

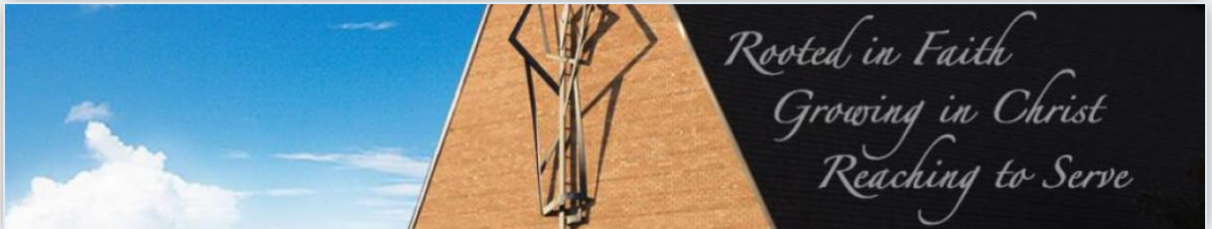
SUNDAY, April 19TH, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



PRELUDE

Jennifer Fredrickson, Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW# 461

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

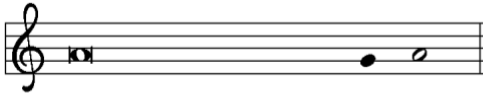
Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

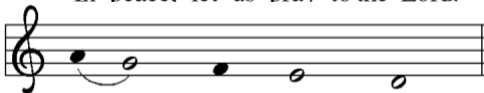
Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



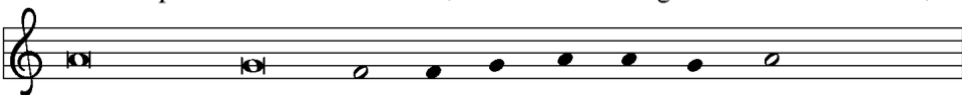
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



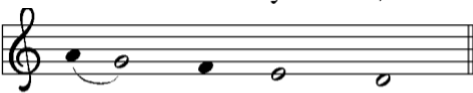
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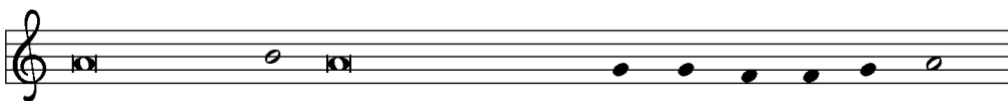
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



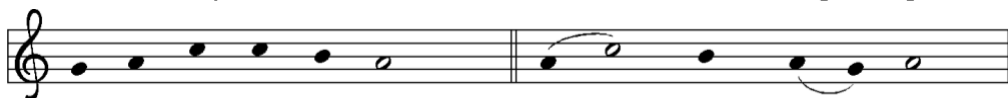
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41. *Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

PSALM Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

¹ I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

² **for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

¹² How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God’s people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God’s people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of the LORD’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-23. *The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Alleluia***Music by Anna DeFoe, Copyright by JRD Publishing, 2015.*

Congregational response

cantor/choir first time, assembly on repeat

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ia!

ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35. The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

Day of Arising

ELW# 374

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 Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*Please respond after each petition: "Merciful God," (Pastor) "receive our prayer," (Congregation).

CONCLUDING PRAYER: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE The peace of Christ 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/>
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Thank you



OFFERTORY

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds , vs. 2

ELW# 367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,

VERSE 2 TODAY



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he



VERSE 2

an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING PRAYER Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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 new life. Receive the risen Lord. All are welcome.

COMMUNION HYMNS:



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.

*We Come to the Hungry Feast
Here is Bread*

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ELW# 483

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

BLESSING God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

ELW# 501

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Jennifer Fredrickson, Pianist

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Informational meeting to
update the congregation
on the pipe project will
take place after worship
on Sunday, May 17th.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Ron V., Ron, Dan, Jim, Cliff, Ryan, Alexandra W, Luke, Dawn, Leslie, Shannon, Dale, Adeline, Sue, Jim, Wendy, Fred, Harry, Scooby, Larry, Caleb, Jake, Laurie, Mike, Tedd, Matthew, Rick & Betsy, Gordon, Ross, Anna, Archer, Sharon, Mary, Debbie, Leanne, Addy, Deb, Kyle, Pr. Art, Gerilyn, Wally, Ralph, Chuck, Sue.

Call the church office or Pastor if you have a prayer need: we can 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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LECTORS



APR. 2ND MAUNDY THURSDAY

KRISTI ONGALO

APR. 5TH EASTER, NINA KAMPF

APR. 12TH JUDY PELISKA

APR. 19TH CHRIS CULBERT

APR. 26TH ANNA DE FOE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 19th, 2026

ADULT BIBLE STUDY & LIFT LIFT is here this Wednesday, 4/22, with dinner at 6pm. There is an Adult Bible Study the whole church is invited to; join us for dinner, a short worship time, and study.

LIFT MEAL-TIME If you would like to serve dinners one evening for LIFT, please let Pastor Liz know. We could use the help of a few volunteers here for Apr. 29, May 6th! For the final evening of LIFT, May 13th everyone is going to *Greens on 14th* !

ANNUAL CLOTHING & USED-A-BIT SALE It was an exciting week at OSLC! We had a little emergency during the week, but were so blessed with the outcome and the sale opened as planned. Everyone pitched in to get things done- **Thank you** to all for donating, sorting, setting up, working at the sale, cooking food, and packing up yesterday.

CHORALAIRES' CONCERT Friday's concert is at Gethsemane & Sunday's concert is **here @ OSLC (April 26th) at 2pm**, reception to follow.

DRIVING CLASS There will be a 55+Defensive Driving Class **here, May 8th 9-12pm**, with refreshments. You must reserve a spot **by calling Mike Dahl State Farm @ 218-666-5504** (\$15 payable to Mike D).

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE Join us here, **Monday, May 11th @ 6PM** for a concert by local musicians with proceeds going to **BUILD A HOUSE** in Guatemala! The concert is @ 6, with a Reception to follow. Want to play an instrument or sing? Please talk with Pastor Liz!

PIPE PROJECT An Informational meeting will take place after worship on **Sunday, May 17th**. Please see the image on the previous page for the latest details!

CHOIR Thank you to the choir for the great months of music! The choir is on a break for the summer and will be back in the fall. If you would like to offer special music -vocal or instrumental- in the next few months, please talk with Pastor Liz or one of our musicians.

VLM CAMP An OSLC Scholarship & VLM Campership is available for your children- register online at **vmlcamps.org**. Please let our office & VLM know **you would like to receive both!** The Campership form is online under "*VLM Programs*" then, "*Schedule & fees*," when you register. **Call @ 218-800-331-5148**. They do have plenty of jobs available, see the brochures on the glass cabinet in the narthex.

MEMBERSHIP If you have any questions about membership & the church, don't hesitate to give Pastor Liz a call or stop in to see her! Her number is 218-780-8907.

WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP Today's Livestream is sponsored by **Tom Klabecek, in loving memory of wife, Jarie. Thank you for your support.** To sponsor Livestream & TV Broadcasts in honor of a person or special event (wedding annivers., birthday, graduation 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 ~*

THIS WEEK @ OSLC

4/20 2PM ORGAN PRACTICE
6PM BOY SCOUTS

4/21 1PM WELCA BIBLE STUDY
2PM ORGAN PRACTICE
4PM FUN.D.MENTALS BIBLE STUDY

4/22 9AM QUILTING
12-3PM COMM.CLOSET
2PM ORGAN PRACTICE
6-8PM LIFT, HERE!

4/23 6PM CUB SCOUTS

4/24 6PM CHORALAIRES' AT
GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN

4/24 SYNOD ASSEMBLY STARTS
4/25 SYNOD ASSEMBLY W/NEMIN
BISHOP SELECTION
4/26 9:30AM WORSHIP
2PM CHORALAIRES' CONCERT
HERE AT OUR SAVIOR'S
SYNOD ASSEMBLY CONTINUES



AT OSLC FOR
APR. 22, APR. 29
MAY 6, AND "GREENS
ON 14TH" ON MAY 13TH!

Join us for the Spring Session of LIFT!

3-6th Grade Youth Group
Confirmation
Sr. High Youth Group
NEW! Adult Bible Study!!

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

Schedule

6:00pm - 6:30pm: Dinner

6:30pm: Worship with Communion

6:50pm - 8:00pm: Groups



Choralaires Spring Concert

FRI. APR. 24TH
Gethsemane Lutheran at 6pm

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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. CHEESE SLICES, HAPPY FARMS BRAND @ ALDI'S
8OZ PKG \$1.65 EA.
2. SPAGHETTI SAUCE, REGGANO BRAND @ ALDI'S
24OZ JAR \$1.85 EA
3. NOODLES, REGGANO BRAND @ ALDI'S
16OZ VARIOUS TYPES \$1.09, AND 32OZ \$2.09
4. HEARTY SOUPS, VARIETY, GREAT VALUE BRAND @ WALMART
18.6OZ \$1.50 EA
5. PEANUT BUTTER, CREAMY OR CRUNCHY, GREAT VALUE BRAND @ WALMART
16OZ \$1.98 EA
5. GRAPE JELLY, GREAT VALUE BRAND @ WALMART
18OZ \$1.98 EA



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Devotion. What makes your heart burn within you? I'm not speaking of heartburn from foods that don't agree with you. Ha! What is it that makes your heart burn with passion? For me it is finding God in unexpected places. I remember the first time I experienced God's unexpected presence. I was frightened. I didn't know what was happening. Now, when I look back on life I see things differently. I can also clearly see the missed opportunities, missed moments when God was at work. No one wants to miss God at work. Maybe it's my age, but I am more reflective than I used to be. Taking time to think about the encounters that come our way helps us become open to all kinds of possibilities.

Prayer Gracious and loving God, you make our heart beat with life. You fill us with hope for the future and we are grateful. Amen.

Michael DeKraai '90 M.Div.

Stop by to shop or help at the sale tomorrow!



**CLOTHING &
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**SATURDAY
8:30AM - 12 PM**



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