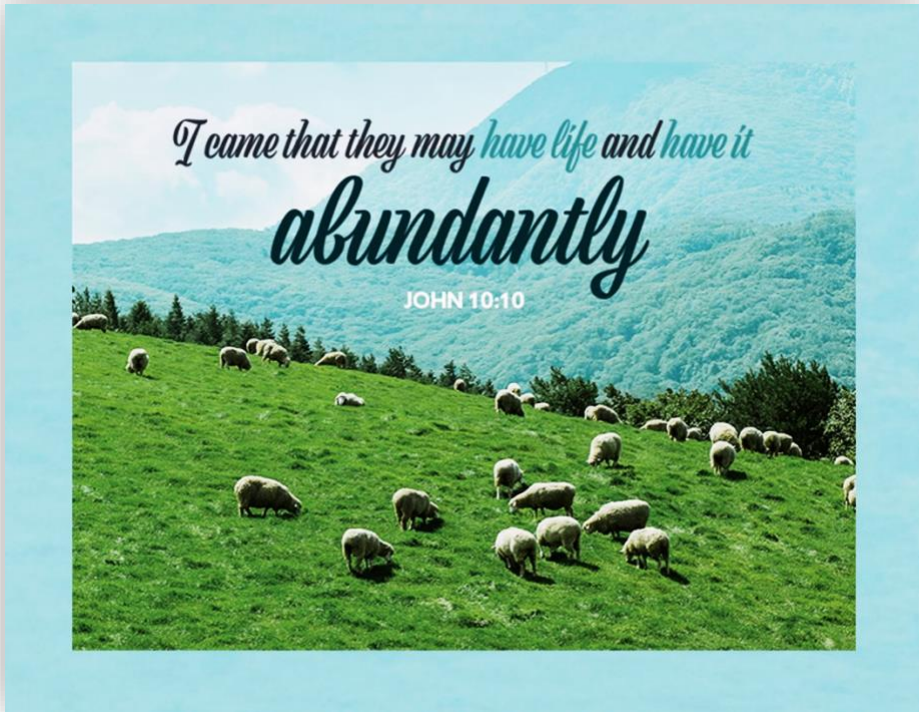
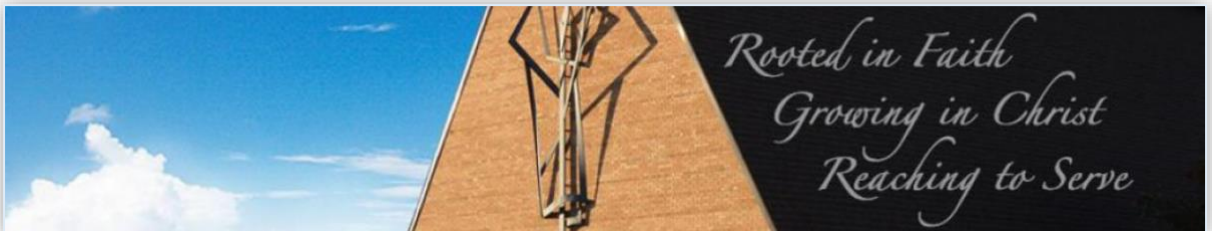


**SUNDAY, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*



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



**PRELUDE**

*Mark Ongalo, Organist*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Tucker Nelson, Worship Leader*

**OPENING HYMN**

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

**ELW# 883**

**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.

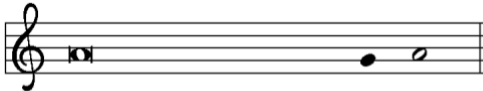
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

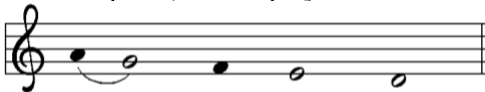
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

*Jim De Foe, Cantor*



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.



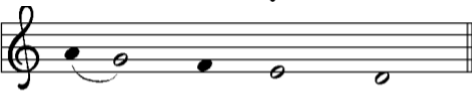
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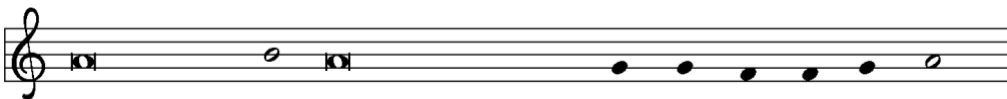
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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,



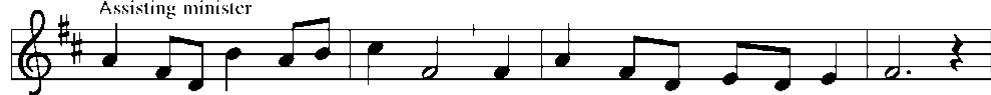
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

## GLORY TO GOD

*Assisting minister*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

*All*



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through 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 2:42-47.

**Anna De Foe, Lector**

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

<sup>42</sup> [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Congregational Response

All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from  
 death in - to life. life.

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 2:19-25. *Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

<sup>19</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly.

<sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> “He committed no sin,  
 and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

<sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Congregational response

cantor/choir first time, assembly on repeat

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

**GOSPEL: John 10:1-10. The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

**SERMON**

*Kristi Ongalo*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

**ELW# 778**

**APOSTLES CREED**

**pg. 105**

**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.

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- + 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 - *Thank you*

**OFFERTORY**

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds , vs. 3*

ELW# 367



**VERSE 3 TODAY**

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



set and heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - 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.

**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.**

**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** ***What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*** **ELW# 774**

**DISMISSAL** ***Tucker Nelson, Worship Leader***

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

**POSTLUDE** ***Mark Ongalo, Organist***

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## WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Ron V., Wilson, 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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### **OFFICE ADMIN HOURS:**

**CLOSED MONDAYS & HOLIDAYS. OPEN TUES.- FRIDAY, 9AM-5PM**

**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS** Pastor Liz is here Tues.-Thurs. & does visits etc., Mon. & Fri.  
Call @ 218-780-8907 or email at [lizcheney44@gmail.com](mailto:lizcheney44@gmail.com)

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**Secretary:** Colleen Brown Jacobson

**Bookkeeper:** Carole Rutka

**Custodian:** Steve Gagnon

**Musicians:** Kristen Weikum, Mark Ongalo, Jen Fredrickson, Anna & Jim De Foe

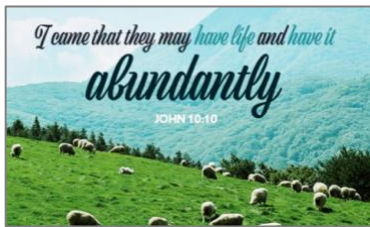


*May Lectors*

MAY 3 - CHRIS CULBERT  
MAY 10 - ANNA DE FOE  
MAY 17 - JOHN ELOFSON  
MAY 24 - OUTDOOR SVC  
MAY - 31 - MARY TROUTWINE



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**CHORALAIRES' CONCERT** Today, at Our Savior's Lutheran, 2pm. There will be Coffee An' afterwards if you would like to help set up coffee or bring cookies to share ~

**LIFT APRIL 29TH** We need a little KITCHEN HELP this Wednesday for serving the meal & helping with a quick cleanup - There will be a free meal in it for you, and a fun Adult Bible Study in the Fireside Room afterwards if you can stay.

**PIPE PROJECT** The graphic has been updated to include needed supplies & carpentry work. An Informational Meeting to update the congregation on the project will take place after worship on **May 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**DRIVING CLASS** There will be a 55+Defensive Driving Class here, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup> @ 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!

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP** **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am**, we'll have a combined worship service for Pentecost outside- at the Lion's building in Olcott Park. Bring your own chair & favorite beverage, the lunch afterwards will be provided. *Hosted by Gethsemane, Messiah and Our Savior's.*

**VLM CAMP** An OSLC Scholarship & VLM Campership is available for your children- register online at [vlmcamps.org](http://vlmcamps.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

4/26 9:30AM WORSHIP  
2PM CHORALAIRES CONCERT  
4/27 2PM ORGAN PRACTICE  
6PM BOY SCOUTS  
4/28 2PM ORGAN PRACTICE

4/29 9AM QUILTING  
12-3PM COMM.CLOSET  
2PM ORGAN PRACTICE  
6-8PM LIFT, HERE!  
4/30 3PM WEDDING DECORATING  
6PM CUB SCOUTS  
5/1 3PM.WEDDING DÉCOR/PRACT.

*\*THERE IS A WEDDING FOR  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS HERE  
THIS WEEKEND-  
5/2 2PM WEDDING (11AM  
PRACTICE, ETC.)*



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

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!!

All adults are invited to  
this 5-Week, lectionary  
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

SUNDAY APR. 26 - 2PM  
Our Savior's Lutheran



## 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



**Celebrate Pentecost With Us!**  
**Outdoor Worship Service  
 & Picnic**

Sunday, May 24 at 10am  
**NEW LOCATION:**  
 Lion's Bulding in Olcott Park

What to Bring:  
 ~A Lawn chair  
 ~Your Own Beverage

We Will Provide:  
 ~The Meal  
 ~Plates and Utensils  
 ~Kids Activities

**Gethsemane, Messiah, Our Savior's Lutheran Churches**



*"Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live."*

Marty Haugen - Hymn, All Are Welcome

## CONCERT FOR A CAUSE



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
 1111 8<sup>th</sup> St S, Virginia**

**MONDAY, MAY 11TH AT 6:00PM**

**FREE Admission - a free will offering will be collected**

Our first annual **Concert for a Cause** is partnering with Recycled Lives, a nonprofit working in a Guatemala community where residents live around a garbage dump in tin shacks. We are hoping to raise **\$6000** to provide a home for a family in need.

An intermission will be provided during which more information about this cause will be shared. The concert will be followed by a reception.

### Let's build a house...



This is a typical house built by Recycled Lives

#### Featured local musicians include

- George Croft, voice
- Jim De Foe, voice
- Anna De Foe, piano
- Jen Fredrickson, piano
- Al Fredrickson, voice and guitar
- Beth Getman, violin
- Shannon Gunderson, voice
- Kristi Ongalo, voice
- Mark Ongalo, organ and piano
- MostlyNolson, quartet
- Pete Pellinen, voice
- and others.

Classic to modern music will be performed.

10"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

### **Devotion**

In some places of the world shepherds still tend flocks of sheep just as they did in Jesus' day. We saw this in evidence when we traveled in Israel. It is also the case that these shepherds will sometimes bring their flock into a fenced area for the night and then lay down across the opening to guard the sheep from predators. Jesus' uses this image to give courage and strength for those who wish to follow him. While we often think of Jesus at the center of our lives, here he gives us an image suggesting that what comes into our lives must come through him. When other voices strive to sway us, Jesus is the filter through which we evaluate these other words. Jesus is the one who guards against the pressures to be self-serving, over consumptive, xenophobic, racist, or hateful. We trust his words to give us life that is abundant.

### **Prayer**

Shepherd of the sheep, you call us by name and lead us out. By your Spirit enable us to hear your voice and respond as lambs of your flock. Guard us from the thieves and bandits that might lead us astray. Amen.

*Bill Boelter '87 M.Div. Pastor, Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo ND*