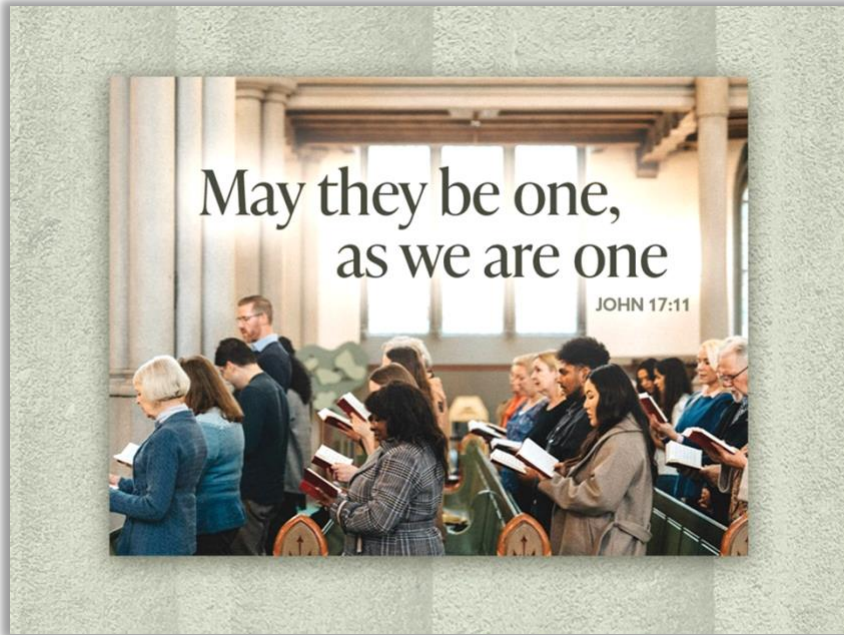
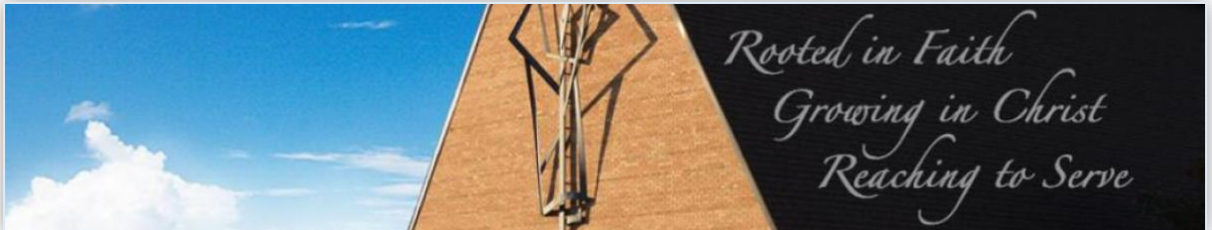


SUNDAY, May 17th, 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter



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



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

God Is Here

ELW# 526

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.

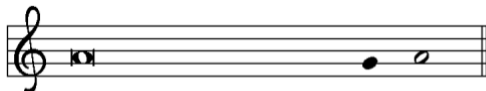
Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation.

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

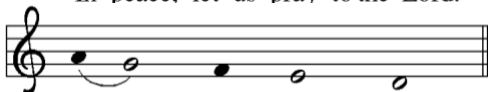
Amen.

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.



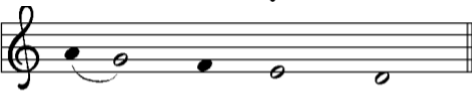
Lord, have mer - cy.



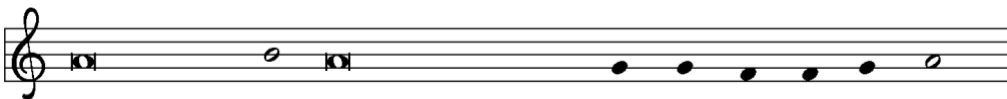
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

Lector, John Elofson

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35. *Please respond with verses in bold print.*

¹ Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

² **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

⁵ In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶ **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰ **Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

³³ **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵ **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11. *Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.*

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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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!

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GOSPEL: John 17:1-11. The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours,

and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Liz Cheney

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

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/>
- + 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*





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



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



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.



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.

I Come With Joy

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We Come to the Hungry Feast

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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

The Risen Christ

ELW# 390

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Mark Ongalo, Organist

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Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Ron, Nadia, Butch, Ruth, Hudson, Wilson, Logan, Nel, Dan, Jim, Bette, Kyle, Cliff, Ryan, Alexandra W, Dan, 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. *Pray for the family of Bob Bjorum, who passed away this week. Also pray for the family of Betty Wegner, who passed away Thursday.*

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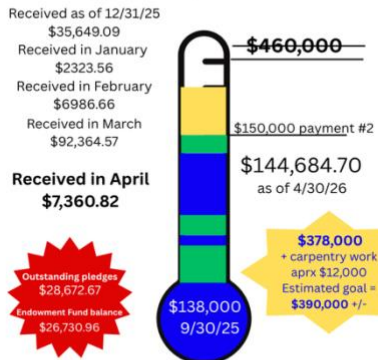
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Musicians: Kristen Weikum, Mark Ongalo, Jen Fredrickson, Anna & Jim De Foe

Pipe Project Together, we can!



**We have been told
the project will come in under \$460,000!**

Our next payment is due in
June 2026 in the amount of
\$150,000

May Lectors

MAY 3 - CHRIS CULBERT

MAY 10 - ANNA DE FOE

MAY 17 - JOHN ELOFSON

MAY 24 - OUTDOOR SVC

MAY - 31 - MARY TROUTWINE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 17th, 2026

GRADUATION RECOGNITION Takes place today in worship- stay after the service for cake & refreshments and to say “*Congratulations*” to Jacinda Wilcox.

PIPE PROJECT An Informational Meeting to update you concerning the pipe project will take place today after we’ve had cake & refreshments/coffee. Stay to hear how the project is moving along!

RESCHEDULED MEETING WELCA will host the next All-Women’s Meeting after worship on **Sunday, May 31st**. Grab a coffee & treat and meet us in the Fireside Room.

CHANGE IN VENUE! **PENTECOST SUNDAY, May 24th, 10am**, we will be meeting at the Kline-Cuppoletti Building at Silver Lake as we have done the past few years. We will NOT be meeting in Olcott Park. A lunch is provided after worship - just **bring your favorite refreshment and a chair**. Messiah, Gethsemane and Our Savior’s are hosting this special Pentecost Celebration & Worship together.

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE If you missed the concert, *many compliments & thanks to the musicians, and for all who gave!* \$4300 out of \$6000 needed to build a house was given. If you want to give toward the house, see the glass cabinet in the narthex for the QR code by the house replica.

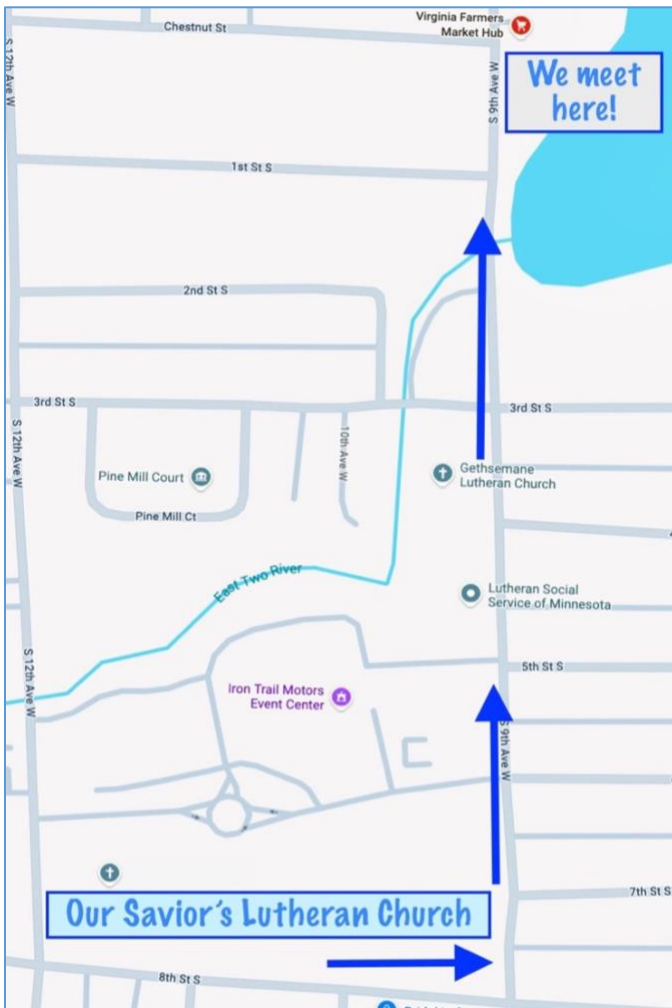
FUNERALS Betty Wegner’s funeral will be held at Landmark Funeral Home at 11am, May 30th, with Pr. Liz officiating. Bob Bjorum’s funeral will take place at Range Funeral Home June 1st- time TBD.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS An OSLC Scholarship & VLM Campership is available for your child to attend camp this summer! **Please let our office & VLM know** you would like to receive both! Then you can register online at vlmcamps.org. The Campership form is online under “*VLM Programs*” then, “*Schedule & fees*,” when you register. Call @ 218-800-331-5148 if needed.

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*

<u>THIS WEEK @ OSLC</u>	
5/18. 2PM ORGAN PRACTICE 6PM BOY SCOUTS	5/20. 9AM QUILTING *CONSTRUCTION STARTS! 9:30AM WORSHIP/MUSIC MTG 12-3PM C. CLOSET/PANTRY 2PM ORGAN PRACTICE
5/19. 1PM WELCA BIBLE STUDY 2PM ORGAN PRACTICE 4PM FUN.DUH.MENTALS BIBLE STUDY-FIRESIDE RM	5/21. 10:30AM LUTHERAN SOCIAL SVC FIRESIDE RM 6PM CUB SCOUTS



**Drive down 8th St. in front of the church, turn L onto 9th Ave and follow it past Gethsemane Lutheran to 9th & Chestnut, pull into the lot on the R at this building by the lake, where the Farmer's Market is held.*

Celebrate Pentecost With Us!
Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic
 Sunday, May 24 at 10am
NEW LOCATION:
 Kline Cupeletti Building

PLEASE NOTE: LOCATION CHANGE!

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

COMMUNITY CLOSET PANTRY

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

1. TUNA FISH POUCHES (NOT CANS RIGHT NOW) STARKIST @ WALMART, \$1.28 EACH
2. CANNED VEGETABLES & FRUIT, GREAT VALUE @ WALMART
 \$.76 - .96 VARIOUS VEGETABLES, \$1.62 - \$1.92 VARIOUS FRUITS
3. JELLY (WE HAVE ENOUGH PEANUT BUTTER) GREAT VALUE @ WALMART
 \$1.98 - \$2.66 VARIOUS KINDS
4. APPLESAUCE AT ALDI'S,
 \$2.15 FOR A 6PK OF CUPS
5. CHEESE STICKS, HAPPY FARMS BRAND @ ALDI'S
 \$2.75/12 PK COLBYJACK OR CHEDDAR

[God Pause for Friday, May 15, 2026](#)

John 17:1-11 (NRSV)

[Read John 17:1-11 on biblegateway.com](#)

17After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

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Devotion

Today, I invite you to an embodied visualization of our gospel reading. Jesus prepares the disciples for a time when he is no longer with them. He's counting on them—and us—to continue his mission. As you read the poem, visualize Christ blessing the named body parts and gently brush your fingertips across them. Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours. (from Teresa of Avila, 1515–1582)

Prayer

Abba/Imma, you bless all that you have created and call us good. May our bodies—hands and feet and eyes—bring Christ into the lives of those you have given us to love. Amen.

Pastor Liz Rossing '14 M.Div. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Cleveland, MN



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**Gethsemane, Messiah & Our Savior's
Vacation Bible School**

SAVE THE DATE

Wear Love
COLOSSIANS 3:12

**Sunday, July 26th - Wednesday, July 29th
5pm - 8pm**

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

This summer, we will welcome staff from Camp Onomia to lead Vacation Bible School!

The theme verse is **“Wear Love”** (based on Colossians 3:12-14) and during VBS, youth will explore what it means to “put on” love as part of their identity as God’s beloved children.

Through Bible stories, worship, and activities they’ll practice Christlike virtues – Kindness, Humbleness, Calmness, Steadfastness, and Forgiveness –discovering how love sustains us, weaves us together, and shapes our witness in the world.

