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APRIL 27TH, 2025 + 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM(*please stand)

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

HYMN:

"The Day of Resurrection!"

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GREETING

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

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29 *(Read Responsively)*

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.

²⁵ **Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ **The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**

²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those

who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (*please stand)

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Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

¹⁹ When 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." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So 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." ²⁶ A 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." ²⁷ Then 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." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But 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.

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

SERMON

HYMN:

"We Walk by Faith" v 1-3

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APOSTLE'S 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

Response: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

(offering plates are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary)

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:

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS (p.114)

“Lamb of God”

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.

“Dona nobis pacem” #753

“We Walk by Faith” #635 v 4-5

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (p.114) (*Please Stand)

BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

HYMN

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

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SENDING (p. 115)

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **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.

Coffee and Fellowship Hosts: Hosts are needed for our fellowship times following worship on Sunday mornings. Hosting can be as simple as making sure the coffee is on and running and providing a light treat. You can sign up on the clipboard on the counter in the Gathering Room and be in touch with Pr. Nicholas with questions.

Sub List for Communion Helpers and Counters: We are building a list of substitutes for those Sundays when helpers are scheduled but are unable to attend. If you would like to help out on an occasional basis, please contact Ann in the office (845-1328) and we will add you to the list.

Book Study: Beginning on April 13th, we began a book study on Disability and the Church by Lamar Hardwick. During this 8-week study, we will discuss a chapter or two a week as Hardwick talks about different ways that Church can be more inclusive to those with varying abilities. This book can be purchased through Amazon for around \$16. Those who wish to participate are encouraged to buy the book themselves. However, if the cost is a hinderance, please contact the office for assistance. We wish for this book study to be accessible for all who wish to participate. **If you missed the 1st week, please feel free to join us going forward. Each week is an independent discussion and not built on the previous week's discussion.**

Red Willow Bible Camp Registration: For those of you planning to sign up for Bible Camp this summer, the payment code is now available. Please call the office for that information.

Red Willow Cabin Clean Up: One of the relationships that OSLC has is with Red Willow Bible Camp. As part of that relationship, OSLC sponsors and helps the upkeep of Mark Cabin at Red Willow. RWBC is looking for a group of us to come to camp ahead of the summer season to clean and prep the camp, and Mark Cabin. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact the church office.

"Christ in Our Home" for April/May/June booklets are now available in various places around the church – pick up your copy today. If you know someone else who would like a copy, please take one to share.

Beginning Sunday, May 25th, we begin summer worship hours. The service begins at 9:30 and coffee and fellowship are before the service at 8:45. This schedule is in place until Sunday, September 1st, Labor Day weekend. The 9:00 worship time resumes September 8th.

WELCA Treasure Sale May 2nd & 3rd: the ladies of WELCA will be holding their annual Treasure Sale May 2nd (1-4 pm) and 3rd (8:30 am - noon). Mark your calendar to drop by and check out the wide variety of treasures people have donated. Coffee and rolls will be served on Saturday. Good Samaritan Quilters will also have quilts for sale.

The Hi-Liner Food Pantry, serving VCHS students and families, continues to collect donations in the tote near the welcome center. 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**

CROP Walk for World Hunger May 7: The 45th annual Valley City CROP Walk for Hunger is set for Wednesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. on the Jefferson school mile. Walkers may start collecting pledges and making donations now. See insert for pledge and donor forms. Seventy five percent of the money raised goes to fight hunger around the world and the remaining 25 percent remains in the local community in a distribution to the Barnes County Food Pantry, the Hi-Liner Food Pantry at Valley City Public Junior/Senior High, and the Valley City State University Food Pantry. In 2024, more than \$5244.06 was raised for this hunger relief. The CROP Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. Now there are more than 500 communities across the United States that participate. Valley City's participation in this event started in 1981 with the help of the late Rev. Wayne McKirdy (who was a United Methodist pastor), Kay Kringlie, Myrt Pommeroy, and Wes Retterath (from St. Catherine's Catholic Church).

Pr Nicholas will be at a retreat Monday, 4/28 and Tuesday, 4/29.

Fridays are Pastors' Sabbath feel free to contact them in case of emergencies.

A look ahead at the week of April 27th – May 4th, 2025

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
10:00 am | Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 am | Lent World Hunger Bible and Topic Study
10:00 am | Sunday School
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast

TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters
10:30 am | Staff Meeting
1:30 pm | Pastors' Text Study

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study
6:30 pm | Confirmation at Trinity
7:30 pm | Confirmation Parents Meeting

THURS: 2:00 pm | Prayer Shawl Ministry

FRI: 1:00 – 4:00 pm | WELCA Treasure Sale

SAT: 7:30 am | Men's Bible Fellowship
8:30 am – noon | WELCA Treasure Sale

SUN (5/4): 9:00 am | Worship
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
10:00 am | Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 am | Lent World Hunger Bible and Topic Study
10:00 am | Sunday School – LAST DAY
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast
11:15 am | Worship at Waldheim (Kathryn)