



February 10-11, 2024
Celebration of Hope

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.

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. 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

*HYMN

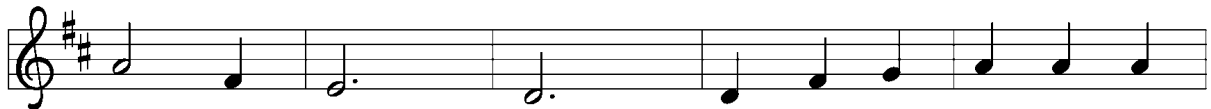
"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"

#815

Congregation - 6 pm



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Senior Choir & Congregation - 8 am
Senior Choir & Sunday School & Congregation - 10:30 am

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

for congregation

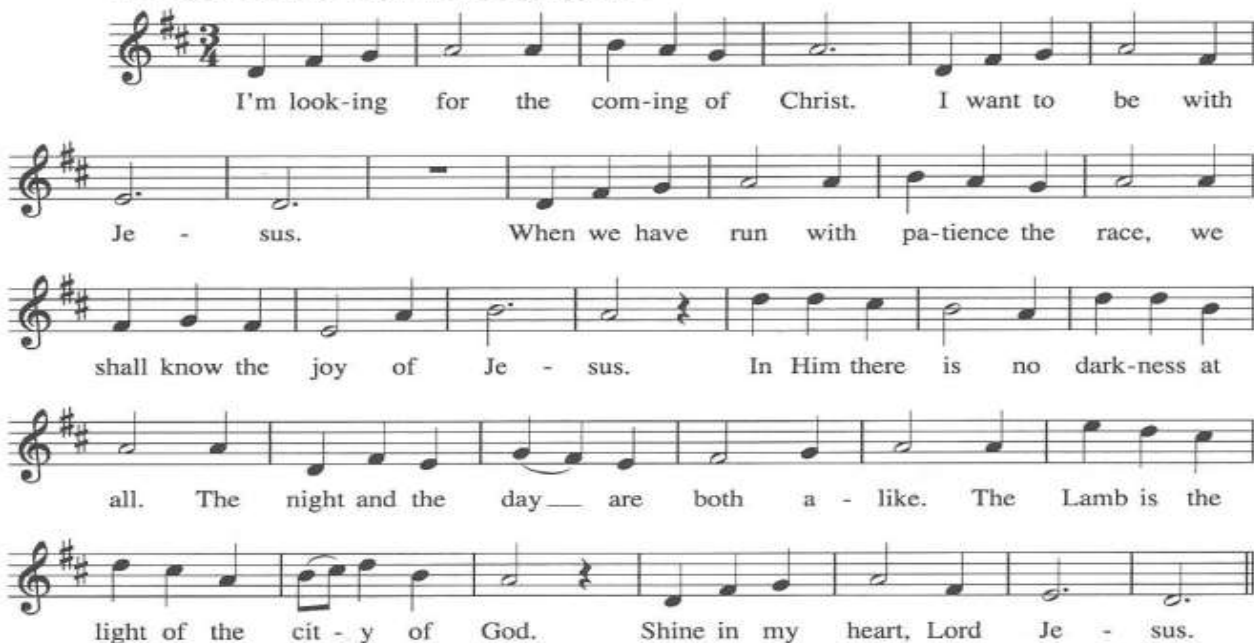
Arranged by
BENJAMIN HARLAN

Words and Music by
KATHLEEN THOMERSON

Verse 1:
(Choir only) I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2:
(Choir only) I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.
In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 3:
Choir, Children's Choir and Congregation



I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ. I want to be with
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we
shall know the joy of Je - sus. In Him there is no dark-ness at
all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the
light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Postlude: Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
(Choir only)

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***GREETING**

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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, 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 "May the Peoples Praise You"
Senior Choir & SOS (8 & 10:30 am)

READING 2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had

crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL VERSE**

Jonathan Rundman

REFRAIN

♩ = 100

Bm D A E Bm D A E

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia Lord, to whom shall we go

5 Bm D A E Bm D A E Bm

You have the words of e - ter - nal. life Al - le - lu - ia

9 Bm D A E Bm D A E

Glo - ry to you glo - ry to you glo - ry to you oh Lord
 Praise to you praise to you praise to you oh Christ

13 Bm D A E Bm D A E Bm **2nd Time to REFRAIN**

Glo - ry to you glo - ry to you glo - ry to you oh Lord.
 Praise to you praise to you praise to you oh Christ.

***GOSPEL**

Mark 9:2-9

The Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN**

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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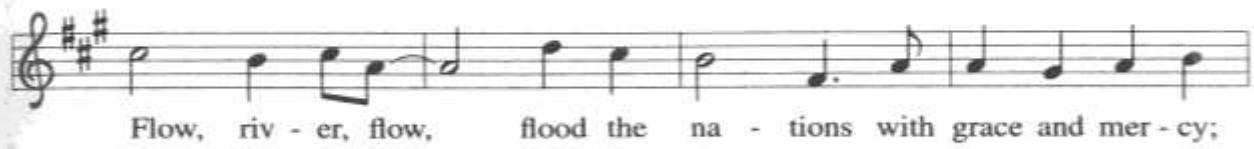
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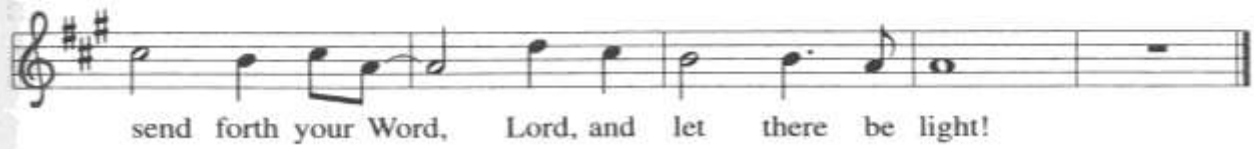
Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



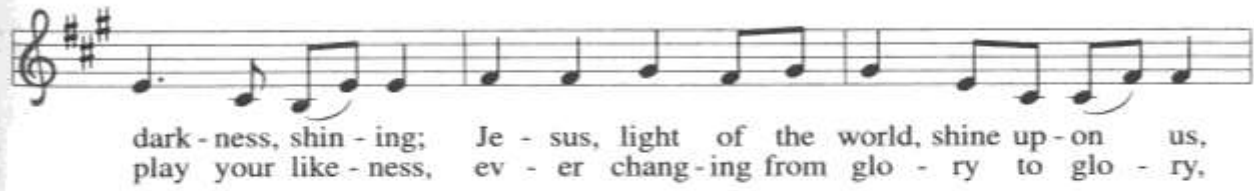
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Refrain

*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.

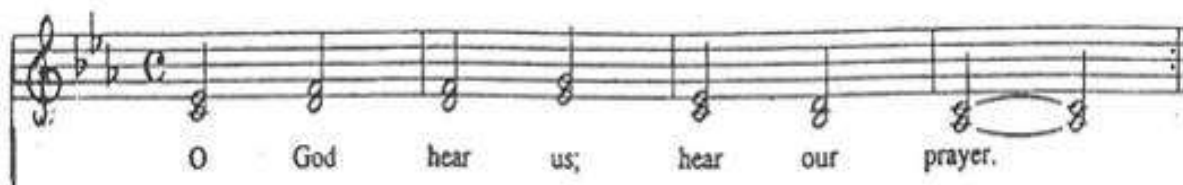
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

*PRAYERS

P: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,
(sing refrain)



We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,
(sing refrain)

We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,
(sing refrain)

We pray for any who are sick and suffering, and all who are isolated, alone, and homebound, especially Judi and Eva. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,
(sing refrain)

We pray for this congregation and our living faith partners at Bethany Mauston, and our ministries in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,
(sing refrain)

We pray for your servants that they may be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Ryland, Casey, and Charlie as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. God of grace,
(sing refrain)

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace,
(sing refrain)

P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
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/HOLY HOLY HOLY

intro to The Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you. [C:] And also with you. [L:] Lift up your hearts. [C:] We

6 G D Em Bm⁷ G D
lift them to the Lord. [L:] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [C:] It is

9 Em Bm⁷ G D Em Bm⁷ G D
right to give God thanks and praise. [Proper Preface: repeat chord progression beneath prayer]

13 Holy Holy Holy
Em Bm⁷ G D Em Bm⁷ G D Em Bm⁷
[C:] Ho-ly ho-ly ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, hea-ven and earth are

18 G D Em Bm⁷ G D G A D G
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

23 G A G D Em Bm⁷ G D Em Bm⁷
Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name

28 G D G A D G G A G D
of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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:

***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**

Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - ven, hal-low-ed be Thy name...

Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it

is in heav - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for-give us our

debts as we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp - ta-tion, but de - liv-er us from

e - vil, for Thine is the King-dom and the power and the

Glo - ry for - ev - er. A - - men.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.
Come and see.

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 is available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.

LAMB OF GOD

♩=100

D D A Em

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world.

5 G D A Em

Have mer - cy, mer - cy on us

9 G D F# Bm A

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world.

13 E/G# D A G D

Oh grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN “Christ, Be Our Light” #715

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Giver of every gift, Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BURIAL OF THE ALLELUIAS

SONG "Hallelu, Hallelujah!"

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord!
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord!

***BLESSING**

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

***HYMN** "We Are Marching in the Light of God" **#866**



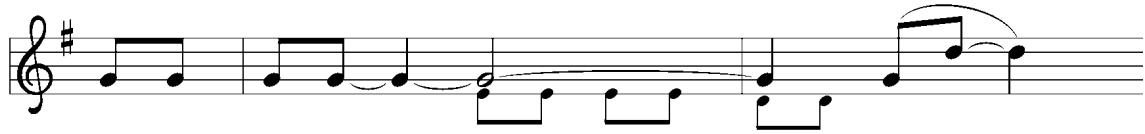
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



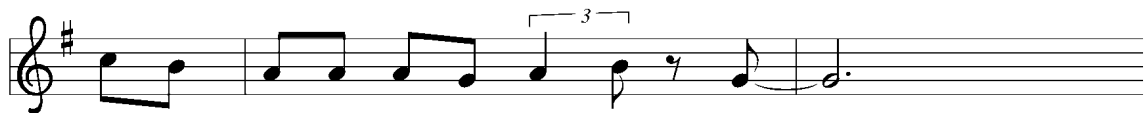
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

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

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM

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Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

WE THANK - Joey Barnett for filling in as choir director while Eric Sorenson is in Arizona. Joey is a graduate of UW-Eau Claire, a member of the Coulee Chordsmen, and teaches Elementary Music in Black River Falls. We appreciate his willingness to substitute! Please welcome him if you get the opportunity.

CARD MINISTRY - Please be sure to sign the cards for this week's shut-ins, Eva Farris 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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

6 p.m.

Ariel Wuensch
Judy Gilbert
Phil & Judy Gilbert

Worship Assistant
Reader
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

8 a.m.

Isaac Arentz
Lynette Ender
Melody Schmitz
Massman Family

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

10:30 a.m.

Will Byom
Corey Sjoquist
McConkey Family

Home Communion
Altar Guild for February

Judy Gilbert
Cindy Averbeck/Jaime Fortier

WEEKLY WATER FACT - The average total home water use for each person in the U.S. is about 50 gallons a day. Approximately 400 billion gallons of water are used in the U.S. per day. In one year, the average American residence uses over 100,000 gallons (indoor and outdoor). Water use has grown at more than twice the rate of population increase in the last century. Thirty-six states are anticipating water shortages in the next decade.

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, Woodman's, and Ship Shape car wash.

**HUNGRY JAR OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY
LaCrosse Warming Center**

The weather outside is frigid ... this *is* Wisconsin! The La Crosse Warming Center's mission is to work with the greater La Crosse community to better serve those experiencing homelessness with dignity and respect by providing a safe and warm place for homeless adults 18 years and older to get in out of the cold during the winter months from November 1 until May 1. The Warming Center is located at 413 South Third Street in La Crosse. Guests are able to take a shower and wash their clothes. To keep the doors open, hundreds of volunteers from area churches and the community are needed to staff the center. Please be generous as we care for those who are hurting.



SENIOR CONNECTION – Tuesday, February 13 – Linda's Bakery @ 9:30 am.

THANK YOU - to all the contributors to the food pantry "Bananas to Bacon" event. It was very successful & you collectively donated \$199 towards bacon purchase. What a wonderful community we have! Thank you again!

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.

Check out the February newsletter (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org) to find out more.



**Second annual
Mardi Gras fest
Potluck Sampler**

Shake off the winter blahs!

Come one ... come all

**Sunday, February 11
3 - 5 PM**

Join us for ...

**Food ... prizes ... music ...
activities for kids ...**

Cook up a batch of your favorite recipe, bring it to church, along with a copy of your recipe. We'll serve small samples, and see whose recipes are the favorites! Talk to Pastor Jean for more details. Sign up in the Gathering Area!

Sample the food ... and vote for your favorites!

Ash Wednesday Worship
February 14 - 6:15 PM
Ashes and Holy Communion



Ashes and message, music and hymns, and the Sacrament, as we begin the journey of Lent.



Lenten Worship
It's "Round Robin" Season!
Wednesdays February 21 - March 20 @ 6:15 PM

Weekly worship featuring Holden Evening Prayer, with a message focusing on the "wandering heart" of the Apostle Peter. Come and explore with us a very imperfect, yet faithful servant of Jesus, and consider how Peter's story is...ours too!

An added treat this year is different voices! We are joining several congregations in a "round robin," as Pastor Jon travels...and other pastors join us to share the message!

February 21 – "Jesus sought me" (*Pastor Jon*)

February 28 – "Rescue me from danger"

(*Pr Jason Stanton, First Lutheran, Onalaska*)

March 6 – "I'm fixed upon it"

(*Pr Dan McCurdy, West Salem Presbyterian*)

March 13 – "Praise the mount" (*Pastor Jon*)

March 20 – "Teach me"

(*Pr Kary Jonas, Prince of Peace, La Crescent*)



We will have a simple meal, along with dessert, prior to the service each week at 5:30 PM. We still need folks to provide dessert for these meals. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Gathering Area.