

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14th, 2024



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



PRELUDE

Mark Ongalo

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

ELW 377

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.

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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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Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

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

PSLAM: Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

SPECIAL MUSIC Choir

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Luke 24:36B-48

The Holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW 468

BAPTISM

Kingsley Joseph O'Brien and Margaret Lee Nelson

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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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.

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

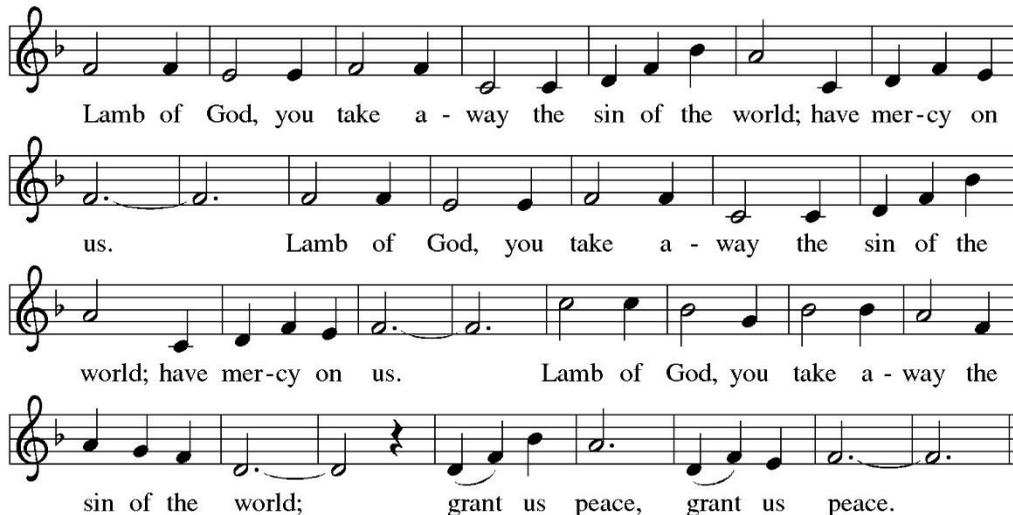
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW 522

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

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

SENDING SONG

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Mark Ongalo

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Kathy M., Marlene K., Pastor Erika, Phyllis S., Archer, Roya, Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas). 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.

Please remember in your prayers the family of Joyce Solinger, and the family of Buttons Carlson.

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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In addition to the celebration of two Baptisms & a Baby Shower, today is Quilter Recognition Day!

“For more than 75 years, Lutheran World Relief Quilters have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world. And not just a few quilts — nearly 28 MILLION! These gifts of love make life brighter, softer, and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster and conflict. THANK YOU,” (© 2024 Lutheran World Relief).

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). Look at your monthly newsletter for instructions on how to find the “Live” video, specifically, on our YouTube page!

 **BABY SHOWER TODAY!** Everyone is invited to attend a “Baby Shower” for Margaret, daughter of Ashley and Tucker Nelson after worship today! It will take place in the Fellowship Hall... *And Congratulations to Kingsley and Margaret on your Baptism Day.*

YOUTH GROUP GAME NIGHT! Calling all youth 4th-8th grade, Pastor Liz and River will be leading the Youth Game Night this Wed., **April 17th 6pm – 8pm**. If you are able to donate a snack for this youth event (there will be at least 10 kids) you are welcome to leave something labeled for the event in our kitchen. We also have youth members who follow a gluten free diet.

CLOTHING SALE It’s here already! **Friday, Apr. 19th (8:30-2:30) & Sat., Apr. 20th (8:30-12pm)**. All are invited to help with the set-up starting mid-morning Wednesday, 4/17. *We are in need of paper bags for the sale-if you have any, please leave them on a table in the back of the Fellowship Hall.*

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 for being a key holder.

TECH TEAM FORMATION Pastor would like to put together a **TECH TEAM** to help on Sunday mornings- Team Members would help turn the mics on, the camera, radio - very easy tasks. It only takes a few minutes and you can return to your pew to enjoy worship without worry. *Please consider helping with this important part of Worship, it’s fun & we can’t have a “functioning” worship service without help in these areas!*

RADIO SPONSORSHIP **Connie & Jack Liabraaten sponsor today’s worship in honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary ~ Congratulations Connie & Jack, and thank you!** 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.**

Worship Volunteers Consider helping on Sundays **servicing communion, being a lector, ushering or greeting,** etc...We need Worship Assistants for Sunday morning Worship 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.

EVENTS & MEETINGS:

4/16 WELCA BIBLE-STUDY, 1PM, FIRESIDE ROOM

4/17 QUILTING 9AM – 2/3PM

4/17 CHOIR PRACTICE AT 5:00PM

4/17 YOUTH GROUP GAME NIGHT! 6-8PM

4/19 USED-A-BIT & CLOTHING SALE, 8:30AM-2:30PM

4/20 USED-A-BIT & CLOTHING SALE, 8:30AM-12PM

4/21 SYNOD RIC CONVERSATION SESSION HERE AT OSLC, 2PM

**Special Event: Choralair's Concert, Sunday, April 28th 2pm, here!*



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Our Savior's Lutheran Church
USED A BIT AND 50 CENT CLOTHING SALE
Friday, April 19, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm
Saturday, April 20, 8:30 am to noon

CAMP HIAWATHA FAMILY
OVERNIGHT, MAY 3RD
WORK-DAY IS MAY 4TH



CAMP VERMILION FAMILY
OVERNIGHT, MAY 10TH
WORK-DAY IS MAY 11TH



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