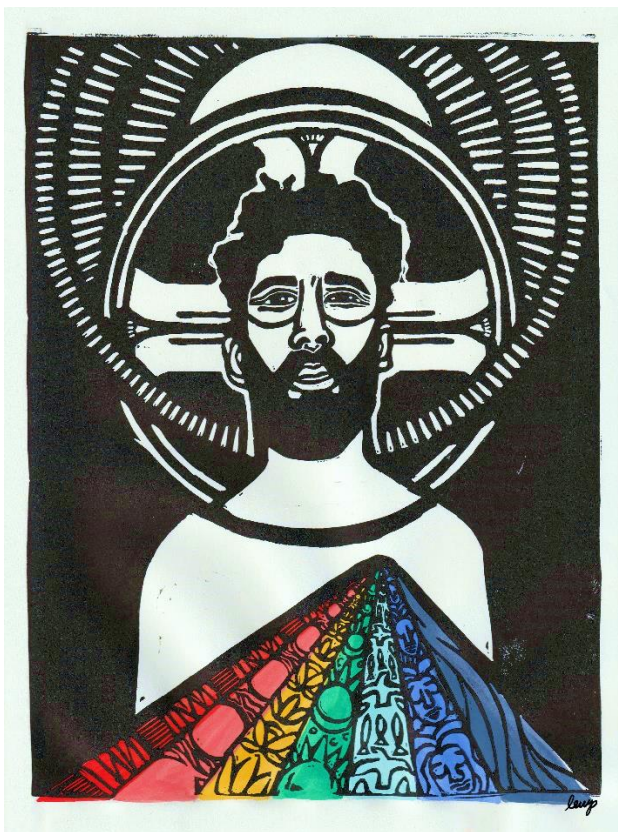


**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



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



**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**

*You Servants of God*

**ELW 825**

**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 ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

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

**Psalm 130 NIV**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

<sup>2</sup> **Lord, hear my voice.**

**Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

<sup>3</sup> If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,

Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> **But with you there is forgiveness,**

**so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,

and in God's word I put my hope.

<sup>6</sup> **I wait for the Lord more than guards wait for the morning,**

**more than sentries wait for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> Israel, put your hope in the LORD,

for with the LORD is unfailing love and full redemption.

<sup>8</sup> **God will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
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**GOSPEL: Mark 3: 19b-35** The Holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then [Jesus] went home;<sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ...

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus' mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

**CHILDREN'S TIME****SERMON**

Pastor Ellen Taube

**HYMN OF THE DAY***God of Grace and God of Glory*

ELW 705

## 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 flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain'. The lyrics are: '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.'

**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**

**Generous God, we receive your blessings with grateful hearts. The gifts we shared, like our vibrant community, reflect diverse journeys and unyielding faith. May generosity flow beyond these offerings into open hearts, listening ears, and fierce love for all. Bless our community where every voice finds its song. 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-memorizing 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**

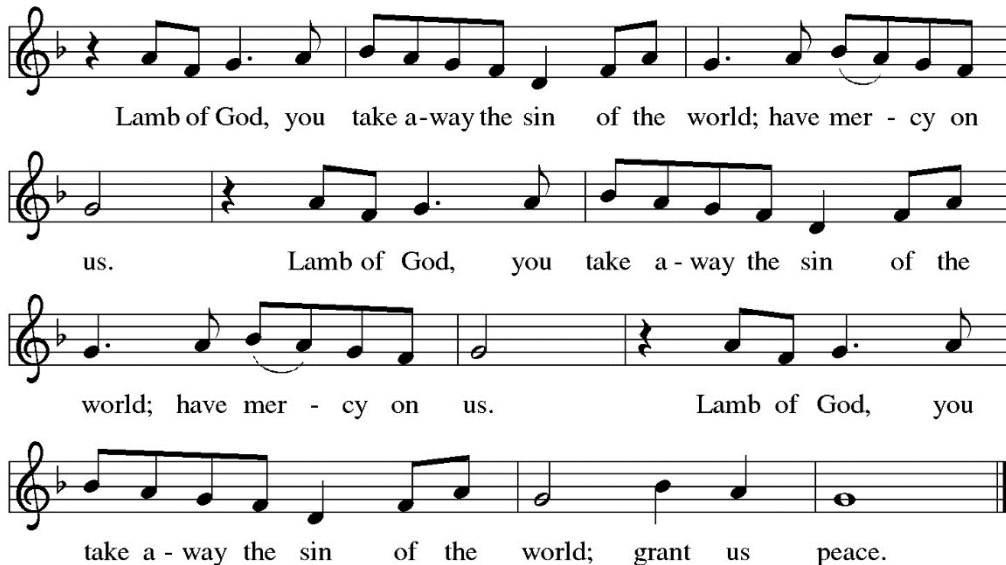
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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

*When Peace like a river*

ELW 785

## 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.

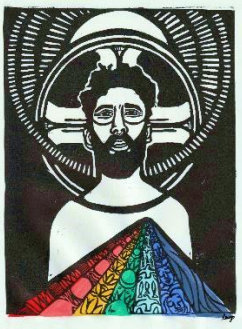
Go now in the peace of God, the love of Christ, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

**Kristen Weikum**



*Cover Art description:*

*Through Him, All Things by Lauren Wright Pittman*

*Block print with oil-based ink over gouache painting*

As I created this piece, I thought about a prism. I remember the first time I used this seemingly magical, transparent stone. I held it to the light, which I could not see, and to my surprise the light was broken down into the vibrant colors of a rainbow. It was natural for me to think the stone was creating something that wasn't there, but this medium revealed the complex truth that light is in fact made up of all the colors in existence.

In my image, Jesus is a prism. The light that is life that comes from the Creator shines through Jesus, and it is through him that we can see the fullness and beauty of who God is. It is through him that all of Creation came into being. I decided to paint the colors of the rainbow in the order I learned as a child: ROYGBIV.1 It was when picking paints that I realized there are seven colors in a simplified rainbow, and there are also seven days of Creation. In this block carving, each of the days of Creation is referenced through simplified patterning in each of the colors of the rainbow. It is through Christ that all things came to being, and it is through him that we experience the abounding saturation of God, who chose to dwell among us.

Like light through a prism, the glory of God refracts through the multifaceted life of each and every human being, creating a picture of the divine that is as varied and beautiful as there are colors in existence. In this image, the rainbow also echoes the full spectrum of humanity and celebrates the image of God that is present—not only in every human, but in every facet of Creation. —Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

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*Communion Liturgy by Meta Herrick Carlson*

### **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. Call Janet Heglund 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.**



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



## Announcements

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### June 9th, 2024

**COMBINED "SUMMER FUN NIGHTS"** Open to all - so plan on inviting a friend or neighbor! Summer Fun Nights take place at the end of each month. We are taking turns hosting these events and the first one will be at Messiah Lutheran, June 28<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm. The next will be here at OSLC July 31<sup>st</sup> and Gethsemane Lutheran will host August 28<sup>th</sup>. *\*Youth Group Fun Night was fun despite the rain and wind! Games and food were inside with hotdogs and snacks – Join us again Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>!*

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** A chance to "Build with the Bishop" is coming up with Habitat for Humanity in Hibbing, June 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am! Talk to Judy Peliska if you are interested in joining and want the details.

**VBS PLANNING MEETING Tues., June 25<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm.** Join us if you are interested in volunteering in any way. Maybe you are a "behind the scenes" person who would rather help with decorating or serving food, or, maybe you would like to organize crafts, help with games, the music or story time. There are a lot of opportunities to serve our youngest; please consider! The meeting is after the Fun-duh-mentals Bible Study (Fireside Room). Talk with Tamera if you are unable to attend but would like to help in some way.

**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.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP Today's broadcast is sponsored by John & Diane Eloffson in honor of family & friends.** 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.**

**\*THE NEXT WELCA BOARD MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE WED. JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 9AM, INSTEAD OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> (the date for the calendar in the newsletter is incorrect).**

**EVENTS & MEETINGS TAKING PLACE IN CHURCH THIS WEEK:**

6/10 6PM BOY SCOUTS, FELLOWSHIP HALL

6/11 5:30PM FUN-DU-MENTALS BIBLE STUDY, FIRESIDE RM

6/12 9AM WELCA BOARD MEETING IN THE FIRESIDE RM, AND QUILTING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

6/12 5PM CHOIR PRACTICE

**NEW/UPCOMING!**

6/19 5PM CHOIR PRACTICE FOR JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup> WORSHIP

6/26 6-8PM SUMMER FUN NIGHT@ MESSIAH LUTHERAN: 7/31 @ OSLC, and 8/28 @ GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN

7/3 HANSEN'S COUNTRY HARVEST PRODUCE STAND WILL BE HERE!

7/9 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING, 10AM, FIRESIDE ROOM

7/10 & 8/7 6-8PM YOUTH GROUP WEDNESDAYS IN THE OSLC COURTYARD

Join us for  
**SUMMER FUN NIGHTS**  
6-8pm

MESSIAH JUNE 26TH	OUR SAVIOR'S JULY 31ST	GETHSEMANE AUGUST 28TH
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COME JOIN US

**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

**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!

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**ORGANS IN REVUE SUMMER RECITAL SERIES 40<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY!**

All recitals are at 12pm, and are free. *Donations are accepted for the Claribel Hamilton Organ Scholarship fund. A lunch is usually served after for \$10. JUNE'S RECITALS ARE:*

**JUNE 12**, Vicki Gornick at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Chisolm  
**JUNE 19**, Justin Rubin, Hibbing High School Auditorium  
**JUNE 26**, Variety Program, Our Savior's Lutheran in Hibbing

*\*More to come in July & August: At OSLC, Kristen Weikum,*