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APRIL 7TH, 2024 + 2ND 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:

"The Day of Resurrection!"

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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...**Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 1:1 – 2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Music by the Choir

"He Lives"

PSALM: Psalm 133 (*Read Responsively*)

¹How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

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

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 20:19 – 31

The Holy Gospel according to John 20:19 – 31. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

HYMN:

“We Walk by Faith”

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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.*

"Blessed Assurance"

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"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#733

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:

"Jesus Shall Reign"

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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 Lloyd Anderson. His birthday would have been on April 1st given by his family.

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 14th, immediately following worship at 10:00 a.m. Action items include considering extending a call for an associate pastor and approving the corresponding compensation package. A quorum of 50 members is required.

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. This month: *Our Lutheran Faith* (4/7); *Our Lutheran History* (4/14); *Our Lutheran Worship* (4/21); and *Our Lutheran Call* (4/28).

Valley City welcomes national best-selling author Taylor Brorby on Thursday, April 11th at the VCSU Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. Taylor Brorby will speak on his book *Boys and Oil: Growing Up Gay in a Fractured Land* and other current events. This event is sponsored by Our Savior's "Loving Neighbors Better" initiative, Epworth United Methodist Church, the VCSU Social Justice Council, Professor Angela Mircsov, Jamie and Kelly LaFramboise, and Professor Katie Woehl.

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.**

Red Willow Bible Camp Registration is now open for grades K-12 and All Family Camp! Camp tuition is 100% covered through the generous support of your OSLC Foundation, so make plans for Red Willow to be a part of your summer. Visit redwillowministries.com to register, and contact Pr. Kyle or the church office for the OSLC registration code.

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.

Radio broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship is on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on KOVC 1490 AM. To sponsor a broadcast, please contact the church office. The cost is \$100 and may be given in memory or in honor of someone or a significant event. Your gift to this ministry is appreciated. There are many new open dates.

“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: Susan Strang, Joshua, Jonathan, Angela, Joel, Kyle; Michael & Lori Strom, Nathan, Lincoln; Brad Sufficool, Tate, Breck, Kinlee; Dustin Suhr, Brent & Jodi Sundlie, Chase, Cooper, Camryn, Jerrold & Lorrie Sundstrom; Rebecca Sundstrom.

April 7-14, 2024

TODAY: 8:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 9:00 a.m. Worship-Choir
 9:00 a.m. Facebook Live
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Growing in Faith-Our Lutheran Faith
 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
 7:00 p.m. Committees Meet
 8:00 p.m. Council
 SAT: 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Fellowship
 NEXT SUN: 8:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 9:00 a.m. Worship-Choir
 9:00 a.m. Facebook Live
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

Mission Support

January-February 2024

Year To Date Income	\$56,055.96
Year To Date Expense	53,099.30
YTD Expense over Income	2,956.66
A week of OSLC ministry:	\$6,875.75
General Fund Offering:	\$9,222.65

2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital Appeal



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

\$811,339.78 Total Given
 through March 26, 2024