

6th Sunday after Pentecost
June 30th, 2024



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



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Source of Life, in the beginning, **You made us and called us beloved.**
 When we forget how to love, **You remind us we are beloved.**
 When the powers of the world try to oppress us, **You name us beloved.**
 When our siblings in faith condemn us, **You claim us: beloved.**
We are your beloved, so today we sing your praises, Source of Love.

GATHERING SONG

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

For times we embrace war when you call for peace. **Forgive us.**
 For times we dehumanize our neighbor instead of loving them. **Forgive us.**
 For times we serve powers and principalities rather than you, our Servant Savior. **Forgive us.**
 For times we domesticate you to our national or tribal identities. **Forgive us.**
 For selectively hearing your good news of grace for us without considering the same for others.
Forgive us.
 For seeing ourselves less than the full person you created in beauty with delight.
Forgive us and grant us peace.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

...Each day is a new chance to affirm life, to start over, and to love more fiercely. We are being renewed daily. This is our hope.
We are all loved, forgiven, embraced, and cherished. We are God's beloved. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
 his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
 to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
 for the salvation of the Lord.

²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,

²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,

²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),

³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

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

PSALM: Psalm 30

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶**While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."**

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief

for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic patterns. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43 The Holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?”

³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

APOSTLES' CREED

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 We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. We begin our prayers by singing the refrain below, we will return to the refrain after each petition: *Let justice roll like a river....*

Refrain

Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, and wash all op -
pres - sion a - way. Come, O God, and take us,
move and shake us; come now, and make us a - new,
that we might live just - ly like you.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, and wash all op -'. The second staff continues: 'pres - sion a - way. Come, O God, and take us,'. The third staff continues: 'move and shake us; come now, and make us a - new,'. The fourth staff concludes: 'that we might live just - ly like you.' The music ends with a double bar line.

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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JUNE'S PRAYER RITUAL

You are invited into a prayerful space to reflect on our own belovedness and our interdependence with all God's beloved children. There are slips of paper in the pews. On one sheet, write down in a word or a sentence something that reminds you that you are beloved. Maybe it's a loved one or a precious memory. Maybe it's a gift God has given you, or part of your identity that brings you unique insight to share with Christ's body. On the next slip of paper, I invite you to write down a challenge for yourself for this coming week: what is one actionable thing you will do to share belovedness with someone—to make that person feel how beloved they are? Maybe that person will be a family member, or a classmate, or a coworker. Maybe you need that reminder of your own belovedness, so your challenge will be to yourself. We will not be collecting this slip of paper; it's for you to take with you into the week.

Keep the challenge with you to remind you of your goal for the week. The first slip you are invited to place in the prayer wall on your way back from communion or on your way out after worship.

OFFERING PRAYER Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Holy God, you make plenty for everyone, everywhere. But ever since the first human beings were created, we have had a hard time trusting this good news. Some do not have enough, while others steal and hoard and use more than is needed.

This meal helps us remember you are generous. And you made us to be generous. And together, all the people who receive Holy Communion make a big, generous body. This mass movement to your table is re-remembering your body, putting us back together like puzzle pieces. This taste and sip of heaven interrupts our fear of scarcity with your promise to provide enough for all of creation and satisfy our whole lives.

You are manna from heaven – **you are the bread of life.**

You are the widow's jar of flour – **you do not run out.**

You are baskets of loaves and fish – **the feast that feeds thousands.**

You are a deep well at midday – **the living water.**

You are the Lamb of God – **you pour yourself out for all people.**

As friends in Christ, we rejoice at the opportunity to share this holy meal today. May God give us joyful hearts, open hands, and the courage to come to the table as our actual, full selves. We believe that Jesus is fully present in this meal – over, under, around, through the bread and wine – so that we cannot receive it without receiving the gifts of Jesus, too. The logistics are a mystery and God's to tend. We simply trust that where Jesus shows up, there is forgiveness, salvation, and new life that come from heaven.

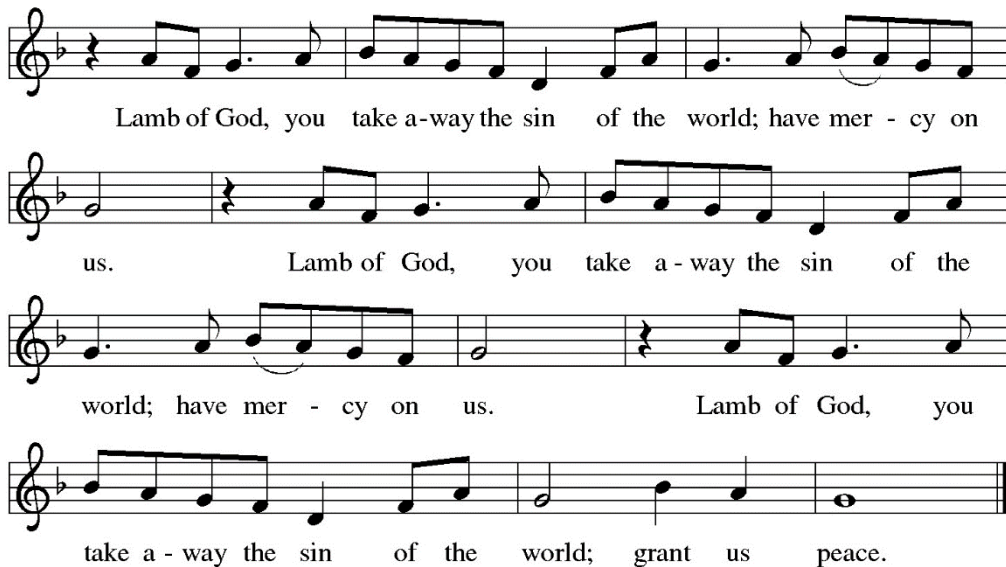
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 God knows what you need. Come and receive it; be inspired to offer it to the world! No matter who you are, where you are from, what your status is or anything else that defines you other than Beloved of God... you are welcome here!

LAMB OF GOD



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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Almighty God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery by which you nourish all your people with eternal life and make us one in Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Send us now in unity as living signs of the mystery of your Trinity to live and work in your world as your beloved people. Amen.

BLESSING May the love that binds us together as one family, chosen by God, continue to inspire us to extend grace, compassion, and understanding to all whom we encounter. May our particular gifts, personalities, and identities shine brightly within us, ever reflecting the Image of God in us and the belovedness in which we have been shaped. And may the assurance of God's unwavering presence accompany us on our journey, reminding us that we are never alone, and that we are deeply loved and cherished just as we are.

Go now in the peace of God, the love of Christ, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SENDING SONG

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW 769

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Kristen Weikum

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: people impacted by the flooding, the people of Guatemala, Jill & husband, Amelia, Kim, Diane, Gordy, Sarah, 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. Call Ginny Ahrlin @ 218-749-0056, 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 9am - 5pm

The office will be closed this Thursday & Friday, July 4th & 5th.

Please enjoy your 4th of July Holiday, and be safe! Call ahead if you need assistance & plan on coming to the church!

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

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

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God's work. Our hands.

We are all
loved,
forgiven,
embraced,
cherished.
We are
God's
beloved.
Amen!



Announcements

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ST LOUIS COUNTY HELP The County is contacting churches to help spread the word about resources available to those affected by the flood. Please be careful, and DO NOT give out personal information to others unless you know you are talking to a St. Louis Co. employee or using their website, and be aware that scams are taking place in emails, texts, and door knocks from out of town “contractors.” To get real information go to the official website at www.stlouiscountymn.gov. See the last page of the announcements here for what to expect when going to the website.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY During the most recent flooding, the wind tore the doors, and the insulation edging. If you are handy with this type of household item, could you take a look at the door and see what may be needed to fix it? We don't “own” it - it was a gift from an AEOA project, but we like to be good stewards of it and provide food for people. Many people have been stopping in for food, more than usual. *Now that summer is here, fresh produce, fruit, waters, electrolyte drinks, snacks, along with the usual foods we list in the newsletter are needed. PLEASE BRING FOOD RIGHT TO THE PANTRY, INSTEAD OF LEAVING FOOD IN THE CHURCH!*

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 & treats on a Sunday morning, it would be greatly appreciated (the sheet is mostly empty, and Lutheran's need good coffee after worship) 😊

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS *This work belongs to **all of us**, as ministers of the congregation ~ prayerfully consider how you might be able to sign up and assist. Your presence makes a difference in creating a wonderful worship service for all.* There are different opportunities: **servicing communion, being a lector, ushering or greeting.** The sign-up sheets are located on the kiosk in the narthex.

TECH TEAM Are you more of a “behind the scenes” person? If you're comfortable recording nature, or your children/grandchildren with a phone, using a computer, or using the options on a smart tv, it may be in your skillset to join us! Let Pastor, Dan Peliska, John Elofson or Colleen know if you think you could serve occasionally. There are small tasks that only take a minute or two before or after the service.

ORGANS IN REVUE This is the 40th Anniversary of the Summer Recital Series in the Northland, and we are blessed to have organists who perform from Our Savior's Lutheran. The Recitals are every Wednesday (except July 3rd) at 12 noon, and most places provide a light lunch after for a \$10 donation. The recitals are approximately 30 minutes and are free and open to the public. Donations can be given for the Claribel Hamilton Organ Scholarship Fund.

FRESH PRODUCE The Hansen Country Produce Stand will be here **Wednesday, July 3rd!**

RADIO SPONSORSHIP 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 TAKING PLACE IN CHURCH THIS WEEK:

- 7/2 1PM, WELCA BIBLE STUDY FIRESIDE ROOM
- 7/3 HANSEN'S COUNTRY HARVEST PRODUCE STAND WILL BE HERE!
- 7/4 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY TO ALL, HAVE A SAFE & ENJOYABLE DAY!
- 7/4 & 7/5 CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED, CALL IF YOU NEED ANYTHING 218-741-6207

NEW/UPCOMING!

- 7/9 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING, 10AM, FIRESIDE ROOM
- 7/9 5:30PM FUN-DUH-MENTALS BIBLE STUDY FIRESIDE
- 7/10 9AM – 2/3PM QUILTING FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 7/10 6-8PM YOUTH GROUP WEDNESDAY IN THE OSLC COURTYARD
- 7/13 9AM – 12PM FREE COMMUNITY WIDE BREAKFAST HERE @ OSLC
- 7/31 FUN NIGHT @ OSLC, and 8/28 @ GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN

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COME JOIN US

YOUTH GROUP WEDNESDAYS
6-8PM
JUNE 5TH
JULY 10TH
AUG. 7TH

All Ages are invited
Come join the Youth for games, snacks, a bonfire & short worship time in the OSLC Courtyard!



ORGANS IN REVUE SUMMER RECITAL SERIES
40TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

All recitals are at 12pm, Wednesdays, and are free. Donations are accepted for the Claribel Hamilton Organ Scholarship fund. A lunch is usually served after for \$10.

JULY 10-Tom Hamilton, Hibbing High School (no recital July 3)

JULY 17-Lanae Ronchetti, St. Jame's Episcopal Church, Hibbing

JULY 24-Amy Szumal, Faith United Lutheran Church, Iron

JULY 31-Brian Kapp, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Hibbing

**More to come. At OSLC: Kristen Weikum, Aug. 14*

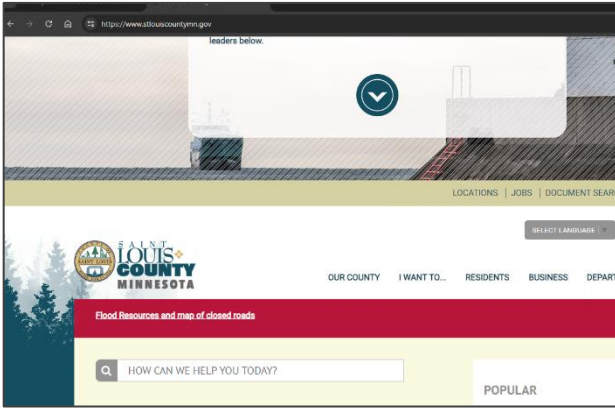
Watch the bulletin and weekly emails for VBS needs & planning meetings!

Vacation Bible School
Gethsemane, Messiah, and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches

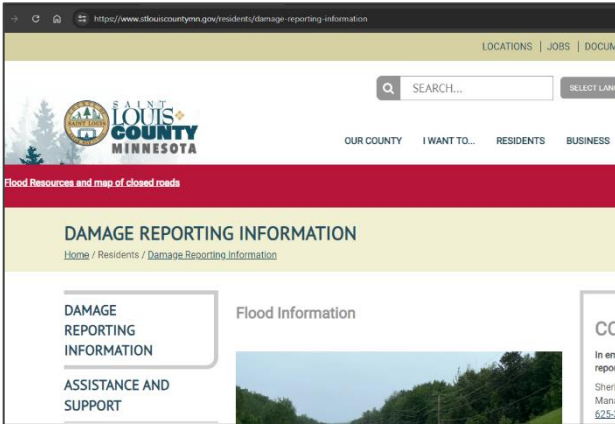


RIVER OF Life

August 4th - 7th
5 - 8 pm
Includes Dinner!
at Our Savior's



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Click on “Damage Reporting Information” on the left with the gray bar around it, then scroll down that page to see “Current road closures” and “Private Property Damage Report form” and other important flood information:

Current Road Closures

Information for property owners:
Tips to protect yourself and your property before, during and after a flood: [Floods | Ready.gov](https://www.floods.gov)

If your property sustains **structural damage** due to flooding, you may be eligible for some property tax relief. Please fill out the damage report form (link below) so our Assessor's Department has record of it and can schedule a visit to inspect. Be aware that damage to personal property, such as docks, vehicles, or watercraft, is not eligible for relief.

Private Property Damage Report Form (arcgis.com)

If you have a **septic system**, here's guidance from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on what to do before, during and after a flood: [What to do with](#)