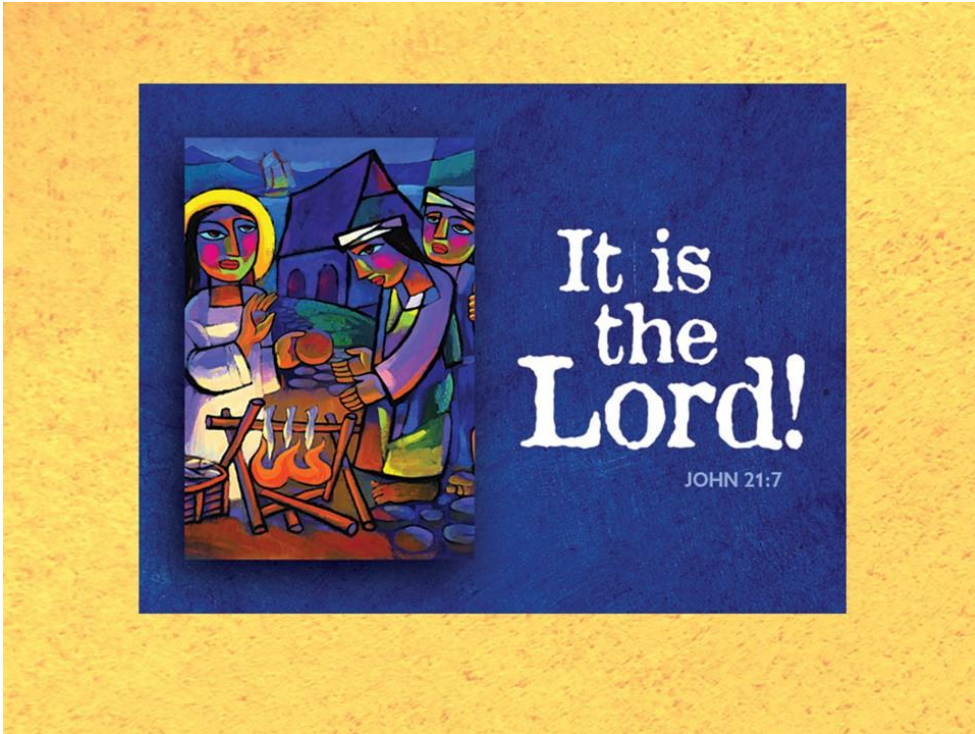


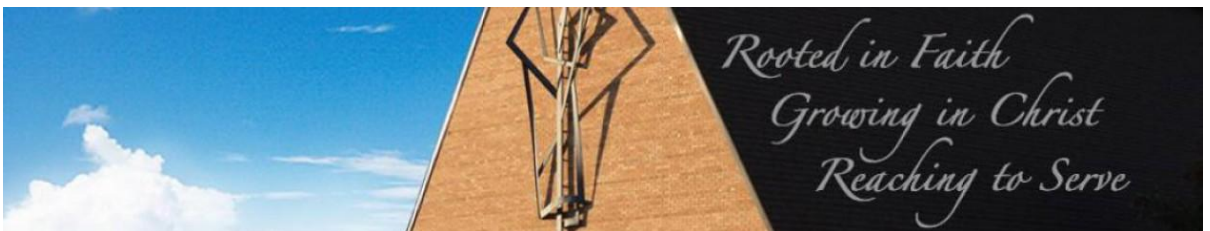
Sunday, May 4th, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



GREETING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

ELW 817

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

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 - 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 Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-20

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in

a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.”¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 30

¹ I 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.**

³ You 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.**

⁵ God’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.**

⁷ You, 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.”**

¹¹ You 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: Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Celtic Alleluia*

ELW #174



GOSPEL: John 21:1-19. The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.” ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Kristin Foster

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379

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:

- + 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 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. **pg. 191**

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

In the Singing **ELW 466**

I Love to Tell the Story **ELW 661**

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

Alleluia! Sing To Jesus

ELW 392

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

Jen Fredrickson, Pianist

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: CLOSED MONDAYS. TUESDAY– FRIDAY, 9AM – 5PM.

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

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Announcements

Second Sunday of Easter

May 4th, 2025

LIFT YOUTH Our L.I.F.T. Youth & Confirmation Program will be held this Wednesday, May 7th, May 14th, and wrapping up May 21st with a night of Mini-Golf. **We will be meeting 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!

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER DINNER Join us for another fun night at OSLC with a full dinner & entertainment! This **Thursday, May 8th, 5:30-7:30pm**. 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!

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST & CLOSET Open next Saturday, **May 10th, 9am-12pm**. Come join us for a new Breakfast Tradition with friends & family, or to help out.

CAMP VERMILION WORK-DAY VLM needs our help! Bring your family, a group of congregants, or come alone, we need your help to get Camp Vermilion ready for the summer! In just a month our camp will be bustling with campers, but we’ve got a lot of work to do to get It ready first. **Camp Vermilion Work Day is: May 10 9am-2pm (come for as long as you’re able)**. To RSVP go to: www.vlmcamps.org/events, or email them at vlm@vlmcamps.org, or call the Duluth office at **218-481-9080**.

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.

COMMUNITY CLOSET We have a new list of items that we commonly run out of if you would like to donate toward (see image on the back). Monetary donations are to be designated to the “Good Samaritan Fund.” Thank you for helping!

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:

- 5/5 11AM VBS MTG AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN
- 5/5 6PM BOY SCOUTS
- 5/6 11:15AM (TIME CHANGE FOR TODAY ONLY)
"FUN-DUH-MENTALS" STUDY FIRESIDE
- 5/6 1PM WELCA BIBLE STUDY FIRESIDE
- 5/7 9AM-2PM QUILTING
- 5/7 11AM FINANCE IN FIRESIDE
- 5/7 12-3PM C.CLOSET OPEN
- 5/7 6-8PM LIFT @ GELC

5/8 5:30-7:30PM SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER
DINNER HERE!

5/10 9AM-2PM WORK-DAY CAMP VERMILION

5/10 9AM-12PM COMM.BREAKFAST & C.CLOSET

5/11 *Happy Mother's Day!*



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 RECOGNITION IS SUNDAY, MAY 18TH



WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY, MAY 18th

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)

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:
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ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!

