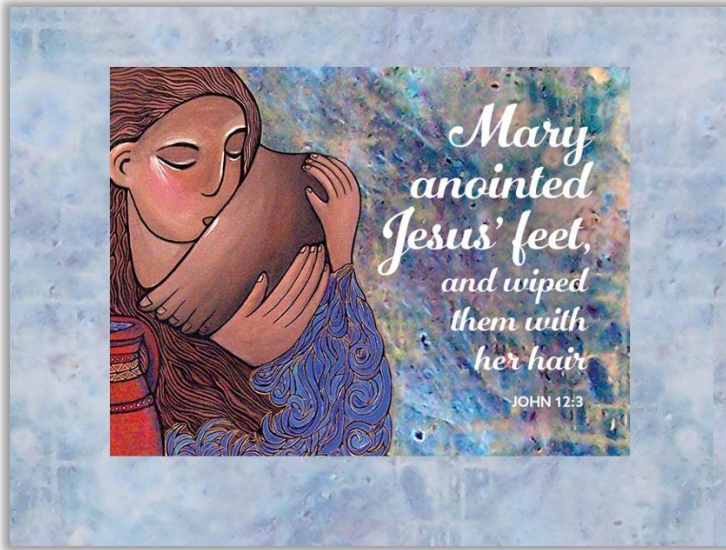


Sunday, April 6th, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



PRELUDE

Jennifer Fredrickson, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Lamb of God

ELW 336

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God’s arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In † Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God’s house forever. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

As the Winter Days Grow Longer

ACS 924



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



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



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



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

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody

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PRAYER OF THE DAY Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

- ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 126

- ¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."
³ The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.
⁴ **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,**
like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁵ Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

ELW 325

VS. 2 *In my trials, Lord, walk with me;*

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;

When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8. The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Taryn Montgomery

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 583

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need. We begin this time of prayer as we sing *O Lord Hear my Prayer* followed by petitions and the spoken response (*God, in your mercy, receive our prayer*) and we will end our time of prayer by singing *O Lord Hear my Prayer*. Let us pray and sing together:

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

ELW 751

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.

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

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

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- + online links can be found by accessing our website at <https://www.oslcmn.com/>
- + Using the QR code found here:
- + Contacting the church office to set up regular automatic giving
- + Dropping off or mailing in your offering



OFFERING PRAYER Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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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

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread. All are welcome.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Come to the Table

Build a Longer Table

ELW 481

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1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. Amen.



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Jennifer Fredrickson, Piano

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Jeannette, Aubie (needs kidney transplant), Archer, Sharon, Mary (lung & bone cancer), Debbie (community, cancer), Leanne, Addy, Sharon P., Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Deb, Cliff, Lorraine M., Eric, Kyle, Pr. Art, Bob D, Mark O., Janet, John W., Joy T., Shannon P., Luddy, Gerilyn, Jarie, Phyllis, Wally, Tedd, Ralph, Chuck, Sue. *Please pray for the family of Diane Vandervort at her passing. Call Janet Heglund @ 218-749-6143 for prayer needs- the prayer chain leader January through June.*

If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.

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OFFICE HOURS

Office Admin hours are 9am - 5pm, Tuesday - Friday.

There will be times we're away from the office doing errands, for this reason, please call ahead if you plan on coming to the church or need assistance!

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Liz will be here Tues. - Thurs. & off Fridays.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6th, 2025

WELCOME Thank you, Pastor Taryn, for being here today. *Pr. Taryn Montgomery is from the NEMNSYNOD and will also meet us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for the Adult Forum.

EASTER BASKET DONATION SIGN-UP: Sign-up sheets to donate food are on the glass cabinet in the narthex. There are only a few items left! Please bring your items **no later than Sun., Apr., 13th!** You can also volunteer to drive while people drop off the baskets. *Thank you* for being a part of this important outreach.

LENT * **Correction from the Newsletter:** We will not have Lent Soup Supper & Worship on Wed. **Apr. 16th.** The last Lent Supper & Worship will be Apr. 9th. Supper is at 5:15, Worship is at 6. **LENTEN WORSHIP EXPERIENCE:** We're centering on our five senses as a way of exploring the significance of Christ's incarnation throughout our Lenten journey. We all are made in the image of God, who chose to share our humanity by joining in our embodied experience. *Join us – All are welcome.*

RANGE OF VOICES CONCERT: "Come Fly with Me" is the spring theme for the concerts, held Friday, Apr. 11th, 7pm at Chisolm Baptist Church, and Sunday, **April 13th, 2pm, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.** Admission is \$10/Adults and \$5/Youth, kids 5& under are free or \$25/Family. Coffee An' Served after concerts.

EASTER Our Easter Worship Service will take place at 9:30am, and we will host an Easter Breakfast from 8am to 9:30am. *If you want to give for the breakfast, donations will go toward our Youth Events account to help with Camperships and Synod Youth Events.*

CHORALAIRES SPRING CONCERT: You can attend this Spring Concert Fri., Apr. 25th 7pm at GELC, or at **Our Savior's Sun., Apr. 27th at 2pm.**

CLOTHING SALE *We need volunteers to prep for & work during the sale!* We're collecting clothes & gently used household items for the sale, **APRIL 25TH (8:30AM – 2:30PM) & APRIL 26TH (8:30AM – 12PM).** Please bring items to the back of the Fellowship Hall and leave them on a table to the left. **Important:** *Leave your donated Community Closet items on a pew by the office so we don't confuse them with sale items.*

WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP Today's livestream is in memory of **Joyce Solinger & Diane Vandervort.** If you're interested in sponsoring a Sunday Worship in honor of someone, or a special event (wedding anniversary, birth of children, baptism date) or in memory of a loved one who has passed, you may do so any amount you choose from \$25 - \$100. The funds will be used to keep our new sound system and electronic equipment up to date and functioning. **THE SIGN-UP SHEET WILL NOW BE LOCATED ON THE KIOSK.**

SCHOLARSHIP Read the information about our OSLC Scholarship in the April newsletter, and mark the date for our **Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner** on Thursday, **May 8th, here at 5:30pm!**

THIS WEEK @ OSLC:

4/07 6PM BOYSCOUTS
4/08 9:30AM WELCA BOARD MTG
11AM COUNCIL MTG
12PM FUN-DUH-MENTALS

4/09 9AM-2PM QUILTING
12PM-3PM COMMUNITY CLOSET
4-5PM FIRST COMMUNION CLASS
5:15 LENT SOUP SUPPER
6PM LENT WORSHIP

Easter
Basket
Sign-up
Sheets



If you would like to donate food for the Easter Baskets, the sign-up sheets are on the glass cabinet under the monitor in the Narthex. Please bring by Sunday, Apr. 13th!



Sunday, April 20th

Join us for a special

Easter Breakfast

starting at 8am

serving until Worship begins at 9:30

April Lectors

- Apr. 6th – Chris Culbert
- Apr. 13th – John Elofson – Palm Sunday
- Apr. 17th – Maundy Thursday – Need a reader
- Apr. 18th – Good Friday – Need a reader
- Apr. 20th – Nina Kampf – Easter Sunday
- Apr. 27th – Jen Fredrickson



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN VIRGINIA

**Clothing &
Household
Treasure Sale!**



APRIL 25TH 8:30AM-2:30PM
APRIL 26TH 8:30AM - 12PM

Adult Forum

WE'LL MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

AFTER WORSHIP WITH

PR. TARYN MONTGOMERY

"Stewardship"



LENTEN WORSHIP & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SOUP SUPPER & LENT WORSHIP

Supper starts at 5:15pm
Worship begins at 6pm

Wednesday, April 2nd

Wednesday, April 9th

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

Palm Sunday, Apr. 13th, 9:30am

Maundy Thursday Worship, Apr. 17th, 6pm,
with *First Communion Class*

Good Friday Service, Apr. 18th, 12pm

Easter Sunday Worship, April 20th at
9:30am. *Breakfast served 8am – 9:30am

First Communion Classes

DATES & TIME - 4-5PM:

WED. APRIL 2 WED. APRIL 9

WED. APRIL 16 THURS. APRIL 17 6:00 PM

TAKING OUR FIRST COMMUNION IN WORSHIP APR.17



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Free **COMMUNITY
BREAKFAST
SATURDAY**



**APRIL 11
9am – 12**

Community Closet Open Wed. 12pm-3pm

IN APRIL WE ARE COLLECTING:

- DRY CEREAL
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY
- BODYWASH (ADULTS & KIDS)
- WASHCLOTHES
- HAND TOWELS
- SHAMPOO (ADULT & KIDS)

**LEAVE ITEMS ON THE PEWS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE!*