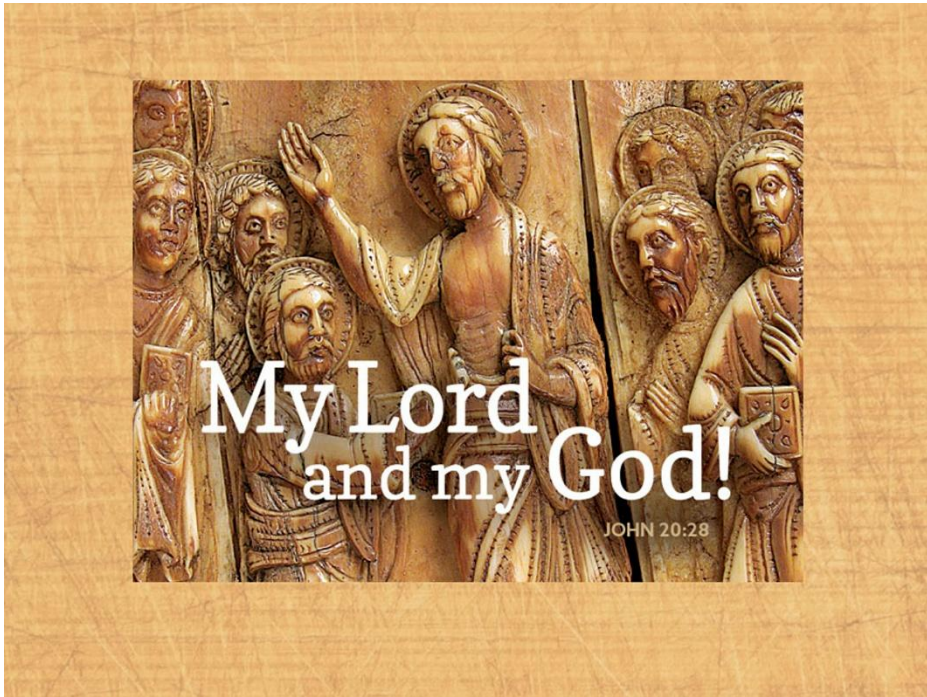


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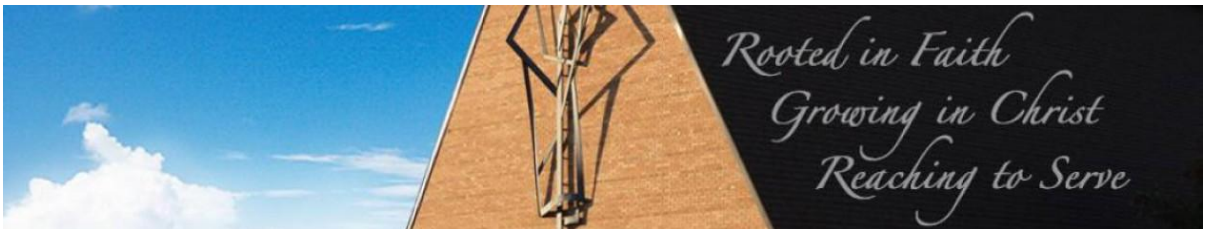
Second Sunday of Easter



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



PRELUDE

Kris Weikum, Organist

GREETING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of † the One
who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified
and Risen One. **Amen.**

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

Refrain



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and

refrain



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of

Refrain



God; to make all things new.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live,**

and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ “This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**

and you have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the LORD has this been done;**

it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ **Hosanna! O LORD, save us!**

We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;

we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ **The LORD is God and has given us light.**

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you;

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;**

God’s mercy endures forever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says ⁸ the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Celtic Alleluia*

ELW #174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
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GOSPEL: John 20:19-31. The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia!

ELW 369

APOSTLE'S 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 INTERCESSION God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Please respond to each petition (in bold): *Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.***

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.

OFFERING Thank you for your continued financial support of OSLC! Whether you join us in person or online, the ministry & missions of Our Savior's depend on faithful giving. You can give the following ways:

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- + 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 Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Spoken:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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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

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. All are welcome.

COMMUNION HYMNS

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Living One in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

BLESSING

The Triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Good Christian Friends Rejoice, and Sing!

ELW 385

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Kris Weikum, Organist

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WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Aaron, Shawn, Nicole (cancer), Gayla-heart, Steve-cancer, Carol, Sarah, Brandy, Rick-on life support, Jan, Tom, Lynn M., Aubie (needs kidney transplant), Archer, Sharon, Mary (lung & bone cancer), Debbie (community, cancer), Leanne, Addy, Sharon P., Ross-(needs transplant of kidneys & pancreas), Deb, Cliff, Lorraine M., Eric, Kyle, Pr. Art, Bob D, Mark O., Janet, John W., Shannon P., Luddy, Gerilyn, Jarie, Phyllis, Wally, Tedd, Ralph, Chuck, Sue. ***Call Janet Heglund @ 218-749-6143 for prayer needs- the prayer chain leader January through June.***

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 ADMIN HOURS 9AM - 5PM, TUESDAY- FRIDAY

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

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Announcements

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27th, 2025

CLOTHING SALE Thank you to all who helped prep the church and set up for the sale, you out-did yourselves this year! And thank you to all who helped clean afterwards. We appreciate everyone's donations and hard work for a successful sale that will benefit many local organizations.

CHORALAIRES SPRING CONCERT The concert will be here **today at 2:00 pm**. You are welcome to join a few of us in the kitchen preparing coffee & cookies after the concert.

L.I.F.T. YOUTH Our Wednesday Youth & Confirmation Program is **this week, Apr. 30th** at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Dinner starts at 6pm, programing is at 6:30, and we wrap it up with worship at 7:45. Talk to Pastor if you have a child who has not attended but is interested- you are welcome to attend!

OSLC SCHOLARSHIP The deadline for Our Savior's Scholarship is **April 30th**. Please call or talk to Pastor Liz (218-780-8907). And mark the date for our **Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner on Thursday, May 8th**.

BUDDY BACKPACKS @ UNITED WAY There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for helping with Buddy Backpacks **Wed., Apr. 30th, 4:30-6pm** with Gethsemane Lutheran Church, or you can just call Bunny at Gethsemane, 218-741-4961. This is a fun event and outreach to be a part of, join us!

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER DINNER Join us for another fun night at OSLC with a full dinner & entertainment! **Thurs., May 8th, 5:50-7:30pm**. The menu includes Roast Beef Sandwiches with mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, dinner roll & dessert. The "No Notes" will be playing for us as well!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION **Sunday, May 18th** we will recognize our Graduates during worship. Stay after for coffee & cake and wish our Graduates many blessings for the years ahead.

NEW MEMBERS We will also celebrate New Members to OSLC on Sunday, **May 18th**. Make sure to introduce yourself after worship & during coffee & cake.

JOINT OUTDOOR WORSHIP Join Gethsemane Lutheran, Messiah Lutheran and Our Savior's as we worship together, **Sunday, May 25th at 10am**. The venue will be at the Kline-Cuppoletti Building by the lake as it was last year: 100 N. 9th Avenue. There will be a picnic lunch after; bring your own beverage. There are chairs at the site, but bring your favorite camping chair if you prefer. Invite friends & family to join us.

WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP If you're 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, you may do so any amount you choose from \$25 - \$100. The funds will be used to keep our new sound system and electronic equipment up to date and functioning. **The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.**

THIS WEEK @ OSLC:

4/27 2PM CHORALAIRES CONCERT

4/28 6PM BOY SCOUTS

4/29 12:30PM "FUNDUHMENTALS" STUDY

4/30 9AM-2PM QUILTING

12PM-3PM COMMUNITY CLOSET

4:30-6PM BUDDY BACKPACKS

6PM L.I.F.T @ GETHSEMANE

Community CLOSET

WEDNESDAYS 12PM – 3PM
IN APRIL WE'RE COLLECTING:



IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE,
PLEASE CALL PASTOR ABOUT HELPING WITH
OUR COMMUNITY CLOSET NOW & THEN,
WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU JOIN US!

We've noticed a need for:

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Progresso Soup
- Jar spaghetti sauce
- Cans of tuna
- Body wash(adult & kids)
- Deodorant
- Shampoo (adult & kids)

Help us pack Buddy Backpacks!

4:30-6 pm Wednesday
April 30th at United Way of NE MN

**BUDDY
BACKPACKS**

United Way of NE MN's program feeds 900+ local children at-risk of hunger every weekend and holiday break of the school year. The organization requires all volunteers for Buddy Backpacks be 12+ and requests volunteers wear comfortable shoes.

We are joining
Gethsemane Lutheran
Church's team!
APRIL 30TH, 4:30-6PM
United Way in Chisholm
Please call Bunny at
Gethsemane to sign-up
218-741-4961

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL DINNER TO BENEFIT
OSLC'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

WHERE OSLC FELLOWSHIP HALL

WHEN THURSDAY, MAY 8TH, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

MENU VARIOUS SNACKS, HOT ROAST BEEF SANDWICH
WITH MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, GREEN BEANS,
DINNER ROLL & DESSERT

ENJOY LIVE MUSIC WITH THE "NO NOTES"
WEAR YOUR ALMA MATER APPAREL!



GRADUATE
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IS SUNDAY, MAY 18TH



SUNDAY, MAY 25, 10AM

JOINT OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

OUTDOORS AT THE KLINE-CUPPOLETTI BUILDING
100 N 9TH AVE, VIRGINIA

JOIN GETHSEMANE, MESSIAH, AND OUR
SAVIOR'S FOR WORSHIP TOGETHER ON
SUNDAY, MAY 25 AT 10AM.

A PICNIC LUNCH WILL FOLLOW
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE.

RAIN LOCATION:
GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!



WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR
NEW MEMBERS
SUNDAY, MAY 18th

