



*“I am the vine,
you are the branches.”*

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Larimore, ND

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

*CENTERING SONG “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. *Sing 2X's*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

Assembly: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Jesus is Risen!

Assembly: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Our celebration of Easter life continues,

ALL: Let us worship and give praise to God!



Blessing of the Quilts



QUILTER: Gracious God, as we place our hands on these quilts we bless today, we join giver and receiver, recognizing the unity of all your people in the body of Christ. These quilts are part of a long tradition of quilting in our community.

LEADER: Most important, is what we bless today as a congregation: To recognize Christ at work through the dedication of these quilters.

ASSEMBLY: We celebrate being the children of God.

LEADER: We give thanks for the variety of gifts that compose these quilts; donations of fabric, thread, the faithful women (those present, and those not with us today) who cut and sew the colorful scraps and squares of fabric, iron the fabric, make the tops and backs, stitch and tie the quilts together, pack the quilts, and for the money raised for supplies for the quilts.

ASSEMBLY: We celebrate generosity.

LEADER: We give thanks for the fellowship of all who use their willing hands to work together to make the quilts, the laughter, the shared stories, the joy of crafting something with one's hands and heart for another.

ASSEMBLY: We celebrate community.



Blessing of the Quilts (continued)



QUILTER: We send these quilts as a sign of God's love and blessings for each person who receives one, trusting that their quilt will be a source of comfort and hope, and a reminder that each recipient is a beloved child of God.

QUILTER: We pray that these quilts will serve a useful purpose in the life of the recipient; that they will bring warmth in the cold, shelter from the sun and heat, or a carrier for a few precious belongings. May it be a step in recovering one's life and a message of care from someone they may never meet.

ASSEMBLY: We celebrate hope in the midst of life's trials.

QUILTER: We remember those who have received our quilts in the past and pray that their lives have returned to stability.

ASSEMBLY: We celebrate the gift of life.

LEADER: We ask that you continue to bless the work of our quilters of our congregation, that together we may minister to our neighbors in need.

QUILTER: Bless all who give and all who receive, as we all are sewn together in the unity of your Holy spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen



*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Lord, I confess my sin, You have promised to provide for all of my needs, and yet I mistrust Your promise. I know the futility of my own ambitions and my inability to do that which I desire. Today I need to recognize the sin within me, and ask that you would forgive me. Lord, in Your mercy, Forgive my sin and cleanse me so that I can be pleasing in Your sight and a minister in Your service.

*THE GOOD NEWS (read together)

My God is a great God, providing for all my needs, giving me daily bread and supplies for every spiritual need. My sin no longer controls me. My response to God's love is the focus for my life. The death of Jesus Christ has paid the cost of my sin and has set me free to live in victory. I am forgiven. I am a *son/daughter* of God. I am a minister to others. Praise God for the daily provision for my every need.

***GATHERING HYMN** "We All Are One in Mission"

1) We all are one in mis-sion; we all are one in call, our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all. A sin-gle great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove to plan and work to-gether that all may know Christ's love.

2) We all are called for ser-vice, to wit-ness in God's name. Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent; our pur-pose is the same: to touch the lives of oth-ers with God's sur-pris-ing grace, so ev-'ry folk and na-tion may feel God's warm em-brace.

3) Now let us be u-nit-ed, and let our song be heard. Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word. We all are one in mis-sion; we all are one in call, our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

CHILDREN'S SERMON / NOISY OFFERING

WORD



FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40 PB 892-893

26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) **27** So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship **28** and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. **29** Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." **30** So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" **31** He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. **32** Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. **33** In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." **34** The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" **35** Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. **36** As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" **37** And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." **38** He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. **39** When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. **40** But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM: *Psalm 22:25-31 (read responsively)*

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. **26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!** **27** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. **28 For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.** **29** To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. **30** **Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,** **31** and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

SECOND READING: *1 John 4:7-21* PB 991

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. **8** Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. **9** God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. **10** In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11** Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. **13** By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. **14** And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. **15** God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. **16** So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. **17** Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. **19** We love because he first loved us. **20** Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. **21** The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" vs.3*

We do not live by bread...a-alone, but by ev-'ry word that pro-ceeds from the mouth...of...God. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

L: The Holy Gospel of John, the 15th chapter.

A: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL** *John 15:1-8*

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. **2** He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. **3** You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me as I abide in you.



Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. **6** Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

L: The Gospel of our Lord. **A:** Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *“In Christ Alone”* vs.1&4

1) In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm thro’ the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2) No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow’r of Christ in me; From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from his hand; Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow’r of Christ I stand.

OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG** *“Lord Be Glorified”*

1) In my life, Lord / Be glorified, be glorified. / In my life, Lord Be glorified today.

2) With our gifts, Lord / Be glorified, be glorified. / With our gifts, Lord Be glorified today.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. **You are an abundant God, and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it, we worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach, and may it be a great blessing to many. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, who has created all things and continues to create new life within us...I believe in Jesus, Son of God, Son of man, the Savior of the world. By His life, His death and resurrection, I can know the true depth of human possibility, and experience the true



joy of an abundant life....I believe that the Holy Spirit is present, now and always, calling us to faith, giving us gifts and empowering us for service...I believe that the community of believers called the church can experience the fullness of life through the word, the sacraments, and all that we do.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** “Sanctuary”

SING: Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary Pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**



***SENDING HYMN** “What a Mighty God We Serve”

What a mighty God we serve. What a mighty God we serve. Angels bow before Him, heav'n and earth adore Him; What a mighty God we Serve. REPEAT

***DISMISSAL**

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Go, in peace to share the good news! Thanks be to God!**

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today! If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Dave Voight (Church Council President) at 701-240-4255 -or- Camilla Stover (WELCA-V.P.) at 218-791-2678.

CALENDAR

Today, 4/28/2024— *Blessing of the Quilts (5th Sunday of Easter)*

9:00am—Sunday School

10:00am—Contemporary Worship Service

11:00am—Fellowship

Wednesday, 5/1/2024

3:30pm—Confirmation Class

Thursday, 5/2/2024

9:30am—NEEDLES UP!! (Quilting)

Next Sunday, 5/5/2024—*Children sing in church*—*SPRING CLEAN-UP!*

9:00am—Sunday School

10:00am—Worship w/Holy Communion

11:00am—**POTLUCK**—Council to bring burgers & dogs

Every day

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mission of the Month for: Mar. – Apr.:** FURNACE FUND
- **Noisy offering:** Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Mission Action Month:** Stay tuned for information if we need more of any specific item(s).
- **Sunday, May 5th:** *Children Sing in Church*; *Spring Clean-up Day*—wear work clothes to church; *Potluck meal* (*Burgers and Dogs will be provided by the council*).
- **Wednesday, May 8th:** Last Day of Confirmation ('23-'24)
- **Sunday, May 12th:** Mother's Day ~ Last day of Sunday School
- **Sunday, May 19th:** Pentecost Sunday—wear the color **Red!**
- **Sunday, May 26th:** *Holy Trinity Sunday* ~ **LHS Graduation**
- **Sunday, June 2nd:** Summer Sunday Worship Services start @ 9am



PRAYER LIST

To add/remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church:
oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com or call/text Roberta: 218-779-0359

We pray for those in need:

Family of Ron Hunsberger Family of Dolores Dawes Family of Norma Petsinger

Cynthia Pic

Orpha Lieberg Ron Petsinger Sarah Anderson Michael & Evynn Schlender (nephew of Ann Ferdon) Country of Israel, and all countries in the world—that they come to know Christ as their Savior and Lord

Mark Sletten Robbie Leake

OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Dave Voight, Gordy Peterson* (non-voting members: *Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt*)

Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:

LaVonne Jacobson Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch

Marv Jemtrud Arlene Lilja Gloria Temple

Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman Dillon Norman



Serving this Sunday

Ushers: Col. Hogan & Col. Klink

Reader(s): Confirmation Students

Prayer: Confirmation Student

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: T. & N. Smith & T. Welder

Please prayerfully consider signing up to volunteer to participate in Sunday Worship services. *We need ushers, readers, and prayer readers (worship leaders encouraged as well).*



Serving Next Sunday (5/5/24)

Ushers: Volunteer Encouraged

Reader(s): Confirmation Students

Prayer: Confirmation Student

Communion: P. & J. Mutch

Fellowship:

POTLUCK – *council to bring burgers & dogs*

If you don't feel comfortable reading from the front, you are more than welcome to read from the microphone (on the organ) in the back of the church. All are welcome and encouraged!



SERVING IN MAY

Reminder: *If you are unable to serve on the schedule listed, please refer to the monthly inviter for a list of people to contact.

1ST Sunday-May 5

COMMUNION: Paul & Julie Mutch

FELLOWSHIP: **POTLUCK**—Council to bring burgers & dogs

2ND Sunday-May 12 – Mother's Day

FELLOWSHIP: N/A

3RD Sunday-May 19

FELLOWSHIP: M. Landis & N. Lilja

4TH Sunday-May 26 – LHS Graduation

FELLOWSHIP: *OSLC Men's Club*

