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MAY 4TH, 2025 + 3RD 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:

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

#827

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

Eternal and all-merciful God, **with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-6

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

***Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

SERMON**HYMN:****"We Who Once Were Dead"****#495****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.*

"I Love to Tell the Story" #661

"Blessing, Honor, and Glory" #433

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

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

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

#392

SENDING (p. 115)

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.

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.

The Ladies of OSLC WELCA would like to thank everyone for donating, shopping, setting up and tearing down, as well as enjoying coffee and fellowship at this year's Treasure Sale this past Friday and Saturday. Your support makes many wonderful projects possible!

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 Valley Troubadours Home Spring Concert will be Sunday, May 4th at 7:00 pm at the Valley City Connect Church. (Please note the new location) Admission is free to the event. A free will offering will be taken.

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 crophungerwalk.org or the church office 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).

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

A look ahead at the week of May 4th – May 11th, 2025

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship
9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
10:00 am | Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 am | Sunday School – LAST DAY
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 Waldheim (Kathryn)

MON: 10:30 am | Darlene Miller Funeral

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

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study
7:00 pm | CROP Walk

THURS: 2:00 pm | Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

SUN (5/11): 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 Messiah (Fingal)