



July 5, 2026

MISSION STATEMENT

To reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

WELCOME STATEMENT

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

-Galatians 3:28

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presiding Minister—Pastor Anne Andert
Organist/Choir Director—Cheryl Licary
AV Assistant—Milton Dodson

Assisting Minister—George Lisensky
Communion Assistants—Betty Johnston and Terry Amundson
Communion Prep—Linda Becker
Lector—George Lisensky
Greeters—Richard and Mary Lou Lokken
Ushers—Bill Frisbee, Nancy Schmidt, and Mark Sorenson

INTRODUCTION

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. The prophet describes an everlasting realm that contrasts with earthly nations, one marked by peace, humility, and freedom. Jesus associates with those excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with selfish desires; we lament flawed systems; and we seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather around word, water, and meal by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Here we find rest for our souls and hope for life in beloved community.

GATHERING

For personal prayer, you may find it helpful to turn to pages 72-87 (in the front of the hymnal).

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
source of hope in every nation,
rest for the weary,
glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of all mercy,

**C: we have sinned against you,
our neighbors, and your creation.
Within ourselves and our communities,
our desire to do what is good
is at war with the evil that dwells in us.
We lament the evil that holds us captive.
We repent of the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us
for lives of compassion and courage
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

P: All-merciful, Almighty God
forgive you all your sins
through the grace of † Jesus Christ,
and by the Spirit's power
strengthen you in doing what is good.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

God Bless Our Native Land—ELW 891

1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may it ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise to God a - bove the skies,

through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
on whom we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with

wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

PSALM 145:8-14

L: We read Psalm 145 responsively:

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 7:15-25a

L: A reading from Romans.

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah—ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸ "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Yoked to Jesus

Pastor Anne Andert



Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Trust the One Who Brought to Life—ELW 808



1. We trust the One who brought to life the earth, the sky and sea,
2. Trust not the pass - ing breath of those whose voic - es roar and rage,
3. God keeps the faith when lead - ers scheme to si - lence and op - press.
4. To you, O God, we lift our praise; for you, our hearts a - rise;



who au - thors ev - 'ry breath we breathe, and holds e - ter - ni - ty.
who think them - selves a - bove re - proach, who rise in ev - 'ry age.
God sets the pris - 'ners free in love and rais - es the dis - tressed.
in you, we mor - tals place our trust; with you, we name the lies:



Though i - dols tempt at ev - 'ry turn, to God a - lone we sing.
Bear fruits that praise our Liv - ing Lord, whose reign en - dures a - lone.
God watch - es o - ver stran - gers' ways, up - holds the bruised and bent,
the lies of vi - o - lence, greed and fear, the lie of scar - ci - ty.



We train our hearts to seek and serve the jus - tice God will bring.
Though mor - tals die and turn to dust, our God is on the throne.
and brings to ru - in wick - ed ones, 'til all their pow'r is spent.
In you we find the truth of life, the truth that sets us free.

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APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: **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.**

You may be seated for the prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church you have called out from every nation. Knit us together into one body and heal the divisions we have caused. Overcome our timidity to witness and act in the public square when your purpose is being thwarted. Bless rosters and lay leaders with clarity and courage as they center your people in the gospel. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: All your works praise you, O God. From the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the western islands, these lands and waters have sustained its peoples over many centuries. As we take our part in creation's praise, revive our wonder at what you have fashioned, and enliven our will to ensure its health for future generations. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. We come from many nations with many languages; make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. As the United States of America marks its declaration of independence, give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of that trust, so that both here and abroad, justice, humility, and peace may flourish. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You are the Mother of exiles, O God. Extend your arms to all who are tired, who live with poverty, the tempest-tossed, all who yearn to breathe free. Embrace people seeking refuge; those incarcerated, detained, or disappeared; and neighbors fearing those they once trusted. Give healing and hope to people in any oppression and need, especially these we name before you now (*a brief silence*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We remember before you those who have died in every generation: those who have died ensuring the freedoms of this country: people in the armed services, peace officers, advocates, and activists. Gather us, together with those who have gone before us, and with saints of every tribe and nation, into the holy city you have prepared. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **and also with you.**

*Please greet one another, as you feel comfortable, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

Please be seated.

OFFERING

For online giving, simply scan QR code:

Offering is received as ushers pass the plate down each row. As we sing the Offertory, ushers bring offering forward.



OFFERING

Here is Bread—ELW 483:1,2

1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.

Refrain
In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.
In this mo-ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God, for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines and winepresses, for our labor and our rest, for the gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion, serving your love without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: 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

P: Receive who you are;
Become what you've received:
The body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion. The bread is given first, then select either a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the server. Empty cups are placed in the basket. Children may come forward for a blessing.

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING †

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray... We thank you, God of heaven and earth,
that you fill our deepest need
with the very gift of Jesus Christ,
broken and poured out for us.
Pour us out into a broken world.
Channel our common life
toward the common good,
following the way our Savior leads us
now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION †

SENDING HYMN

This Is My Song—ELW 887



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUNG @ HEART

Join us on **Thursday, July 9 from 12:00-2:00 pm**. Donna Langford from the Beloit Historical Society will present about Beloit's Early Settlement. We will be having sub sandwiches, salad, and ice cream. All are welcome, **sign up TODAY!**

CHILDREN & YOUTH—ALL AGES WELCOME!

Join us NEXT Sunday (July 12) immediately following worship for **SUMMER SPLASH!** Bring your super soaker or water gear and get ready for some friendly, splash-filled fun!

COMPASSION CAMP VBS | August 3-5

Join us as we explore Compassion Camp VBS: ***What Every Living Thing Needs***, and discover what all living things need to live – shelter, food, water, air, and community. VBS is for all children 4K thru 5th grade. Register—online at **www.oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/families/#VBS**

CARITAS WISH LIST

Caritas is in need of the following items: Canned meat and vegetables, Chef Boyardee canned pasta, individual applesauce cups, individual fruit cups and soup. Donations may be placed in the blue collection container located in the Commons near the Library. Thank you for your support!

PRAYER REQUESTS

In an effort to keep our prayer list more up-to-date, prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks unless the request is renewed. Prayer requests can be made by filling out the yellow worship card on Sunday, calling the office at (608) 362-0716 or emailing **office@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org**.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	July 5	9:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Worship Coffee Hour Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Monday	July 6	8:30am	Sewing Bee
Tuesday	July 7	9:00am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	July 8	10:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm	Second Harvest Knit Wits Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Thursday	July 9	12:00pm 6:00pm	Young @ Heart OA
Sunday	July 12	9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Worship Coffee Hour Summer Splash Televised Worship (Ch. 992)

SUPPORT EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IN VENEZUELA

Funds are needed for the earthquake victims in Venezuela. More than 1,700 lives have been confirmed lost so far, thousands more are injured, and countless families are now without shelter, safety or access to necessities. Donate through the church by writing a check to **Our Savior's Lutheran Church (write LDR in the memo line)** and place it in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

You can also make an online gift to Lutheran Disaster Response directly at www.elca.org/giving/lutheran-disaster-response

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED

Catch Sunday services (9:30 am) on YouTube.
Links and bulletins: oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OUR SAVIOR'S

It is a joy to have you join us for worship. Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life or on your faith journey, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Yellow Slip for attendance and prayer requests.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have large print bulletins and hearing enhancers for anyone who may need them, please see an usher for assistance.

SCRIPTURE

You may want to prepare for next Sunday by studying the scriptures.

- Zechariah 9:9-12
- Psalm 145:8-14
- Romans 7:15-25a
- Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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SUMMER splash

SUNDAY, JULY 12

immediately following worship

All ages welcome -
bring your super soaker or
water gear and get ready for
some friendly, splash-filled fun!

Rain date:
Sunday, July 19

We hope you'll join us for this
refreshing summer celebration!


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