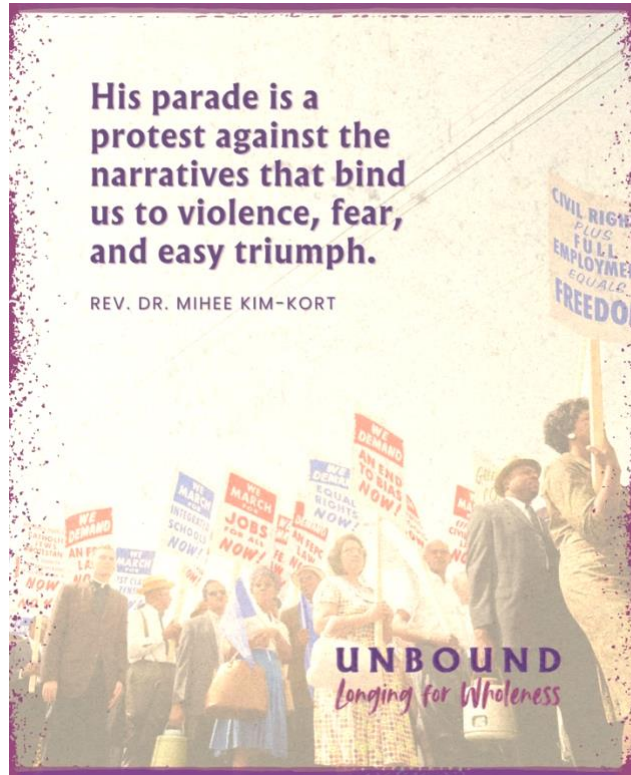
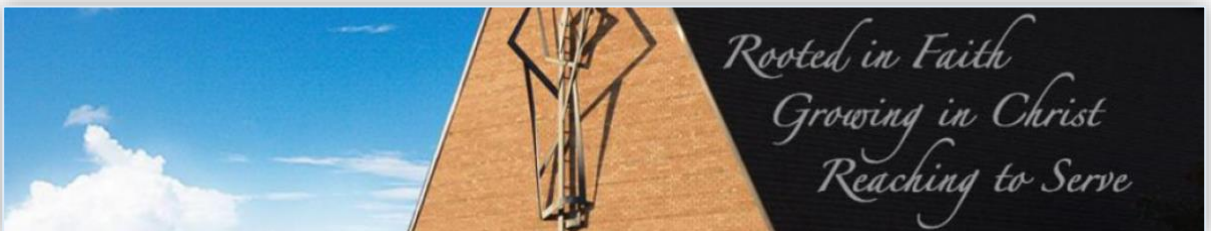


**SUNDAY, MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
*Palm/Passion Sunday*



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



## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Mark 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup>“Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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## 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 before God, who removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God,  
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead  
dwells in you,

pours God's love into your hearts,  
and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



**PSALM: Psalm 31** *Choir will sing vs 1-4. Please sing refrain after each verse.*



1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice, set me free. Into your hands I commend my spirit.  
You will redeem me, O Lord, O faithful God. **(refrain)**
2. Because of all my foes I have become a reproach,  
an object of scorn to my neighbors and of fear to my friends.  
Those who see me in the street flee from me.  
I am forgotten, like someone dead, and have become like a broken vessel. **(refrain)**
3. But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God.  
My lot is in your hands, deliver me from the hands of my enemies  
and those who pursue me." **(refrain)**
4. Let your face shine on your servant, Save me in your merciful love.  
Be strong, let your heart take courage, all who hope in the Lord. **(refrain)**

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**OFFERTORY** *Choir*

*Text by Isaac Watts, Slumber, Arranged By Anna De Foe, 2026*

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**OFFERING PRAYER** O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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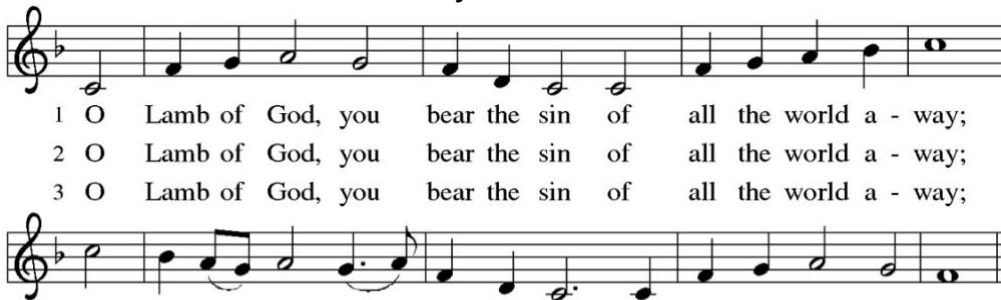
**LORD'S PRAYER** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. pg. 191  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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. Feast on God's goodness and mercy. All are welcome.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

*Lamb of God - All verses*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

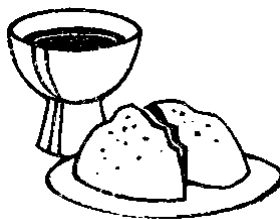
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*Lamb of God~ Your Only Son*

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TABLE BLESSING

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



**MATTHEW'S LITURGY OF THE PASSION**

**FIRST READING ~ The Anointing**

**Matthew 26:1-16**

**Music:** *Jesus, the Lord* Choir will sing verses, Congregation Please sing the refrain

Refrain

Je - sus. Je - sus. Let all crea - tion bend the knee to the Lord.

Verse 1

1. In him we live, we move and have our be - ing; In him the Christ, in him the king! Je - sus, the Lord.

Verse 2

2. Though Son, he did not cling to god - li - ness; but emp - tied him - self, be - came a slave! Je - sus, the Lord.

Verse 3

3. He lived o - be - dient - ly his Fa - ther's will ac - cept - ing his death, death on a tree! Je - sus, the Lord.

Text: Based on the *Jesus Prayer*; Philippians 2:5-11; Acts 17:28.  
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**SECOND READING ~ Last Supper**

**Matthew 26:17-30**

**Music:** *What Feast of Love*

**ELW 487**

**THIRD READING ~ Gethsemane**

**Matthew 26:31-56**

**Music:** *There is God's Garden, verse 5 only*

**ELW 342**

**FOURTH READING ~ Trial before Caiaphas**

**Matthew 26:57-75**

**Music:** *There is a Balm in Gilead*

**ELW 614**

Music:

*My Song Is Love Unknown*



1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me, love  
 2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow; the  
 3. In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in



to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. Oh,  
 world that was his own would not its Sav - ior know. But,  
 death no friend - ly tomb but what a strang - er gave. What



who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail  
 oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his  
 may I say? Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb where -



flesh and die, my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 life did spend, who at my need his life did spend!  
 in he lay, but mine the tomb where - in he lay.

*Text by Samuel Crossman, 1664, Music by John Edwards, 1806-1885. Public Domain.*

Music:

*Jesus Remember Me – Sing through twice*

ELW 616



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please sing the response above after each prayer petition*

## **BENEDICTION**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✚ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

***Anna De Foe, Organist***

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<p><i><u>Holy Week Schedule</u></i></p> <p><b>PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP</b> Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am</p> <p><b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm</p> <p><b>GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP</b> Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> <u>12pm</u> at Hope Presbyterian Church Virginia and <u>6:30pm</u> at Messiah Lutheran Church Mt. Iron</p> <p><b>EASTER BREAKFAST</b> Served by Youth 8am-9:30am</p> <p><b>EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP</b> APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:30AM</p>	
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## **WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Kyle, Ron, Butch, Dan, Jim, Cliff, Ryan, Alexandra W, Luke, Dawn, Leslie, Shannon, Dale, Adeline, Sue, Jim, Wendy, Fred, Harry, Scooby, Larry, Caleb, Jake, Laurie, Mike, Matthew, Marge, Dana, Doug, Bill, Mark, Dena, Jeff, Steve, Rick & Betsy, Gordon, Ross, Doris, Shari, Anna, Jeanette, Aaron, Shawn, Nicole, Gayla, Sarah, Brandy, Janet, Tom, Lynn M., Archer, Sharon, Mary, Debbie, Leanne, Addy, Deb, Lorraine M., Eric, Kyle, Pr. Art, Bob, John, Gerilyn, Wally, Tedd, Ralph, Chuck, Sue.

***Call the church office if you have a prayer need and we will send it to the prayer chain if you desire. 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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Palm Sunday, March 29th 2026



**EASTER COMMUNITY BASKETS** Food for the baskets has all been promised-thank you!! They will be assembled tomorrow morning to be sent out to families. If you would like to help, the group will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10am.

**THANK YOU!** *A big thanks* to the men who changed out all the toilets in the church! Your work is very appreciated – this saves on the water bill & updates the bathrooms! And *thank you* all who were here last Monday to help clean out the church garage! Another big job that's very appreciated.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** The last class will be this Wednesday, **April 1<sup>st</sup> 4pm-5:30pm**. Please contact Pastor Liz for questions. \*First Communion for class attendees will take place Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> during worship.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** The Youth will be serving an Easter Breakfast starting at 8am, until worship begins at 9:30am. It is a free-will offering and all proceeds will go toward Youth events.

**THRIVENT GIVING** Thrivent *Choice Dollars* is a grant program that supports nonprofits organizations, and Thrivent members can give a small share from investments to this program, and decide where their share will go. Until the end of March you can choose to give your Choice Dollars to OSLC if you desire-contact the local office for instructions. It's yet another easy way to give!

**ANNUAL CLOTHING & USED-A-BIT SALE** If you have **tools, clothing, home décor and kitchen items** to donate, please leave them on the back left table in the Fellowship Hall so we know they're for the sale. Sorting will take place **Mondays, 1-3pm**. If organizing is your gift, you're welcome to volunteer with us on the west wing! The sale is Friday, Apr.17<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-2pm, & Saturday, Apr.18<sup>th</sup> 8:30-12pm.

**WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP** Today's Livestream is sponsored by **Tom Klabecek in loving memory of wife, Jarie**. *Thank you for sponsoring today*. To sponsor Livestream & TV Broadcasts in honor of a person or special event (wedding annivers., birthday, etc..) or in memory of a loved one, you may do so in any amount- It helps maintain our sound/camera equipment. See the kiosk/glass cabinet in the narthex to sign up. *Your support is appreciated ~*

**COUNCIL OFFICERS:** John Elofson is President, Jim Fisher is Vice President, Ron Hindt is Council Secretary, and Chris Culbert is Treasurer. Members: Gloria Gagnon, Nina Kampf, Pat Meinzer, Mark Ongalo, Dan Peliska, and Dennis Pernu.



### THIS WEEK @ OSLC

3/29 9:30AM PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP  
3/30 1-3PM WELCA SORTING  
2:30 PM ORGAN PRACTICE  
6PM BOY SCOUTS  
4/1 9AM-2PM QUILTING  
11AM FINANCE MTG FIRESIDE  
12-3PM COMMUNITY CLOSET  
4PM CHOIR PRACTICE  
4PM 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION

4/2 6PM MAUNDY  
THURSDAY WORSHIP  
4/3 12PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
@ HOPE PRESBYTERIAN  
6:30PM SVC @ MESSIAH  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4/5 8AM EASTER BREAKFAST  
8:30 EGG HUNT  
9:30AM EASTER WORSHIP

*Easter Morning Breakfast will be held at 8am – 9:30am and will be served by the Youth.*

*A free-will offering can be given for their upcoming events.*

*Thank you*



### **VLM CAMP** EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

VLM IS IN NEED OF A YEAR ROUND FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR, SUMMER KITCHEN HELP, MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT, AND SUMMER COUNSELORS (+18YO)

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VLM WORKDAY IS MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

WE SPONSOR A CABIN: IF INTERESTED IN HELPING FOR A FEW HOURS, TALK TO TOM OR JACKI WITTY

IF YOU'RE CONSIDERING SENDING YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN TO CAMP, LET BOTH US & THE CAMP KNOW SO YOU GET OUR SCHOLARSHIP & THEIR SPECIAL DISCOUNTS!



## **COMMUNITY CLOSET PANTRY**

Below are the following challenge food items for the pantry. You can buy what you desire and at the store that is most convenient for you; we just provide examples of most commonly needed items and give examples of spending \$10 or less. *We appreciate all donations!*

1. STOVE TOP STUFFING @ SUPER ONE  
\$1.97 EA, 6 OZ BOX
2. WHITE/BROWN MINUTE RICE @ SUPER ONE  
\$1.99 EA, 12-14 OZ BOX
3. MCCORMICK GRAVY DRY PKS @ SUPER ONE  
\$1 EA/BROWN GRAVY. 2/\$3 FOR CHICKEN, TURKEY OR PORK
4. GREAT VALUE INSTANT MASHED POTATOES/BOX @ WALMART  
\$1.99 EA, 13.75 OZ BOX
5. FRESH/WHOLE CARROTS @ WALMART  
\$1.97 EA, 2LB BAG
6. 2% MILK @ WALMART  
\$1.92, 64OZ

*thank you*



Join us for the Spring Concert of Spirituals!  
 Chisolm Baptist Church  
 Apr. 10 @ 7pm  
 Gethsemane Lutheran  
 Apr. 12 @ 2pm  
 \$5 at the door, Coffee An' served after the concerts



THE FIRST SESSION, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>, WILL BE HELD AT GELC THEN AT OSLC FOR APR. 22, 29, & MAY 6, 13.

Join us for the Spring Session of LIFT!

3-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group  
 Confirmation  
 Sr. High Youth Group  
*NEW!* Adult Bible Study

**Schedule**  
 6:00pm - 6:30pm: Dinner  
 6:30pm: Worship with Communion  
 6:50pm - 8:00pm: Groups

All adults are invited to this 5-Week, letionary based Bible Study. No preparation or homework required! Bring your questions & curiosity!



**CLOTHES  
 HOUSEHOLD  
 AND TOOLS**

**ANNUAL CLOTHING &  
 USED-A-BIT SALE !**

FRIDAY & SAT.  
 APR. 17 & 18  
 DOORS OPEN 8:30AM

**SUPPORTS OUR PANTRY & AREA NONPROFITS**

**GOD PAUSE FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026. PSALM 31:9–16 (NRSV)**

[Read Psalm 31:9–16 on biblegateway.com](#)

<sup>9</sup>Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

<sup>10</sup>For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

<sup>12</sup>I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

<sup>13</sup>For I hear the whispering of many- terror all around!- as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup>But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Devotion. The lament of Psalm 31 can sound exaggerated and paranoid to some. It may be difficult to imagine personal situations that would lead me to call myself an “object of dread to my acquaintances.” But the psalm’s stark, vivid images paint the very real plight of so many suffering people—whether they are living with afflictions of various kinds or navigating oppressive political systems. In whatever form it takes and whenever it comes, our suffering does not get to overwhelm us to the point of despair. Because God is always with us—in the distress, the sorrow, the misery—we cling to hope. As Julian of Norwich wrote in “Revelations of Divine Love,” “God did not say, ‘You shall not be tormented, you shall not be troubled, you shall not be grieved,’ but God said, ‘You shall not be overcome.’” As the psalmist declares, “I trust in you, O Lord.”

Prayer. Oh God, you have suffered for us, with us, and because of us. Sustain me in my suffering and remind me of the hope in your promises. Amen.

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All Are Invited to...

# An Ecumenical Community Good Friday Service

## "Seven Last Words of Christ"

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

Noon at Hope Community Presbyterian Church  
212 South 5th Ave, Virginia, MN 55792

6:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church  
8590 Enterprise Dr South, Mountain Iron, MN 55768

**Participating Virginia Area Churches:**

First Covenant Church      Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
Hope Community Presbyterian Church  
Messiah Lutheran Church      Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Peace United Methodist Church  
Sts. John & Paul Episcopal Church



### *Holy Week Schedule*

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April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm

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and 6:30pm at Messiah Lutheran Church Mt. Iron

**EASTER BREAKFAST**

Served by Youth 8am-9:30am

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:30AM

