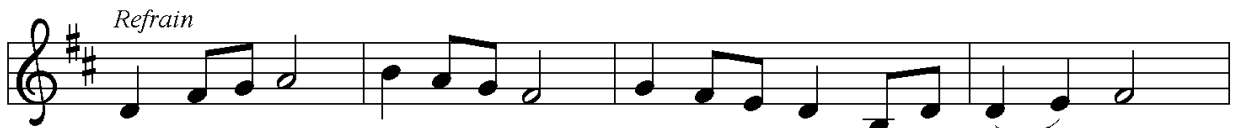
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



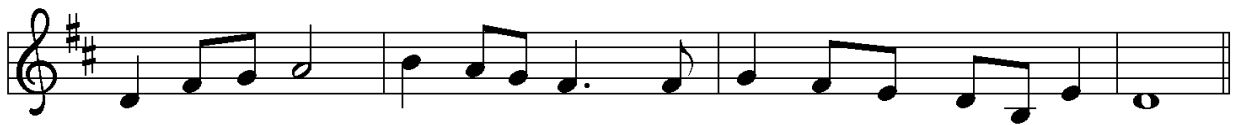
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on

earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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**

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

Senior Choir

8 AM

*As the anthem is sung please use this time for prayer and meditation. As the music concludes we ask to continue in silence. No applause please!*

**READING**      Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

page 216 (*in front of hymnal*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -  
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**\*GOSPEL** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Gospel according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN** "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" **#692**



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

## **\*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: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of 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!)*

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery. Be present with those who are isolated, alone, or homebound, especially Kathy and Dolores. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You equip your servants to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Brooklyn 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.*

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**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**

**\*CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING** page 219 *(in front of the hymnal)*

*Refrain*

Sal - va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -

ev - er and ev - er. 1 Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O

God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O

Rul - er of all the na-tions. Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and

sing the glo - ry of your name? *Refrain* Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and

bles-sed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! *Refrain* Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

## **\*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.

## **\*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 the 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**

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**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"



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

"We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"    **#491**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"                    **#473**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

**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

The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**Amen.**

## \*HYMN

### "Baptized and Set Free"

#453



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

## \*DISMISSAL

*(Done from the back of the church)*

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

**OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM**

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 Laurie Noelke, Handbell Choir Director/Assistant Worship Musician  
 Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**6 p.m.**

Worship Assistant	Sophia Johnson
Communion Assistant	
Welcoming Team	Phil & Judy Gilbert

**8 a.m.**

Worship Assistant	Addison Kendhammer
Communion Assistant	Melody Schmitz
Welcoming Team	Jayme & Erin Hansen

**10:30 a.m.**

Worship Assistant	Alana Steinke
Communion Assistant	Melissa Haldeman
Welcoming Team	Maki Family
Home Communion	Daryl Wermedal
Altar Guild for January	Wendy Amundson

**CARD MINISTRY** - Please be sure to sign the cards for this week's shut-ins, Kathy Brisson and Dolores Sinclair. 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.

**CONFIRMATION AFTER SCHOOL & CLASS**

**Wednesday, January 15**

3:30 pm – After School  
 6 pm – 6<sup>th</sup> grade class  
 6 pm – 7<sup>th</sup> grade class  
 7 pm – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Class



## SCRIP CARDS AVAILABLE

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



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

**SENIOR CONNECTION** – Tuesday, January 14 @ Linda's Bakery 9:30 am.

**BLOOD DRIVE** – Thursday, January 23 @ West Salem Presbyterian Church 11:30 – 5:30 p.m.

## **Hungry Jar Offering for January – Sugar Creek Bible Camp**

*A Fun and Sacred Place to Experience God's Grace*

Mission Statement - "Where all generations encounter Christ, experience God's grace, and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to go forth in faith."

At Sugar Creek there are 20 powerful, unique **summer camp** programs plus **retreat ministries** for all ages to equip, empower, and energize. The sacred retreat space at Sugar Creek spreads across 600+ acres in the bluffs and valleys of Southwestern Wisconsin. Go to "unplug & connect" as you learn, relax, encounter Christ, and have fun in this sacred *place apart*.

Sugar Creek is ... outdoors ... fun ... safe ... small group focused ... Christ centered ... a partnership with your congregation ...

Check it out and see all that Sugar Creek has to offer – <https://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/>. Also, The 2025 brochures are available online as well as on the kiosk in the Gathering Area.



### **Care and Share Food Pantry**

The Care and Share Food Pantry is open Saturdays, 10 AM to Noon. We are thankful for all the donations we have recently received. Many local families have benefited from your generosity. Monetary, food, and personal items are always appreciated.

## Special guest preacher ... Join us January 18-19



Deacon Stephanie Engel, from Sugar Creek Bible Camp, will join us in worship to share the message.

Join us during coffee fellowship time to learn what's new at Sugar Creek.

Our January Hungry Jar offerings will help support the ministry at Sugar Creek.



## Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar – the annual meeting has been set for Sunday, **January 26, 2025**, following the 10:30 worship service. We will review our ministry over the past year, set our mission priorities for the coming year, and select leadership. Please plan to join us!



## Sign up now ...

We will be doing a new pictorial directory. Pictures will be taken **Wednesday, February 26 through Saturday, March 1**. You can sign up on line (see below), between worship services, or call the church office and we'll help you. The link to on-line scheduling is also available on the home page of the church website ([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)).



Even if you're not a member, if you're involved in the life of our community, we invite you to be included in this new directory.

We HOPE to have EVERYONE included!

## Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **wi378** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**



We will need help signing people up on the weekends before/after worship in January. Also, we will need hosts for the welcome table when the pictures are being taken. See Pastor Jean for more information.

## Coming in February ...

### **Life Planning Seminar** Sunday, February 2 at 11:45 AM

No one likes to think (or talk) about it, but one of the greatest gifts you can give your family and loved ones is a “leg up” on planning at one of the most difficult times in life. This workshop will offer insights on the decisions that need to be made, the options that are available, and the costs involved.

Please note registration is required so we know how much food to have. Also, we encourage you to invite family and friends from the community to join us.



### **Our Saviors Lutheran Church**

359 Leonard St. N. West Salem, WI 54669

Please join **Fredrickson Funeral Homes** on **Sunday February 2nd,**  
**11:45 am** for a **FREE** Life Planning Seminar.

Enjoy a **FREE** catered dinner prepared by **AUGIE'S CATERING** and learn about the benefits of funeral pre-planning.



***Please RSVP to Margaret at 608-397-8672 to ensure your spot!***

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



Facebook Page - Our Savior's ELCA – West Salem

Instagram Page – oursaviors\_ws

YouTube Channel (for livestream and recording of worship) - [youtube.com/@techoslca](https://www.youtube.com/@techoslca)

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