



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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APRIL 28TH, 2024 + 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us...

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. **Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you. **Alleluia and Amen!**

HYMN:

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

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GREETING (p. 98)

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 (Read Responsively)

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;

for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“This is the Feast”

p. 101

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1 *Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)*
- 2 *Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)*
- 3 *For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...**O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Response: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31 (*Read Responsively*)

²⁵From you come my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"Be Not Afraid"

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***Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

This is the gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN:

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES’ CREED (p. 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 THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERING HYMN:

“Thine the Amen”

#826

HOLY COMMUNION (p. 107)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (p.108)

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...we join their unending hymn:

p. 108

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

LORD’S PRAYER (p. 112)

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”

p. 112

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

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“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

#623

DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (p. 114)

BLESSING (p. 114)

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

HYMN:

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

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SENDING (p. 115)

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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GIVE ONLINE

We, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, welcome all to share Christ's love, grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God.

The Radio Broadcast is in memory of Grant Lebahn given, by his family.

The Flowers on the altar are given by WELCA in honor of the High School Graduates.

Growing in Faith | Sundays, 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. A new opportunity in the life of the congregation. Join Pr. Kyle for a time of conversation and wondering about a wide range of topics including scripture, faith, and our call as God's people. We'll continue "Growing in Faith" in May: *Our Lutheran History* (5/5); *Our Lutheran Worship* (5/12); and *Our Lutheran Call* (5/19).

Our Savior's welcomes Pr. Robert Franek, who will serve as Interim Pastor from April – June, as we navigate this season of transition. You will start to see Pr. Robert during the week in April, and on Sundays beginning in May.

VBS is back! Mark your calendars for June 4th - 6th, from 12:30 - 5:00 p.m. at Our Savior's, and join us for VBS 2024: "Hero Hotline". As always, VBS is free and open to all because of generous congregational support. Look for an online registration link in the coming weeks.

ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraising Opportunities: Stockholders - be a "Stockholder" by making a financial gift to help get our kids to New Orleans. Fill out a white stockholder tag with your name and address and leave a check or cash in the amount requested. Checks can be made payable to OSLC, memo: Youth Gathering. Stockholders will get personal thank you from our attendees later this summer.

The Hi-Liner Food Pantry, serving VCHS students and families, continues to collect donations in the tote near the welcome center. During April, donations of canned chicken or tuna are especially appreciated. To donate to the Bridges Backpack Program, please make your check out to and mail to: **Bridges Backpack Program, Inc., 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072.**

Wanted! Your unwanted "treasures" of Household, decorator, furniture, children's, no adults clothing for church "Treasure Sale." Friday-May 3rd- 2:00-6:00 pm; Saturday May 4th- 8:30-12:00pm. Items Received Thursday 2nd at 8:30-6:00pm. Jan Stowman-WELCA President.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. To that end, be alert and persevere in praying for all the Lord’s people.” (Ephesians 6:18). This week we hold these people of Our Savior's in prayer, as well as those concerns close to our hearts: Carolyn Timm; Luke & Loni Trapp, Simon, Emma; Travis & Mindy Tvedt, Bentley; Dan & Gayle Udem, Evan, Jairen; James & Brenda Veach; Beverly Velure; James & Becky Verwey.

April 28-May 5, 2024

TODAY: 8:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 9:00 a.m. Worship
 9:00 a.m. Facebook Live
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Graduating Seniors’ celebration banquet downstairs
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

MON: 11:05 a.m. Sr. High Lunch

TUES: 9:00 a.m. Quilters
 1:30 p.m. Text Study

WED: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation @ Trinity Lutheran-Crop Walk

THURS: 8:30am-6:00pm WELCA Treasures drop off

FRI: 2:00 p.m.-6:00pm WELCA Treasure Sale

SAT: 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Fellowship
 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. WELCA Treasure Sale

NEXT SUN: 8:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 9:00 a.m. Worship
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Mission Support

January-March 2024

Year To Date Income	\$74, 647.35
Year To Date Expense	77, 669.31
YTD Expense over Income	-3,021.96
A week of OSLC ministry:	\$6,875.75
General Fund Offering:	\$7,771.38

2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital Appeal



\$822,560.00 Total Pledged
 By 125 Households
 through June 4, 2023

\$821,639.47 Total Given
 through April 22, 2024