

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



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



*Rooted in Faith  
Growing in Christ  
Reaching to Serve*

## PRELUDE

Kristen Weikum

## GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING SONG

*Beautiful Savior*

ELW 838

## 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.**

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** O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48**

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

## **PSALM: Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

## **SPECIAL MUSIC Choir**

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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



**GOSPEL John 15:9-17** The Holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

## CHILDREN’S TIME

## SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney





A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as



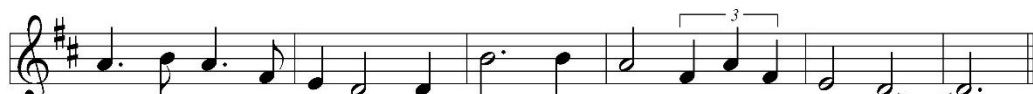
I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know



you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

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### 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

*Jesus Loves Me*

ELW 595

### 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

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

ELW 836

### 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: Braden, 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 who passed away this week.*

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

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

Pastor Liz will be here Tues. - Thurs. & off Fridays.

Call @ 218-780-8907

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### **STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Liz Cheney

**Secretary:** Colleen Brown Jacobson

**Bookkeeper:** Carole Rutka

**Custodian:** Steve Gagnon

**Musicians:** Kristen Weikum, Mark Ongalo, and Ginny Ahrlin



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS


### *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

### May 5th, 2024

**CAMP VERMILION & CAMP HIWATHA NEWS** Camp Hiawatha's work day was yesterday, and Camp Vermilion's is next **Saturday, May 11th**. ANY and ALL help is appreciated, so call them if you're able to help anytime from 8:30am – until you have to go home! If you call, a lunch can be reserved for you.

**Mother's Day Brunch @ Camp Hiawatha** If you want to attend or reserve a seat in honor of your mother, **you must register by NOON TODAY!** Call them at 800-331-5148 or email Jamie at [vlm@vlmcamps.org](mailto:vlm@vlmcamps.org)

**FREE COMMUNITY-WIDE BREAKFAST** This Community event is growing! Join us next **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 9-12pm** for a hot meal. The breakfast is open to everyone - invite friends & neighbors!

*Honoring Our Graduates* **Next Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** we will be honoring River Cheney on her Graduation! Her Commencement is coming at the end of May – **Congratulations River!** 

**UPCOMING @ OSLC** Take a look at the back for all the details, our "Fun, Food & Fellowship for the Furnace" Lasagna Dinner is coming **Wed. May 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-8pm**. It's a free-will offering for our furnace fund! Also, we are having a combined Worship Service for Holy Trinity Sunday at the Silver Lake Kline Cuppoletti Building with Gethsemane & Messiah – **May 26<sup>th</sup> 10am**. Bring a refreshment of your choice, and a chair, there will be a picnic meal after!

**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 are comfortable recording your grandchildren with your phone, using a computer, or even 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.

**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.*

**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** *Last week the service was sponsored by Norma Thomas: she wished to sponsor 3 weeks in loving memory of Carolyn Blossom, we appreciate that ~ Next week the service will be sponsored by Ed Gorny. Thank you, Ed and Norma!* 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:

- 5/6 COUNCIL MEETING 9AM
- 5/6 BOY SCOUTS, FELLOWSHIP HALL 6-8PM
- 5/7 WELCA BIBLE STUDY 1PM
- 5/8 QUILTING 9AM – 2/3PM
- 5/8 CHOIR PRACTICE AT 5:00PM
- 5/10 OVERNIGHT @ CAMP VERMILION
- 5/11 CAMP VERMILION WORK DAY
- 5/11 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST HERE 9AM – 12PM



**COMMUNITY-WIDE  
BREAKFAST**  
9AM – 12PM  
SATURDAY  
MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1111 8<sup>TH</sup> ST S. VIRGINIA, 218-741-6207

*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!



MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
Honoring  
Our  
Church's  
Graduates



**VOYAGEURS  
LUTHERAN MINISTRY**

Camp Vermilion FAMILY  
OVERNIGHT, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
WORK-DAY IS MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

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# 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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# Mother's Day Brunch

with live Music

Sunday, May 12  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Ticket purchasing closes  
on May 5th at 11:59 pm.

Meal begins at 11:30  
and is seated

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