

# Day of Pentecost

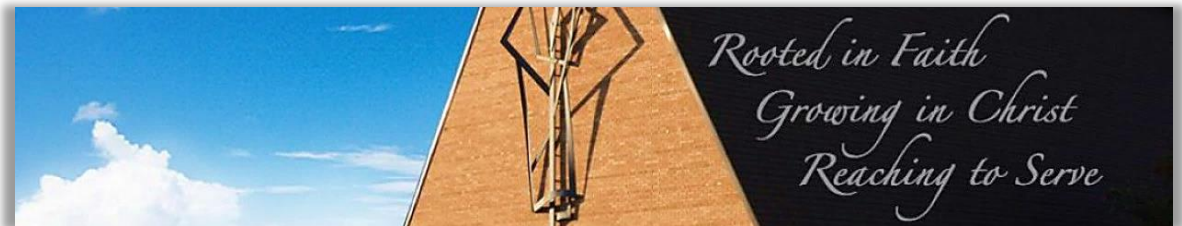
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024



## **Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



**PENTECOST LITANY AND PROCESSION:**

Choir

**(Water)** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the waters.

Choir

**(Wind)** The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.

Choir

**(Fire)** I baptize you with water; but one more powerful than I is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**GATHERING SONG**

*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* Vs 1-3

**ELW 401**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

Merciful God, the gift of Jesus' life in us is visible in the way we witness to the fruitfulness of that gift. We know that the fruit of the Spirit consists of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Yet, so often we put conditions on our love— and joy and peace are difficult to discern when our words and actions deny their presence.

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me**

By desiring instant results to most things these days, we confess that we forget what it's like to be patient. We find ourselves neglecting the needs of others because we run out of time to be kind.

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me**

When we persistently make self-centered decisions rather than Christ-centered ones, our understanding of your goodness and faithfulness is weakened and our discipleship lacks credibility.

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me**

In this aggressive world, it's easy to believe one can't get anywhere by exercising a spirit of gentleness or even self-control.

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me**

Gracious and merciful God, grant us your forgiveness and your love so that we may truly care for one another.

**Refresh and renew us with the Holy Spirit so that we are fruitful and vital disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Those who are in Christ are a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God with whom we have been reconciled through Christ.

(2 Cor. 5:17-18)

**Thanks be to God!**

**GATHERING SONG CONTINUED**

*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* Vs 4,5

**ELW 401**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** **Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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 2:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

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<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

**PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Choir*

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27**

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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**GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15** The Holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*

ELW 399

### 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

### A PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

*Written by Meta Herrick Carlson*

### 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!

### COMMUNION HYMN

*Spirit of Gentleness*

ELW 396

### 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**

Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit. Let love guide your actions. Listen for the Spirit of Truth. Spread the peace of Christ and remind everyone you meet that each one is a beloved child of God. Amen.

## **SENDING SONG**

*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

**ELW 400**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and bring the peace and fiery flames of Holy Spirit with you wherever you go.  
**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Mark Ongalo**



## **WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Nancy, Jarie, Nicole, Thomas, 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 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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### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

### **PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS**

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### **STAFF**

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## **Announcements**

# ***Pentecost Sunday***

### **May 19th, 2024**

**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP FOR THE FURNACE** A Lasagna Dinner will be held here at the OSLC Fellowship Hall, **Wed. May 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-8pm**. It's a free-will offering for our furnace fund! **Join in the fun with your friends over some food while we fellowship and raise funds for the furnace!**

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 10am (on 9<sup>th</sup> 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'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 Sharon & Butch Panula, in honor of their granddaughter, Anastacia Ballard, on her graduation, and for all graduates.*** 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.**

**EVENTS & MEETINGS:**

- 5/20 MON., 6-8PM BOY SCOUTS, FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 5/21 TUES., 1PM WELCA BIBLE STUDY
- 5/22 WED., 9AM – 2/3PM QUILTING
- 5/22 WED., 6-8PM FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP FOR THE FURNACE
- 5/23 THURS., 6PM CONGREGATIONS CARING FOR THE EARTH “PLASTICS”
- 5/26 SUNDAY, 10AM, WORSHIP TOGETHER AT SILVER LAKE, KLINE CUPPOLETTI BUILDING!

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



**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!

# 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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