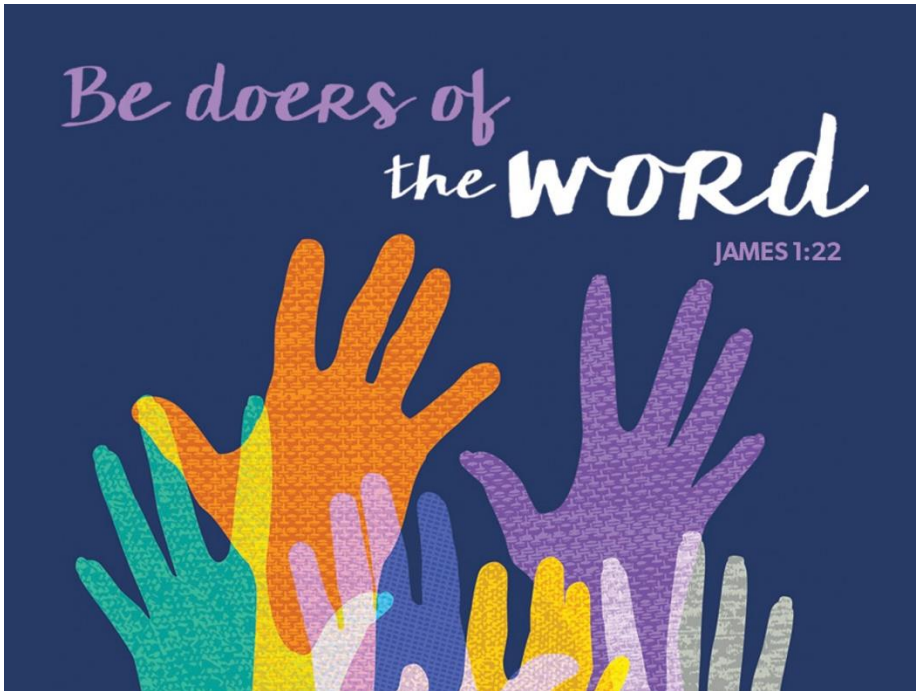
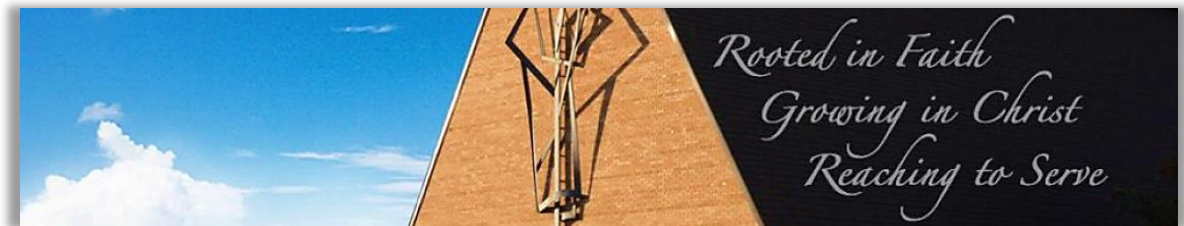


**15th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**



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



**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day the Lord has made, **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,**

**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**ELW 879**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is

whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

### **SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

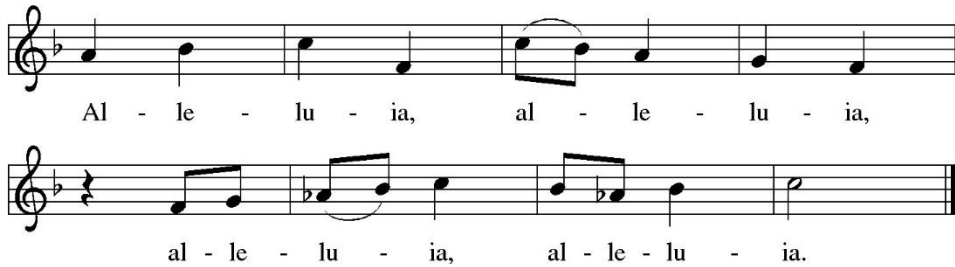
<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

## SERMON

Pastor Ellen Taube

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

ELW 818

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God’s good creation, and all who are in need.

*Respond in bold type to each petition: “Merciful God, receive our prayer.”*

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

Thank you for your continued financial support of OSLC! Whether you join us in person or online, the ministry and missions of Our Savior's depend on faithful giving. + online links can be found by accessing our website at

<https://www.oslcmn.com/>



+ Using the QR code found here:

+ Contacting the church office to set up regular automatic giving

+ Dropping off or mailing in your offering

### OFFERING PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.**

**By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** 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

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God. All are welcome!

### 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.

## TABLE BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*

ELW 534

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Mark Ongalo

*“We finally meet one another,  
not in our agreements or disagreements,  
but at the foot of the + cross,  
where God is faithful,  
where Christ is present with us,  
and where, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we are one in Christ.”*

*-Reverend Mark Hanson, previous Presiding Bishop*

**WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Ryder, Deb, Luddy, Bruce & family, Andrew T., Sharon P., Sue, Tyler, Gerilyn, Andrew, Alexandria, Diane, Courtney, people impacted by the flooding, the people of Guatemala, Jill & husband, Amelia, Archer, Kim, Gordy, Sarah, Nancy, Jarie, Nicole, Thomas, Kathy M., Pastor Erika, Phyllis, Roya, Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas). Laurie, Amy, Colton, Wally, Deb, Adeline, Tedd, Ed & Karen, Ralph, Chuck, Sue, Mike, Matt. 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.**

### **CONTACT US**

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YouTube Page "Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Virginia MN Office"

### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

Colleen & Pastor will be off Tues., Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> for the holiday

**There will be times we're away from the office doing errands, for this reason, please call ahead if you plan on coming to the church or need assistance!**

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

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

Call @ 218-780-8907

or email at [lizcheney44@gmail.com](mailto:lizcheney44@gmail.com)

### **STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Liz Cheney

**Secretary:** Colleen Brown Jacobson

**Bookkeeper:** Carole Rutka

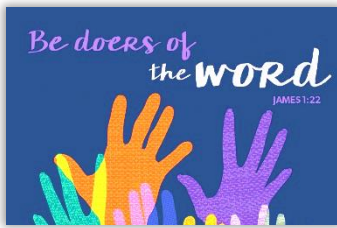
**Custodian:** Steve Gagnon

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



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God's work. Our hands.



## Announcements

### 15th Sunday after Pentecost

### August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**WELCOME SUNDAY, September 15<sup>th</sup>** Join us for a fun worship service where we will be handing out **Bibles** to our 3 year olds, 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders and Confirmation students. We'll also be doing **"Blessing of the Backpacks"** and **"Our Hands!"** And finally, we will welcome in the folks that have officially made Our Savior's their home congregation through **membership**. If you have questions please contact Pastor Liz! See you in worship on September 15<sup>th</sup> - and remember your backpacks & work bags!

**ELCA-50 YEARS OF WORLD HUNGER** We are celebrating the last 50 years joined together as Lutherans in support of the ministry "World Hunger." Our Synod has a goal of raising \$500,000 the next 3 yrs for ELCA World Hunger! There are special envelopes in the back of the sanctuary to use if you would like to provide a gift toward this amazing ministry. You can learn more online about *World Hunger*, watch videos, and ways to give at [ELCA.org/WH50](http://ELCA.org/WH50).

**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, and Coffee serving.** 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.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** **The Broadcast is sponsored by Don Hansen of the Hansen Country Harvest Stand today – thank you Don!** 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.**



Introducing **L.I.F.T.** = Living (Learning, Loving) In Faith Together, Gethsemane, Messiah & Our Savior's **Faith Formation Program** for Grades 4-12.

**September 18<sup>th</sup> - L.I.F.T. Kick-Off Campfire**, get to know you, and games here at Our Savior's from 6-8PM

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> – L.I.F.T.** begins at Our Savior's (and Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>).

**The evening schedule will look like:**

6-6:30 meal served for youth and adults

6:30 – 6:45 Worship

6:45 – 7:50 Groups

7:50 – 8:00 wrap up together



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

\*The Church Office will be closed Tuesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> for the holiday, and open Wed., Thurs., and Fri.

9/4 9:30AM QUILTING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

9/4 3:30 PM FINANCE

9/5 12:30-2:00PM PEO GROUP WILL BE MEETING IN OUR FIRESIDE ROOM



Educational Forum  
Wednesday, September 25, 6:30pm  
Messiah Lutheran Church

**How an American and Lutheran Christian  
Might View the War in Gaza and Israel**

As we approach the milestone of a year of war in Gaza and Israel, Pastor Mark Holman, Pastor Laura Mills Anderson, and Bjørn Anderson will be sharing a bit of their respective experiences living and serving in the Holy Land. During this presentation, we will get an overview of the conflict, some history of the Holy Land, and perspective on how Christian Lutherans might view the war and how we as people of faith can advocate for peace and justice for all people in the Holy Land.

**COMMUNITY-WIDE  
BREAKFAST**

**Free!**

**SEPT. 14TH  
9AM - 12PM**

A stack of pancakes with a pat of butter melting on top, served on a white plate.

Messiah Lutheran Church  
invites you to join us for

**Community  
Night**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024  
4:00-6:30PM**

COME FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN!  
ALL ARE WELCOME FOR THIS COMMUNITY EVENT!

A FREE MEAL WILL BE SERVED.  
YOU MAY TAKE IT TO GO OR STAY AND ENJOY A  
BEAUTIFUL FALL EVENING!

THERE WILL BE MUSIC, YARD GAMES, A BONFIRE,  
AND TIME FOR COMMUNITY CONNECTION &  
CONVERSATION.

BRING A FRIEND (OR TWO!)  
NO COST!

Messiah Lutheran Church  
8590 Enterprise Drive South  
Mountain Iron, MN 55768

Please join us for a...

**Women's Potluck Luncheon & Auction**  
Hosted by Messiah Lutheran Church's Care Team

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024  
11:30 a.m.**  
**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
8590 Enterprise Drive South, Mountain Iron

Bring a dish to share and a wrapped white elephant gift for the auction.  
A wrapped item can be something new, used or unique.  
The fun is not knowing what you are bidding on!

Prior to the white elephant auction, Claudia Skalko will give a brief presentation on Project Care. Project Care offers medical services to those that are uninsured or underinsured.

Proceeds from the auction will benefit Project Care.

Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship, food, and fun!