



# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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APRIL 21ST, 2024 + 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## 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:

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

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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 Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **FIRST READING: 1 John 3:16 – 24**

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 23** *(Read Responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

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

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**"Be Not Afraid"**

**#388**

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### **GOSPEL: John 10:11 -18**

The Holy Gospel according to John 10:11 – 18. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one

shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN:**

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

**#502**

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### **LITANY OF DAILY PRAYER – SUFFRAGES**

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Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, **have mercy on us.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

Lord, we pray as we affirm our faith together...

**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.**

### **RESPONSIVE PRAYERS**

O Lord, I cry to you for help. **In the morning my prayer comes before you.**

Let my mouth be full of your praise **and your glory all the day long.**

Every day I will bless you **and praise your name forever and ever.**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, **O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.**

You redeem my life from the grave, **and crown me with mercy and steadfast love.**

Show us your mercy, O God, **and grant us your salvation.**

Give us the joy of your saving help again, **and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

Give peace in all the world; **for only in you can we live in safety.**

Keep the nations under your care, **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth; **your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy be forgotten, **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, **and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.**

Lord, hear my prayer, **and let my cry come before you.**

Let us pray...**We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our life and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**OFFERING HYMN:**

**“Thine the Amen”**

**#826**

**CHARGES TO THE PEOPLE**

People of God, you have been called to be disciples of Christ.

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**HYMN:**

**“To Be Your Presence”**

**#546**

**SENDING**

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 David Dahl and in honor of Connie Dahl in celebration of her 93rd birthday given by her family.

**Our Savior's welcomes Michelle Watne** to preach and lead worship on Sunday, April 21st.

**Senior Sunday** will be held on Sunday, April 28th. Our Savior's celebrates with our graduating seniors and will offer prayers and gifts for their journey ahead. All are welcome to a celebration banquet following worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Large Dining Room.

**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.

**Our 2024 VBS** will be held June 4th, 5th, and 6th, from 12:30 - 5:00 p.m., here at Our Savior's. VBS is free and open to all kids entering Kindergarten through 6th grade (in the fall of 2024). Sign-ups are due by May 1st, and can be completed using this link: <https://form.iotform.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.**

**The CROP Hunger Walk** is Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 pm, beginning at Jefferson Elementary School. Join us for this fun and meaningful night. Walk a mile or more in solidarity with those who hunger around the world. Donations will be accepted on the coming Sundays, or you can bring them the night of the event. Each dollar shared makes a difference near and far.

**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.

**“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: Daniel Tylor, Madison, McKenna, Mitchel, Miles and Jill Tylor; Gary & Lori Thompson; John Thompson & Kara Kramin; Aarika Thornton, Alex, Ryanne and Jason Thornton; Alfred Thum.

**April 21-28, 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  
 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

THURS: 9:30 a.m. Pastor’s Conference-Faith Lutheran

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. Senior Sunday- Graduating senior’s banquet Large Dining Room  
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

**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:	\$7,102.88

**2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital Appeal**



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

\$813,799.47 Total Given  
 through April 12, 2024