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MAY 11TH, 2025 + 4TH 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:

"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs "

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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"

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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 peace, **you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Back to the Church in the Wildwood"

OSLC Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

PSALM: Psalm 23: 1-6

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and

ever! Amen.” ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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 10th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

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

SERMON

HYMN:

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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APOSTLE’S 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.

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" v 1-2**

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HOLY COMMUNION

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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**

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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.

DISTRIBUTION**COMMUNION HYMNS****"Lamb of God"**

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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.

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #843

"Our Father, By Whose Name" #640

POST COMMUNION PRAYER(*Please Stand)

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BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

HYMN**"For All Your Saints, O Lord"**

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SENDING

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Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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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.

Our radio broadcast today is sponsored in memory of their parents, Palmer & Hilda Loken and Edward & Ruth Monson, by Robert and Bev Loken.

The radio broadcast on 4/27 was sponsored by Brad & Joyce Braunagel and family in memory of Joyce's parents, Alvin & Janet Gaalswyk. This was inadvertently left out of that Sunday's bulletin and we offer our sincere apologies for the omission.

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.

Greeters for Sunday Worship: We are looking for greeters for the North and South side doors to welcome worshippers to the service and hand out bulletins. We ask that you be there 15 minutes or so before the service begins. The sign-up sheet is located on the information countertop under the Missionary Calendar. No experience necessary and it is a great way to meet others in our church community.

Good Samaritan Quilters at OSLC: the quilters are asking you to keep them in mind as you do your spring cleaning. They can use (used) flat sheets, any size and any color except white. They also accept fabric. It can be dropped off Tuesday mornings, when the ladies meet downstairs or can be left in the office during normal office hours. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Foth (840-2242) or Kathy Anderson (840-1426). The quilts the ladies make are given as gifts for baptisms and graduations within the congregation and also to local charities and missions for those in need.

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 couple weeks, 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.

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 7th.

The Church Council is interested in your feedback: OSLC has a long history of supporting radio broadcasts of our Sunday Services.

However, with the move to more online options, and with concerns over the quality of the radio broadcast, the Council is considering whether to continue the radio broadcasts. What do you think? Please let one of our Council members know before the May 14 meeting!

NOTE: If we make this change, donations may still be made to support our worship service ministry outreach; these donations made in honor or in memory of someone will continue to be acknowledged in the bulletin and the funds used to support our streaming service.

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**

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

A look ahead at the week of May 11th – May 18th, 2025

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship
 9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
 10:00 am | Coffee & Fellowship
 10:10 am | Book Study: Disability and the Church
 11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast
 11:15 am | Worship and Sunday School Program at Messiah (Fingal)

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

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study
 7:00 pm | Council

THURS: 2:00 pm | Prayer Shawl Ministry

SAT: 7:30 am | Men's Bible Fellowship

SUN (5/18): 9:00 am | Worship
 9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
 10:00 am | Coffee & Fellowship
 10:10 am | Book Study: Disability and the Church
 11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast
 11:15 am | Worship at St Petri (Nome)