



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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+ Fourth Sunday After Easter

April 30, 2023

Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.

(*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

Prelude "My Lord, What a Morning" arr. by Roger C. Wilson Nadine Berg

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

Tim Rasch

***Confession and Forgiveness**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

#619 vs. 1-4 (ELW)

1. I know that my redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives my ever living head!
2. He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save; he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.
3. He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye; he lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.
4. He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.

***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**

p.147 (ELW)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God

p.148 (ELW)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

O God, **Our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Reading

Psalm 23

This is a reading from Psalm

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

¹The Lord^l is my shepherd;

I shall not ^l be in want.

²The Lord makes me lie down ^l in green pastures
and leads me be- ^l side still waters.

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

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

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

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ^l of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ^l Lord forever

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"* arr. by Douglas Wagner Handbells

***Gospel Acclamation**

p. 151a (ELW)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

Jesus said: ¹Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

Sermon*The Voice*

Pastor Kevin Olson

***Hymn of the Day** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* #502 (ELW) vs. 1,2,4,6

1. The King of love my Shepard is, whole goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
4. In Death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.
6. And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepard, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

***Apostles' Creed**

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

**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 Intercession**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Reception of Offering *"Offertoire"* Ethel B. Clarke

Nadine Berg

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Kevin Olson
Acolyte: Mikko Glad
Lector: Pam Rundell
Choir Director: Roy Berg
Organist: Nadine Berg
Ushers: Roy & Ada Hobbs, Jim McDonald
Tellers: Greg Kujala, Tim Rasch
Videographer: Dustin Davidson, John Law
Altar Guild: Nancy Davidson & Cindy Gieselman

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Elaine Bexell celebrates her birthday on April 30th
Todd & Nancy Sampson celebrate their 61st Wedding anniversary.

RADIO BROADCAST

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Arlene Pascuzzi in honor of her husband, Phil's Birthday.

New Member Class

The second New Member class will be held today Sunday, April 30th at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Kevin, together with the Congregational Care & Life Committee, will be facilitating this class. In addition to good coffee and fellowship, participants will be taught a brief overview of the Lutheran faith, be introduced to ministry and mission opportunities at Our Savior's, and feel welcomed and encouraged over the possibility of making Our Savior's their new church home. We will be welcoming new members to Our Savior's on May 7th during worship.

We will have a brief presentation in the fellowship hall during coffee following today's worship to inform our prospective new members (and refresh current members) about what's happening at OSLC. We've asked members to speak about their committees and how they contribute to the church and how we can help them carry out the mission of Our Savior's.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today, April 30th

9:00 am Worship &
Communion
10:30 Radio Broadcast
1240 AM WMFG
10:30 am New Member
Meeting

Monday, May 1st

9:00 am Quilting
****WES Prep All Week****

Tuesday, May 2nd

1:00 pm Staff meeting
6:00 pm TV Broadcast
Chanel 805

Wednesday, May 3rd

8:00 am TV Broadcast
Chanel 805
8:30 am Bible Study
10:00 am LEE Center
7:00 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Choir

Saturday, May 6th

9:00 - 3 pm WES

Sunday, May 7th

9:00 Worship/Communion/
New Member
10:00 Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 Radio Broadcast
1240AM WMFG

White Elephant Sale will take place Saturday, May 6th from 9-3

We invite you to join us the week of the sale, even if you can only help for a short time, because we need you! As you look at the sign-up poster in the back of the Sanctuary, think about how your passions and skills can serve our church and our community.

White Elephant Sale Donations accepted on Wednesday, May 4th and Thursday, May 5th from 10-6pm at the Memorial Building

Just a friendly reminder that the radio broadcast changes on May 28th to 9:00 a.m. for the Summer months.

Congratulations on Your Graduation!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church would like to recognize and honor you and your fellow graduates. Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. during worship service and during the coffee fellowship following worship. Hope you and your family can attend!

We would like remember in Prayer Holy Trinity Church as they hold their last Service today, April 30, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

The Synod Assembly is being held this weekend at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, Thank you to our delegates: Scott Jackson, Peggy Graham, Hellen Thran and Pastor Kevin & Sandi Olson for your representation of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Register for Camp Vermilion & Camp Hiawatha this summer

OSLC will pay for your camp experience!

Register online using transfer code: **OSLC501**

Go to: VLMcamps.org