

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th, 2025

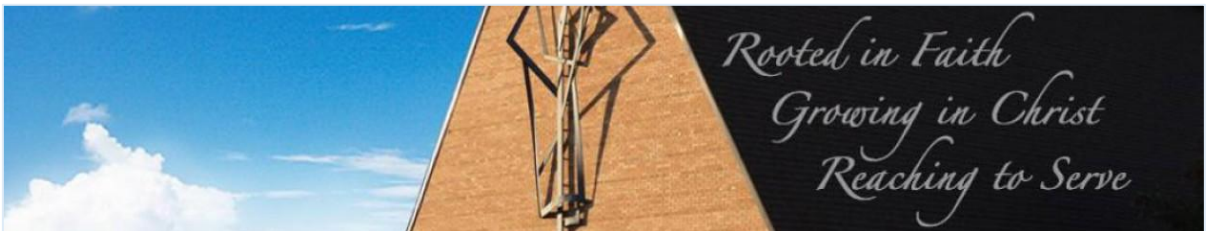
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

ELW 436

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

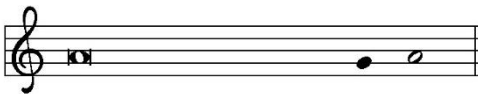
You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith.

In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



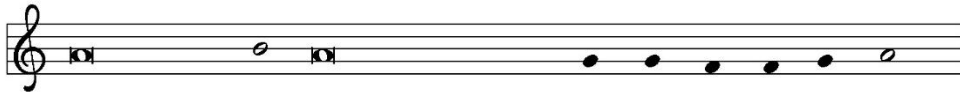
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**

- ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- ¹⁷ **The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**
- ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- ¹⁹ **to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**
- ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.
- ²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**
- ²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40. The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

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APOSTLES CREED

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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 In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world...

**Response after each petition: (Pastor or Worship Assistant) “God of grace,” (All) “Hear our prayer.”*

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 Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

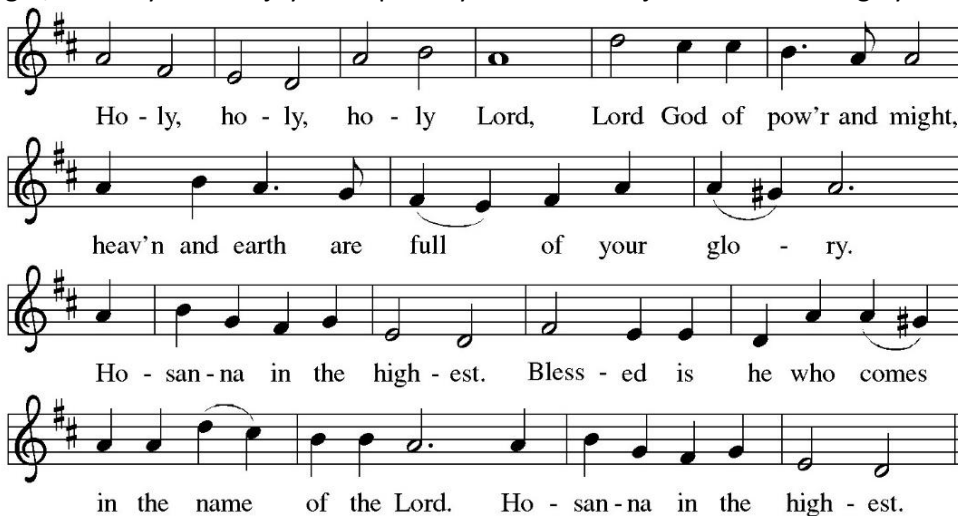
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

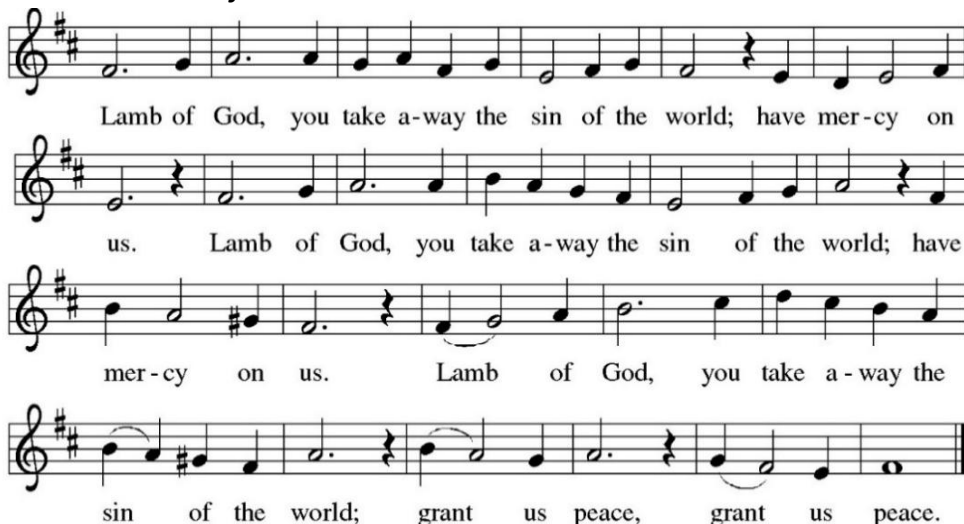
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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice. All are welcome.

COMMUNION HYMNS *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, grant us peace.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW 632

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Jennifer Fredrickson, Pianist

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Community members with cancer: Dan, Gary, Steve, Jan. Rick & Betsy, Gordon, Ross (post-transplant surgery), Doug, Doris, Shari, Anna, Jeanette, Aaron, Shawn, Nicole, Gayla-heart, Sarah, Brandy, Rick, Janet, Tom, Lynn M., Archer, Sharon, Mary (lung & bone cancer), Debbie (community, cancer), Leanne, Addy, Deb, Cliff, Lorraine M., Eric, Kyle, Pr. Art, Bob D, Mark O., Janet, John W., Luddy, Gerilyn, 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.

CONTACT US

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OFFICE ADMIN HOURS: CLOSED MONDAYS & HOLIDAYS.

OPEN 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

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

Call @ 218-780-8907 or email at lizcheney44@gmail.com

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Liz Cheney

Secretary: Colleen Brown Jacobson

Bookkeeper: Carole Rutka

Custodian: Steve Gagnon



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God's work. Our hands.

Community Closet Challenge

Thank you for participating in our challenge, it's been helping!

We're listing affordable items in the bulletin
for what works best in the Community Closet,
and what is most needed for the week.

Our part of the challenge will be finding where these items are on sale
& listing them in the bulletin, and your part of the challenge can be
deciding what's easiest for you to donate.

The weekly **closet challenge** items will cost \$10.00 and under.

1. BONELESS SMALL SHOULDER PORK-ROASTS ARE \$1.97/LB @ SUPER ONE

2 would cost under \$10

2. CANTALOUPE IS \$.77/LB AT SUPER ONE

1-3 cantaloupes would be under \$10

3. BABY CARROTS IN 1 LB BAGS @ SUPER ONE

\$1.97 each, 5 for \$9.85

4. SLICED OR BLOCK CHEESE AT WALMART

\$1.97 each, 8oz slices/block, 5 for \$9.85

5. SPAGHETTI SAUCE IN JARS, 24oz @ WALMART

\$1.67 each, 5 for \$8.35

6. CHEF BOYARDEE MEALS IN 14/15 OZ CANS @ WALMART

\$1.00 each/ 10 for \$10

*You're always welcome to shop at your favorite store,
and buy the food & brands you prefer if it's more convenient.
Items that are always in need, regardless of our challenge list are:*



**VBS IS TODAY! YOU CAN
REGISTER THERE AT 5PM**

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
OFF 169 BY THE MT. IRON SCHOOL**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 10, 2025

SUMMER FUN NIGHTS The next Summer Fun Night will be at Messiah Lutheran Aug. 27th at 6pm with a band, snacks and fun in their courtyard (indoors if raining).

ESCAPE ROOM 2025 *Mayhem at the "Life of Moses" Museum!* Your mission is to figure out 10 fun facts about Moses in 1 hour... you can go through it today after worship - talk to Tamera!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VBS will be held at Messiah Lutheran- supported by Messiah, OSLC, and Gethsemane Lutheran, with VLM staff. **You can show up there & register! Today 5-8pm, through Wed., Aug. 13, 5pm – 8pm.** Grades K – 6 are invited. A community meal & worship will be held for all, with a campfire, crafts & nature time for the kids!

SPAGHETTI DINNER Our local Boy Scouts Troop is holding a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser this coming Friday, Aug. 15th, 4-8pm. You are invited- bring family & friends!

MEET THE MISSIONARIES FROM RECYCLED LIVES AND GUATEMALA! **SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH** Shawn and Brad Johson from Recycled Lives will be here with friends Perlita and Saul from Guatemala for a time to eat, meet and greet! **Light lunch will be served from 11:15-12:00 and at 12:00 Shawn will provide an update** and offer a question and answer time about Recycled Lives and the work done in Guatemala.

YOUTH-LED WORSHIP MEETING If you are interested in being a part of the Youth-Led Worship on **Sept. 7th**, join Pastor for a quick meeting Sunday, **Aug. 24th after Worship. All children & youth invited.**

SAVE THE DATE! **Choir will resume Wednesday, Sept. 3rd at 6:15pm.** Please join us for a time of devotion, singing, and learning together! Calling all singers current choir, past choir members and NEW choir members! Jim De Foe will be directing the choir, come and meet him and consider singing in the choir! Time doesn't work for you ~ talk with Jim.

LIFT BEGINS SEPT. 17TH! All youth grades 3-12th are invited, we have a group (and Confirmation) for all ages. Dinner is at 6pm, Groups begin at 6:30, and Worship at 7:45pm.

WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP If you're interested in sponsoring Livestream & local TV Broadcast 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 up to date. Sign-up is on the kiosk.

PHOTO DIRECTORY TIME SAVE THE DATES: We will be working on a new photo directory as the last one was done in 2017. **The photo dates are October 6, 7, 8 from 2-8PM each day.** If you are interested on being on the directory planning team please see Pastor Liz

THIS WEEK @ OSLC:

- 8/10 9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP, **VBS @ MLC STARTS AT 5PM, RUNS UNTIL 8PM**
- 8/11 1PM ORGAN PRACTICE, VBS 5PM-8PM, 6PM BOY SCOUTS, 7PM CUB SCOUTS MTG
- 8/12 9:30AM WELCA MTG, 11AM FINANCE, VBS 5PM-8PM

- 8/13 9AM-2PM QUILTING, 11AM COUNCIL MTG, 12PM-3PM COMMUNITY CLOSET, VBS 5PM-8PM
- 8/15 4-8PM **BOYSCOUTS SPAGHETTI DINNER- FUNDRAISER**
***SANCTUARY: ORGAN PRACTICE 1PM- MON.- FRI.THIS WEEK**

Save the Date!
SUMMER FUN NIGHTS
4th Wednesday of the Month, 6:00pm
Join Gethsemane, Our Savior's, and Messiah Lutheran Churches as we gather monthly for fun and fellowship! All are invited to join!
The Next Fun Night will be Aug. 27th at Messiah Lutheran Church
Food, a band, and fun activities for all ages!

Use this convenient QR Code to contribute to OSLC.
Thank you for being a part of the ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.




Community Closet Wednesdays 12pm - 3pm
2nd Saturday 9am - 11:30am




Coming Soon!
CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY
Please plan to be part of our New Directory!
It won't be complete without you!
Each "family" photographed receives a free 8x10 portrait AND a free directory!
Our Photography Dates are:
Monday - Wednesday, October 6 - 8
Sign-Ups Begin in August! More Information Coming Soon!



 Join us for a quick meeting Aug. 24th after Worship to plan the Youth-Led Worship on Sept. 7th!

HANSEN'S COUNTRY PRODUCE STAND is open here Wednesdays – Sundays!
YFC youth will be selling peaches in our lot Aug.14-16. *If you see their orange tent, they are selling peaches, if not, they ran out.*

Meet the missionaries from Recycled Lives and Guatemala!
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Welca Fall FESTIVAL!
AT OUR SAVIOR'S SATURDAY, OCT. 18
9AM - 2PM
Quilted items
Bake & Sweet Shop
Kid's Corner



AUGUST LECTORS
3RD – JEN FREDRICKSON
10TH – SHELLEY SVATOS
17TH – KEVIN BROWN
24TH – NINA KAMPF
31ST – JUDY PELISKA

