

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

April 21st, 2024



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



PRELUDE

Kristen Weikum

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

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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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

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
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GOSPEL: John 10:11-18 The Holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock

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APOSTLES CREED

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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 THE PEOPLE There will be three prayer petitions, and we will respond with the refrain of *Shepherd Me, O God*, after each petition. *Refrain is below:

"Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life"

**SPECIAL MUSIC: *In loving memory of Carolyn Blossom
Commendation For Carolyn Blossom***

Mark & Kristi Ongalo

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

The Lord's My Shepherd

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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

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

SENDING SONG *Choir*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Kristen Weikum



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 the family of Betty Ornberg in your prayers at her passing.

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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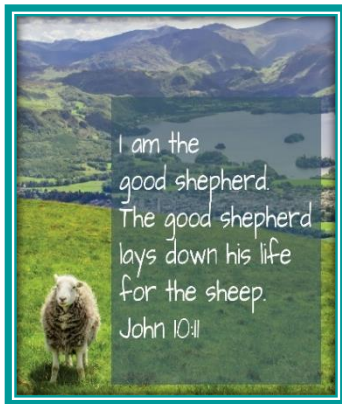
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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USED-A-BIT & CLOTHING SALE RECAP: Once again, the Annual OSLC Clothing & Used-A-Bit Sale was put together by several dedicated volunteers within our congregation & from our community! It was a ton of work; lots of clothing & household items were brought in the last few days & even during set-up! It was well organized, and people voiced their gratefulness for this sale and left with their boxes of treasures. Another successful year! We thank ***every one of you*** for all your hard work! *Items left from the sale benefit the LSS Clothing Room and DAV ~ WELCA will provide the wonderful news of how the proceeds will help organizations within our local community.

SYNOD RIC CONVERSATIONAL MEETING We are hosting the meeting here today at 2pm! Come join us in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested in learning about Reconciling in Christ. Deacon Susan Williams from the Synod will be here for this third conversation, and we will be discussing gender identity terminology.

TECH TEAM MEETING! We are excited to announce there is a small team willing to help with our technological tasks on Sunday mornings! If you're interested, but know you can't devote much time, you're still invited to join us. It helps to have a few people rotate on the team for "one task" items, like turning on the entry tv monitor for example, a simple task that takes less than 5 minutes! We have a meeting this Thursday at 12 pm (Apr. 25th), in the Fellowship hall. If you can't make it, no worries, just let the office know you're interested & we can meet when it fits your schedule.

CHORALAIRES SPRING CONCERTS The Choralaires will perform at Gethsemane Lutheran, Friday, April 26th at 7pm, and here at Our Savior's Lutheran, Sunday, April 28th at 2pm. If you're able to provide cookies for Coffee & Fellowship served after the concert, please label them for "Choralaires" and leave them in the kitchen, and if you're free to serve, talk with Marcia Aluni~ Thank you!

LIVE STREAMING SERVICES We are livestreaming worship on YouTube, and the link can also be found on our facebook page (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! ***If you encounter any problems, please call or stop in at the church office and we will be happy to assist you!***

OLD KEYS If you have an old key for the main doors of the church, please bring it by the office. See Pastor Liz about a new key if you are involved in ministry and will require one. There will be a new key policy for being a key holder.

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.**

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, as ministers of the congregation ~ prayerfully consider how you might be able to sign up to help.*

EVENTS & MEETINGS:

- 4/21 SYNOD RIC CONVERSATION SESSION HERE, TODAY AT 2PM
- 4/23 FUN-DUH-MENTALS BIBLE STUDY, 5:30PM FIRESIDE ROOM
- 4/24 QUILTING 9AM – 2/3PM
- 4/24 CHOIR PRACTICE AT 5:00PM
- 4/26 ROAD RUNNERS BANQUET (prep begins at 12PM) **COME EAT & SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS 4PM-7PM!**
- 4/26 CHORALAIRES SPRING CONCERT AT GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN, 7PM
- 4/27 THE FUNERAL FOR BUTTONS CARLSON WILL TAKE PLACE HERE, 11AM
- 4/28 CHORALAIRES SPRING CONCERT HERE, SUNDAY AT 2PM



FRIDAY
APRIL 26TH 7PM
Gethsemane
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SUNDAY
APRIL 28TH 2PM
Here at
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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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