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MAY 5TH, 2024 + 6TH 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:

"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

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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 have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

PSALM: Psalm 98 (*Read Responsively*)

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

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 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

SERMON

HYMN:

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

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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.*

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

#708

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 Loves Me!”

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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 my parents Alvin & Janet Gaalswyk given by Brad & Joyce Braunagel.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-June 4th – 6th | 12:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Hosted at Our Savior's. Sign up today for this year's VBS. As always, **VBS is FREE** of charge through your amazing congregational support and because of our partners at Faith Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran! **Register at this link:** <https://form.jotform.com/240864442295057>

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.**

BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION: Registration for all ages is now open for summer camp at Red Willow. **Registration at Red Willow is FREE to all OSLC members because of the support of the OSLC Foundation. Be in touch with Pr. Kyle or the church office to get your registration code to receive free camp tuition before you register.** For more information or to register, visit redwillowministries.com

“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: Alan & Samantha Von Bank, Colton, Theo, Liam Wayne; Jean Vrem; Michael & Denise Wadeson, Ivan; Dale & Sarah Wangrud, Abigail, Kaitlyn, Dylan; Dannielle Webster; Todd & Lee Webster; Breanne Wenaas, Madison.

May 5-12, 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. Foundation Meet
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

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

WED: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Committees
 8:00 p.m. Council

SAT: 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Fellowship
 2:00 p.m. Clarence Heck Funeral

NEXT SUN: 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
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast
 2:00 p.m. Legacy Worship
 3:00 p.m. St. Raphael

**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:	\$3,947.27

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