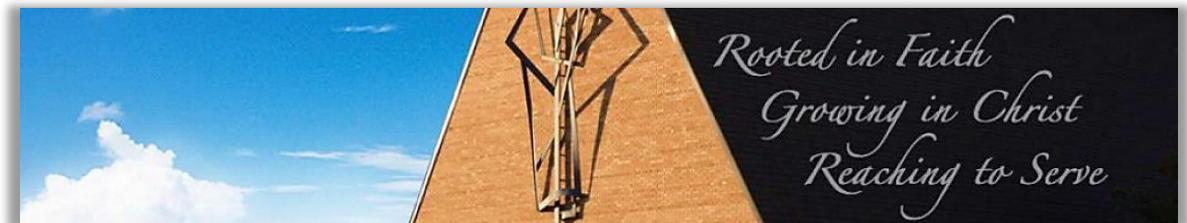


**Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter**  
**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
Virginia, MN  
Pastor Liz Cheney



## GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING SONG

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

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## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## THIS IS THE FEAST

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Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not

to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

**PSLAM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

**I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

“This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**

**and you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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



We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

### 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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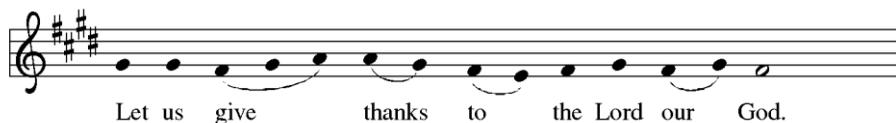
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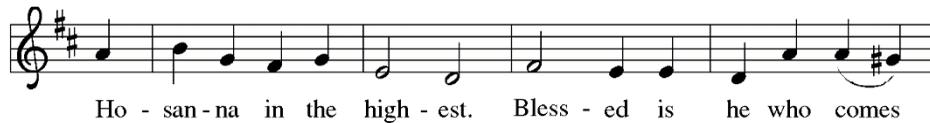
### OFFERING PRAYER

**Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



*... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table. All are welcome!

### LAMB OF GOD

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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

Alleluia Jesus is Risen

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Hallelujah Jesus Lives

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### TABLE BLESSING

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

*Thine is the Glory*

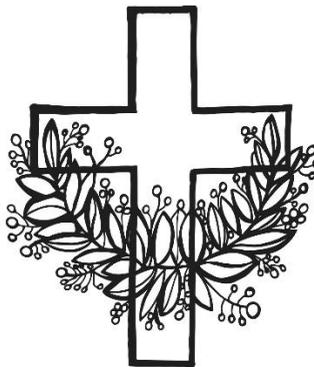
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## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Kris Weikum**



## **WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Pastor Erika, Phyllis S., Archer, Roya, Ave, Laurie, Amy, Colton, Wally C., Deb L., Bob, Tom, Carol, Steve, Gary, Jeannie, Cliff, Dale, Larry, Mickey, Mark, Jess, Kate, Joe, Matthew, Russ, Dan, Adeline, Jesse, Tedd, Ed & Karen, Ralph, Diane, Chuck, Sue, Mike, Matt, Ken, Hermine, Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas) Marlene K. Call Janet Heglund prayer leader for this month, at 218-749-6143, for prayer needs.

**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.**

### **CONTACT US**

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

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### **STAFF**

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**Bookkeeper:** Carole Rutka

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

*Happy Easter!*

*You are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship today for coffee & bars.*

**LIVE STREAMING SERVICES** We will be livestreaming services Sunday mornings now! You can watch on facebook or Youtube (Our Savior's Lutheran Church Virginia MN). **Turn the page over to see how to access the Live video on Youtube** ~

**BABY SHOWER** Everyone is invited to attend a "Baby Shower" for Margaret, daughter of Tucker and Ashley Nelson on Sunday, April 14, 2024. It will take place in the Social Hall after church during coffee time. Come join the Nelson family on this special day as it is also Margaret's baptismal day.

**CLOTHING SALE** **Friday, Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> (8:30-2:30) & Sat., Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> (8:30-12pm).** You may bring donated clothing & leave them bagged on a back table, left side of the Fellowship Hall. We need donated clothes! If you have **gently used household items, kitchen gadgets & cookware, even tools**, bring them as well. *\*We will be setting up tables on Monday, Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>, if you would like to help let Marcia know.*

**OLD KEYS** If you have an old key for the main doors of the church, please bring them by the office. Please see Pastor Liz about a new key if you are involved in ministry and need one. There will be a new key policy, etc., made for the new keys.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS** We are in need of people to sign up to help **serve communion, be a lector, usher, greet**, etc...in order for worship on Sunday mornings to run smoothly. The sign-up sheets are located on the kiosk in the narthex. This work belongs to all of us, the ministers of the congregation. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to sign up to help. Not sure how to do something, just ask!

**LITTLE PANTRY** **Heart Health focus this month:** peanut butter, tuna fish & salmon in peelpacks/cans, nuts, sunflower seeds, oatmeal & hot cereals, dry beans, brown rice, multigrain bread, applesauce & fruit cups (no added sugar).

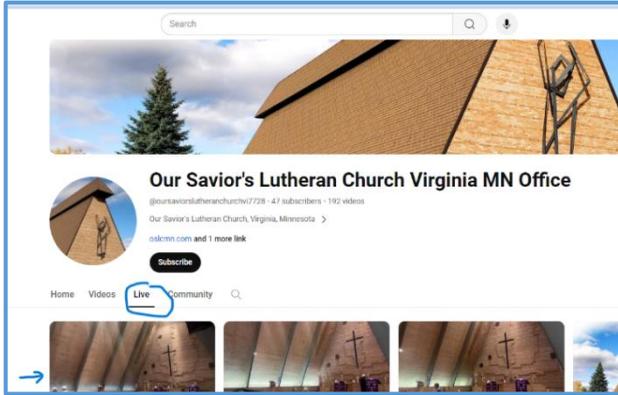
**TECH TEAM FORMATION** It's exciting to see what we will be able to do in the very near future! Shortly, Our Savior's will have the equipment and ability to live stream our worship services, funerals, weddings, concerts, etc... LIVE! This is very exciting! Pastor is looking to put together a *Tech Team* that would be able to help on Sunday mornings get mics on, camera on, radio on, easy tasks.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** **Norma Thomas is sponsoring today in loving memory of Carolyn Blossom.** If you are 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, and/or the tech equipment, you may do so in full for \$90 or shared/partial at \$45. Just call the church office, **and/or sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board by the fountain.**

*\* Staff will be on Easter Holiday Monday & Tuesday. The church office will be closed.*

**EVENTS & MEETINGS:**

- 4/2 WELCA BIBLE STUDY @ 1PM IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM
- 4/3 FINANCE TEAM MEETING, FIRESICE ROOM, 3:30PM
- 4/3 CHOIR PRACTICE AT 5PM
- 4/3 WELCA SPRING GATHERING IN TOWER
- 4/7 SUNDAY, COUNCIL INSTALLATION



**LIVESTREAM VIDEO**

1. Go to YouTube, type "Our Savior's Lutheran Church Virginia, MN" in the search bar.
2. Click on the circle emblem of our church. It takes you to our page.
3. Now click the word "Live." \* See the picture to the left and the word "Live" circled in blue.
4. The first video starting from the left should be the newest video that is/has Live Streamed. Click on the video to watch!

For Facebook, look up [Our Savior's Lutheran Church Virginia Mn](#) and scroll to find the post with the video. When you click the post, it takes you to our YouTube page.



↑ There are new cards in your pews that look like the image above with our QR code on it. If you give electronically, place one of these cards in the offering plate to help build awareness for e-giving ~ it also provides a way for you to participate with offering during the worship service. *Thank you for being a part of the ministry at OSLC~*

