

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th, 2025**

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING HYMN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

ELW 858

## 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.**

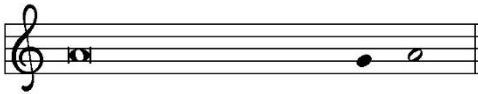
You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

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.



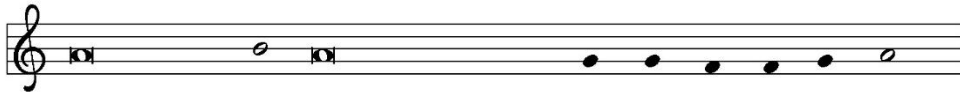
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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** O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14**

<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;

<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

## PSALM: Psalm 103:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> **O LORD, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup> You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17.** The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

## SERMON

*Pastor Liz Cheney*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

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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) "Hear us, O God," (All) "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** 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined or grouped with slurs to indicate phrasing. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody.

### **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 HYMN*****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.

**COMMUNION HYMN*****As We Gather at Your Table*****ELW 522****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*****Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*****ELW 886****DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE*****Kristen Weikum, Organist***

### **WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Mark, Jeff & family, 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, the prayer chain leader @ 218-749-6143 for prayer needs.***

***Or Ginny Ahrlin @ 1-218-749-0056, the text prayer chain leader.***

***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 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](mailto:lizcheney44@gmail.com)

#### **STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Liz Cheney

**Secretary:** Colleen Brown Jacobson

**Bookkeeper:** Carole Rutka

**Custodian:** Steve Gagnon



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# 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.

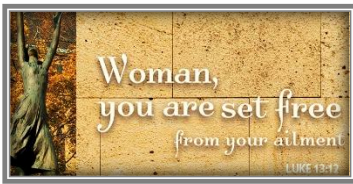
The weekly **closet challenge** items will cost \$10.00 and under.

- 1. SUPER ONE: ESSENTIAL EVERDAY CHEESE SLICES 2 FOR \$5, OR WESTFIELD FARMS CHEESE BLOCKS \$2.22 EA. 4/\$10 or 4/\$8.88**
- 2. 1 PINT BLUEBERRIES OR 1 LB STRAWBERRIES @ SUPER ONE**  
2 for \$6.00
- 3. GREAT VALUE ORIGINAL YOGURT@ WALMART, 4PKS FOR \$2.34**  
4 for \$9.36
- 4. HORMEL "COMPLEATS" READY TO EAT MEALS AT WALMART**  
\$2.28 ea., 4/\$9.12
- 5. CHEF BOYARDEE CANNED MEALS WITH PULL TOP LIDS @ WALMART: RAVIOLIS, SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS, LASAGNA**  
\$1 ea., 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:  
peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce in jars, shampoo & bodywash.*

*Thank you for helping!*





## ANNOUNCEMENTS, AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

**MEET THE MISSIONARIES FROM RECYCLED LIVES AND GUATEMALA** AFTER WORSHIP TODAY! Shawn & Brad Johson from Recycled Lives will be here with friends Perlita and Saul from Guatemala to eat, meet and greet. **Light lunch will be served from 11:15-12:00, at 12:00 Shawn will provide an update,** and Q&A time about Recycled Lives and the work done in Guatemala. Join us in the Fellowship hall!

**YOUTH-LED WORSHIP MEETING** Join Pastor **today after worship** for a quick meeting to plan our Youth led Worship for Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>!

**WELCOME BACK SUNDAY!** Be sure to join us on **Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>** for *“Backpacks, Bibles and Back to School Blessings!”*



**SUMMER FUN NIGHTS** **Don't forget about this Wednesday!** The last Summer Fun Night will be at Messiah Lutheran Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with a band, snacks and fun in their courtyard (indoors if raining).

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Community help: There is a special call out for this **Tuesday, Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>** to frame a new house in Virginia. “All the tools, equipment, and training provided!” Call Habitat 218-749-8910 or 218-780-4594 if interested, or email Tucker, [tucker@nslchfh.org](mailto:tucker@nslchfh.org). Lunch will also be provided.

**SAVE THE DATE!** **Choir will resume Wednesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15pm.** Please join us for a time of devotion, singing, and learning together! Calling all singers: current, past, and NEW choir members! Jim De Foe will be directing the choir, come meet him and consider singing in the choir!

**LIFT BEGINS SEPT. 17<sup>TH</sup>!** All youth grades 3-12<sup>th</sup> are invited- we have a group for all ages & Confirmation. Dinner is at 6pm, Worship is at 6:30 and Groups start at 6:45. The first quarter is held at Messiah Lutheran Church. You're welcome to join us when you're able– please see Pastor Liz for more info.

**PHOTO DIRETORY** **The photography dates are Oct. 6, 7, 8 from 2-8PM.** Please see the insert in the bulletin today to sign up online Monday – Friday. There will also be a table with a sign-up sheet in the narthex on Sundays only if you cannot sign up online.

**WELCA FALL FEST** Join us on Saturday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Fall Festival in the Fellowship Hall. There will be quilted items for sale, a Bake & Sweet Shop, Kids' Corner, etc.

**WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP** **Today's broadcast is anonymously supported in appreciation of the time, effort, and dedication of congregational members who take such great care of our outside areas – mowing, flower gardens, trimmed trees, etc., Specifically, Nathan Lebeque, John & Jane Scherf, and John & Diane Elofson. Thank you.**

If you're interested in sponsoring Livestream and 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 help keep our new sound system up to date for Livestream and local broadcast. Sign up on the kiosk.

**THIS WEEK @ OSLC:**

8/24 9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP, MEET THE MISSIONARIES A PART OF "RECYCLED LIVES"

8/25 6PM BOY SCOUTS

8/27 9AM-2PM QUILTING, 12-3PM COMMUNITY CLOSET, 6PM FAMILY FUN NIGHT @ MESSIAH

\*SANCTUARY: ORGAN PRACTICE 1PM- WED., THURS., FRI.

\*MESABI RANGE YFC WILL BE SELLING COLORADO PEACHES AUG. 28-30, IN THEIR ORANGE TENT OUTSIDE, AND HANSEN'S PRODUCE STAND WILL BE HERE THROUGH THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER.

Use this convenient QR Code to contribute to OSLC.

Thank you for being a part of the ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



# Choir Practice

Calling all returning and new singers for the start of Choir!

Our first practice is

Wed., Sept., 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15pm.

While your child/children are at LIFT, you can join us upstairs!



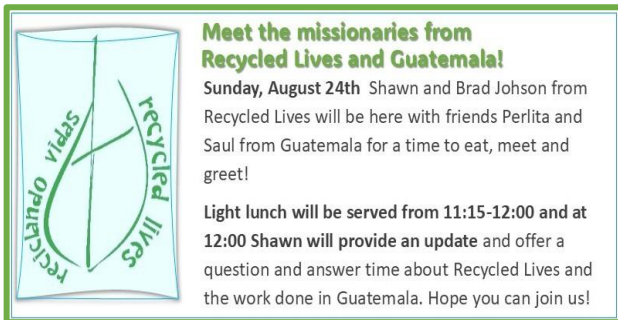
Join us for backpacks, bibles & back to school blessings

**WELCOME BACK SUNDAY SEPT. 7TH**

### Meet the missionaries from Recycled Lives and Guatemala!

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**Save the Date!**

**SUMMER FUN NIGHTS**

4<sup>th</sup> 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. 27<sup>th</sup> at Messiah Lutheran Church

Food, a band, and fun activities for all ages!

**Welca Fall FESTIVAL!**

**AT OUR SAVIOR'S SATURDAY, OCT. 18**

**9AM - 2PM**

Quilted items  
Bake & Sweet Shop  
Kid's Corner

**L.I.F.T.**

LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER

**DINNER AT 6:00**

**WORSHIP @ 6:30**

**GROUPS @ 6:45**

**STARTS SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>!**

**AUGUST LECTORS**

3<sup>RD</sup> – JEN FREDRICKSON

10<sup>TH</sup> – SHELLEY SVATOS

17<sup>TH</sup> – KEVIN BROWN

24<sup>TH</sup> – NINA KAMPF

31<sup>ST</sup> – JUDY PELISKA

**FREE!**

**Community BREAKFAST**

2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY 9:00 – 11:30AM

**Community CLOSET**

WEDNESDAYS 12PM - 3PM

2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY 9AM - 11:30AM

**GOD PAUSE FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025,**

**LUKE 13:10-17 (NRSV)**

[Read Luke 13:10-17 on biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)

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**DEVOTION** Do you feel the weight of the world's injustices? Do you feel that they have physically bent you over, or perhaps at least spiritually? Today, when we see injustices around us they can seem to affect us physically and mentally. How are we to respond, especially when we are told not to interfere with others' plights? When our "leaders" today tell us not to interfere with their "leadership" and their interpretation of laws (as if only they know what is best for us), how are we to respond?

In today's reading we see Jesus' reaction to "leaders" of his day who sought to restrain people from living lives of care and concern for those in need. With Jesus as our guide, we are to follow Jesus' example. We are to right injustices and help others as Jesus teaches us, even when it goes against the dictates of our "human leaders." The question for each of us is, "In whom do I place my trust?"

**PRAYER** O most Holy Spirit within us, help us keep our hearts unhardened, so that we may feel your presence and live fully into the love of God, our neighbor, and all creation. Amen.

*Rev. Karl Bawel '16 M.Div.Pastor, The United Church of Warsaw, Warsaw, NY*

