

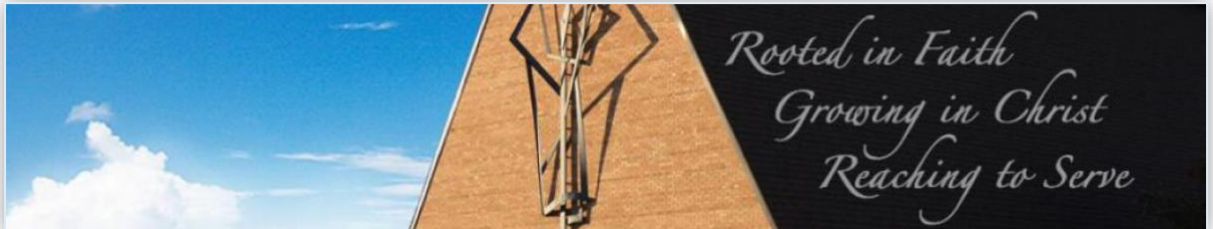
SUNDAY, April 5th, 2026
Easter Sunday



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



We start in the darkness that still lingers from Good Friday.

HYMN

Woman, Weeping in the Garden

ACS# 935



1 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, who has
 2 Wom - an, wait - ing in the gar - den, af - ter
 3 Wom - an, walk - ing in the gar - den, Je - sus
 4 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, weep for
 5 Wom - an, danc - ing from the gar - den, find the



pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'
 men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their
 takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - d'ner calls you,
 joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,
 oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he



bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?
 wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.
 "Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.
 ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.
 prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

IALOGUE: 3 Women on Easter Morn

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW# 365

THANKSGIVING FOR 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.

THIS IS THE FEAST



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



I 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 God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Lector, Nina Kampf

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the

dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.

² **Let Israel now declare,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation
echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ “This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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: Matthew 28:1-10 The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

ELW# 377

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.

EASTER PRAYER

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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CHOIR OFFERTORY

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Alleluia

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.

Touch That Soothes and Heals

ACS# 939

1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a
 break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
 peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good
 wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain

“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the
 grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as
 ones I died to save.”

*Now the Green Blade Rises
That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

ELW# 379
ELW# 384

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

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW# 367

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

POSTLUDE

Das ist der Tag, den Gott gemacht

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, Dan, Jim, Cliff, Ryan, Alexandra W, Luke, Dawn, Leslie, Shannon, Dale, Adeline, Sue, Jim, Wendy, Fred, Harry, Scooby, Larry, Caleb, Jake, Laurie, Mike, Matthew, Rick & Betsy, Gordon, Ross, Anna, Archer, Sharon, Mary, Debbie, Leanne, Addy, Deb, Kyle, Pr. Art, 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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OFFICE ADMIN HOURS:

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

***STAFF EASTER HOLIDAYS WILL VARY THIS WEEK-CALL BEFORE COMING IN!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Sunday, April 5th, 2026

PROPERTY MTG If you are on the **Property Management Team**, the meeting that was set for 11am this Wednesday (April 8th) has been changed to 3pm, same day.

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. 15, 22, 29, May 6th!

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. 17th 8:30am-2pm, & Saturday, Apr. 18th 8:30-12pm.

VLM CAMP Camp Vermilion's Lead Cook and Maintenance Assistant positions are open (year round). Call **800-331-5148** for more info. Summer Counselor jobs and various roles are open at both camps as well. If you're in high school or college age, go to **vlmcamps.org** and look under "Employment" for summer positions on the right side menu. **Scholarships & Discount** available for your child/children for summer camp-just let us & VLM know you would like our Scholarship, and their Campership discount (form is online under 'schedule & fees').

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.

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 ~*



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITES

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

WWW.VLMCAMP.ORG/EMPLOYMENT
VLM WORKDAY IS MAY 16TH

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



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

<p>THIS WEEK @ OSLC</p> <p>4/6 1PM-3PM SALE SORTING 2PM ORGAN PRACTICE 6PM BOY SCOUTS F.HALL</p> <p>4/7 1PM WELCA BIBLE STUDY 2PM ORGAN PRACTICE 4PM FUN.D.MENTALS BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p>4/8 9AM-2PM QUILTING 12-3PM C.CLOSET 2PM ORGAN PRACTICE 3PM PROPERTY MANAGE. MTG 4PM CHOIR PRACTICE</p> <p>4/9 11AM COUNCIL MTG 6PM CUB SCOUTS F.HALL</p>	<p>4/10 4-7PM SP.OLYMPICS ROADRUNNERS TEAM FUNDRAISER- SPAGHETTI</p> <p>4/11 9-11:30AM FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST & C.CLOSET OPEN</p> <p>*Staff Easter Holidays will vary this week-call before coming in!</p>
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THE FIRST SESSION, APR. 15,
WILL BE HELD AT GELC
THEN AT OSLC FOR APR. 22,
APR. 29 & MAY 6, 13.

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, 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



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

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

SUPPORTS OUR PANTRY & AREA NONPROFITS

**CLOTHES
HOUSEHOLD
AND TOOLS**

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. GREAT VALUE HEARTY SOUPS @ WALMART
\$1.50 VARYING KINDS, 18OZ CANS
2. GREAT VALUE CANNED VEGETABLES @ WALMART
\$.76- \$.96 EA, VARIOUS KINDS
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\$1.85 EA, 24OZ JARS
4. PEANUT BUTTER, CREAMY OR CRUNCHY @ ALDI'S
\$2.19 EA, 18OZ JARS
5. CRYSTAL FARMS SHREDDED OR BLOCK CHEESE @ SUPER ONE
\$2.22 EA.

thank you



EASTER
BREAKFAST
8 AM-9:30 AM
WORSHIP
9:30 AM

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS
ROADRUNNERS
10TH ANNUAL
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Friday, April 10, 4-7pm

Here@ Our Savior's!

\$9 or \$5 for 10 & under

Pasta, bread, drink, dessert

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GOD PAUSE FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23–26 (NRSV)

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 on biblegateway.com

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Devotion

It is amid factions and divisions that Paul reminds the Corinthians of what the Lord's Supper is all about. The Corinthians have made Holy Communion a privatized affair, each to their own fill of food and drink, with those who have nothing going home hungry. A meal meant for the spiritual fullness of all has deteriorated into a display of individualism. "When you come together," says Paul, "it is not for the better but for the worse." Paul reminds the Corinthians and us that there is no seat at the table of the Lord's Supper for cliques and contentions. Jesus hosts this meal offering his entire self—his body and blood in remembrance of his death but also of his life and ministry for us and among us. Jesus' invitation to the table is both participation and proclamation. We gather with fellow disciples then nourished for testimony in our own lives of Jesus' grace and love.

Prayer

Dear God, being together as disciples of Christ gives us such strength and hope. Thank you for the gift of this shared meal that sustains and nourishes us in our belief. Amen.

Karoline Lewis '94 M.Div. Professor and Marbury E. Anderson Chair of Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary