

Seventh Sunday of Easter

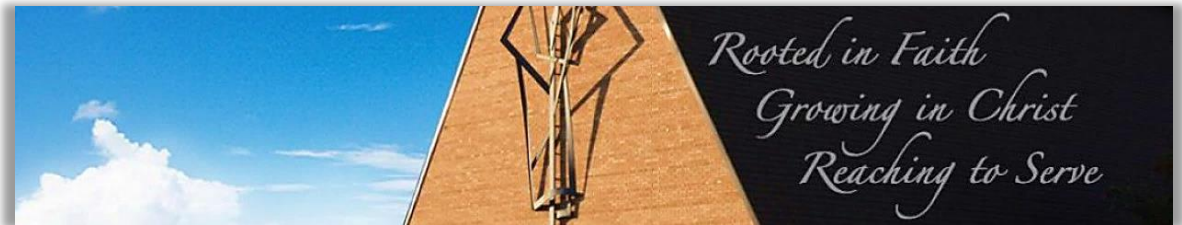
May 12th, 2024



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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW 645

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.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!



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.

Refrain

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

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain

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

God; to make all things new.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in 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: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

PSALM: Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves
that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

**GOSPEL John 17:6-19** The Holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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

CHILDREN'S TIME**SERMON**

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW 658

GRADUATION RECOGNITION**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

ELW 195

Musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: '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.'

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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 HYMN

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

ELW 494

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

God Is Here

ELW 526

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: Jarie, Nicole, Rob, Braden, Nancy, Thomas, Kathy M., Deb, Diane, Marlene K., Pastor Erika, Phyllis S., Archer, Roya, Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas). Laurie, Amy, Colton, Wally C., 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 be in prayer for the family of Dave Crockett at his passing.*

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12th, 2024

Happy
mother's day

Honoring Our Graduates Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for coffee & cake, Congratulations River!

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP FOR THE FURNACE A Lasagna Dinner will be held here at the OSLC Fellowship Hall, **Wed. May 22nd 6-8pm**. It's a free-will offering for our furnace fund! *See Back*

COMBINED SUNDAY WORSHIP There will be a combined Worship Service for Holy Trinity Sunday with Gethsemane & Messiah Lutheran churches at the **Silver Lake Kline Cuppoletti Building – May 26th 10am (on 9th Ave W, across from the college/Chestnut St)**. Bring a refreshment of your choice and a chair. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you; there will be a picnic after the worship service!

COFFEE SIGN-UP The Summer sign-up sheet for Coffee An' is on the kiosk in the entryway. If you you're able to help set up coffee & bars on a Sunday morning, it would be greatly appreciated!

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.*

TECH TEAM We have gained momentum and have a small team assembled, but could use a few people willing to do small tasks on a Sunday morning now and then. If you're comfortable recording your grandchildren with your phone, using a computer, or even using the options on a smart tv, it may be in your skillset to join us! Let Pastor or the church office know if you think you could serve occasionally.

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!***

RADIO SPONSORSHIP ***Today's service is sponsored by Ed Gorny. Thank you, Ed !*** 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. **Sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board by the fountain.**

Wear Red next week for Pentecost!

EVENTS & MEETINGS:

- 5/13 6-8PM BOY SCOUTS, FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 5/14 9:30AM WELCA BOARD MEETING
- 5/14 5:30PM FUN-DU-MENTALS BIBLE STUDY
- 5/15 9AM – 2/3PM QUILTING
- 5/15 5:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE
- 5/15 6PM YOUTH MEET HERE FOR MINI-GOLF!
- 5/16 1PM PEO IN FIRESIDE RM
- 5/16 5:30PM CUB SCOUTS FELLOWSHIP HALL

Spy Agents – We had fun creating our credentials last Sunday! Remember to talk with Tamera about checking out the “Attache case” to help solve a mystery at home!



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FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP FOR THE FURNACE

Wednesday, May 22
6-8 pm
Lasagna Dinner

FREE WILL OFFERING

Join in the fun with your friends, over some food while we fellowship and raise funds for the furnace! Bring a friend!



Entertainment and fun included!



4-8th GRADE YOUTH GROUP

We will meet **Wednesday, MAY 15TH** for Mini Golf with the youth from Gethsemane and Messiah Lutheran churches.

MEET AT OSLC @ 6 PM!!

We will head to Gethsemane, then to the mini golf course. * Please let Pastor Liz know if your youth will be attending.
ALL YOUTH GRADES 4-8th ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship

May 26th

Outdoors @ the
Kline Cuppoletti Building
100 N 9th Ave, Virginia

10 AM

Join Gethsemane, Messiah, and Our Savior's for worship together on Holy Trinity Sunday, May 26th @ 10am
Rain or shine!

**Picnic Lunch to follow.
Bring your own beverage.**

Bring a friend!
All are welcome!



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