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APRIL 19th, 2026 + 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING HYMN

“Majesty”

(see insert)

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

## KYRIE

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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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people,

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of the LORD’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION(\*please rise in body or spirit)**

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The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35**

*The colorful story of Jesus’ appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**(\*please rise in body or spirit) **"We Walk by Faith"**

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### **APOSTLES CREED**

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### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*Each petition concludes: "Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**"*

*The final petition: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.***

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING**

*(offering plates are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. The offering plates are brought forward during the singing of our offering hymn.)*

**THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**(\*please rise in body or spirit)

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**“Open Our Eyes”**

**(see insert)**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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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.**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**“Lamb of God”**

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**“As We Gather at Your Table” #522**

**“Lord of All Hopefulness” #765**

**BLESSING FROM THE TABLE**(\*please rise in body or spirit)

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”**

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**DISMISSAL**

This worship is ended, Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

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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.**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Terry & Lenore Lebahn in memory of their son, Grant.

**Summer Youth Trip July 20-21** - OSLC youth and friends in grades 7-12! Sign up now! Join Kyla on a two-day trip to Minneapolis and enjoy time volunteering at Global Health Ministries and Feed My Starving Children as well as Valleyfair! Sign up on the youth bulletin board today!

**Red Willow Bible Camp Sponsorship Code Forms** are now available and located on both youth bulletin boards! If your child plans to attend camp this summer, simply grab a form, complete it, and get it back to Kyla or the church office and then Kyla will be in touch with the OSLC code to register for camp. Contact Kyla with any questions!

**Next Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, is Senior Recognition Sunday.** Please join us as we honor our graduating high school seniors and bless them as they begin this next chapter of their lives.

**Crop Walk is Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** – please join us in the Jefferson Elementary parking lot to connect and make a difference in our community and the world. See the insert in this week's bulletin for more information or contact Sharon Buhr.

**Ladies Evening:** Grace Free Lutheran Church in Valley City is holding a Ladies Evening on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm. Gwen Thielges will be presenting the program "A Surrendered Heart: Worship Through Hardship." Come enjoy a variety of salads and fellowship at 5:30 followed by music and encouragement at 7:00 pm.

**The Valley Troubadours** still have a couple of concert dates left on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary spring tour. They will be singing Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 pm, at the Valley City Connect Church and again Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, at the Nome Schoolhouse. The concerts are free but a freewill offering will be taken.

**Treasure Sale Donations:** Please remember as you begin your spring cleaning that the WELCA ladies are having their annual treasure sale May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Items can be brought anytime, as we have storage space available. Holiday, household, children's toys and other gently used items are welcome. No adult clothing, please. Contact Ann in the office, LouVay White or Jan Stowman with any questions.

**Radio Broadcasts:** There are currently many Sundays open to sponsor. Please contact Ann in the office if you would like to help with this important outreach ministry. If you have a special Sunday in mind, please reserve it as soon as possible to ensure it is available. The cost to sponsor each Sunday broadcast is \$100.

**The Hi-Liner Food Pantry**, serving VCHS students and families, continues to collect food donations in the tote in the Gathering Room. 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**

**The Missionary Calendar for 2026 has been posted.** Be sure to stop by and sponsor a special day. The cost for each day is \$25.

**Good Samaritans Quilters are always looking for used sheets and fabric:** the quilters are asking, as you clean closets and downsize, to keep them in mind. They are looking for used sheets (no white, please) and fabric (cotton preferred). If you have questions, please contact Ann in the office or Carol Foth.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**We're continuing a practice at Our Savior's to be mindful of our prayer for one another.** Each week, staff will be praying for, and congregation members are encouraged to pray for families of the congregation, by name. This week we pray for the Stephanie & Stephen Roelfsema, Nicholas & Leslie Rohde, Michael & Jodi Ronningen, Dean & Deborah Ross and Steven & Vickie Ross families. *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone" 1 Timothy 2:1*

**A look ahead at the week of April 19<sup>th</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship  
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream  
10:15 am | Coffee and Fellowship  
10:15 am | Sunday School  
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast

MON: 6:30 pm | PEO

TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters  
9:00 am | Ministerial Meeting  
12:30 am | Staff Meeting  
1:30 pm | Text Study

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study  
6:30 pm | Confirmation (at Trinity)

FRI: 12:00 pm | Sr High Lunch

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

SUN (4/26 ): 9:00 am | Worship, with Senior Recognition  
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream  
10:15 am | Coffee and Fellowship  
10:15 am | Sunday School  
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 F Radio Broadcast