



*Our Savior's Lutheran
Church
Larimore, ND
May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter*

GATHERING

*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!

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

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.

God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person of Jesus Christ, God's Son, who died for our sin that we might have new life. The distance between God and ourselves has been brought together by love made perfect in the sacrifice of Jesus. To those who believe God's word of truth, comes power to be the people of God. Praise God for the gift of love to us. **AMEN.**

*GATHERING HYMN "In Christ There is..." ELW 650 vs.1,2,4

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN SING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Blessing of Youth, Parents, & Teachers

Summer Blessing for Families:

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Thanks:

LEADER: Christ, Teacher and Lord, Bless all in our schools as we seek to end our year with the grace You so generously provide.

ASSEMBLY: We give thanks for the students and the faculty, the administrators, and all who have contributed to this year of nurturing and growth.

LEADER: We affirm all the positive moments: Of insight, of the excitement of learning, Of accomplishment, of creativity, Of laughter, of a sense of community.

ASSEMBLY: We recognize the times of struggle, of difficult work, of misunderstanding, Even of failure...

LEADER: We give these to You for transformation, So they can become seeds that will find fertile soil.

ASSEMBLY: As we leave for the summer, May we take with us the knowledge that You will keep us all in Your embrace so we may rest and be restored, And so we can continue in the ongoing discovery of Your Love. Amen.

End of School Year Prayer & Blessing:

LEADER: *Let us pray*—O God of all beginnings and endings,

ASSEMBLY: We praise and thank You for the gift of this school year. It has been a time filled with grace and blessings, With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

LEADER: The days have passed quickly, O Lord. The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days, The exams, vacations, breaks, and assemblies, All have come forth from Your hand.

ASSEMBLY: While we trust that Your purposes have always been at work each day, sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate just what You have been up to in our school.

LEADER: Give *them* the rest and refreshment *they* need this summer. Let *their* efforts of this past year bear fruit. Bring all of *their* plans to a joyful conclusion, And bless *them*, according to Your will, With the fulfillment of *their* summer hopes and dreams.

ALL: Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead, And guide each day as You have done this past year. Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy. May we continue to grow In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace All the days of our lives. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: *Acts 10:44-48* PB 895

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. **45** The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, **46** for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, **47** "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" **48** So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

PSALM: *Psalm 98* PB 480 (*read responsively*)

1 O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. **2 The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.** **3** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.** **5** Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. **6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.** **7** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. **8 Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy** **9** at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: *1 John 5:1-12* PB 991-992

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. **3** For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, **4** for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. **5** Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? **6** This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. **7** There are three that testify: **8** the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. **9** If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. **10** Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those

who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. **11** And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12** Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“How Great Thou Art” ELW 856 vs.1

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

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** *John 15:(1-8)9-17* PB 878

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. **9** As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. **10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. **11** I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. **12** "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13** No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command you. **15** I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is

doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. **16** You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. **17** I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Now All the Vault”* ELW 367 vs.1,2,4

OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG** *“We Give Thee But Thine Own”* ELW 686 vs.1

We give thee but thine own, what-e’er the gift may be; all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

***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.

***APOSTLE'S CREED** ELW pg. 217

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 into Hell. 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**

MEAL

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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/DISTRIBUTION

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray: **We thank you, gracious God, for loving all your family with tender care, and feeding us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Renew and enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN “*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*” ELW 836

*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Go, in peace to share the good news, and do the work of the Lord with Spring Cleaning! **We will! 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, 5/5/2024— 6th Sunday of Easter!—Spring Clean-up!

9:00am—Sunday School

10:00am—Worship w/Holy Communion

Clean-up Begins—Potluck after clean-up!

Wednesday, 5/8/2024

12:00pm—Confirmation Class lunch and class after

Thursday, 5/9/2024

9:30am—NEEDLES UP!! (Quilting)

Next Sunday, 5/12/2024—*Mother's Day* (last day of Sunday School)

9:00am—Sunday School

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—NO Fellowship

Every day

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mission of the Month for: May – June: *Church Beautification*
- 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 (TODAY): 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

<u>Serving this Sunday</u>	<u>Serving Next Sunday (5/12/24)</u>
<i>Ushers:</i> Sgt Schultz & Cpl. LeBeau <i>Reader(s):</i> Confirmation Students <i>Prayer:</i> Confirmation Student <i>Communion:</i> P. & J. Mutch <i>Fellowship:</i> POTLUCK after Church Clean-up!	<i>Ushers:</i> Abbott & Costello <i>Reader(s):</i> Harpo, Groucho, Chico <i>Prayer:</i> Bob Hope <i>Communion:</i> N/A <i>Fellowship:</i> N/A (<i>mother's day</i>)

Please **prayerfully** consider signing up to **volunteer** to participate in Sunday Worship services. Since the school year is winding down, We will need more **ushers, readers, and prayer readers** (worship leaders encouraged as well). *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 will provide 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*

A dramatic scene in a forest. On the left, a large, grey, shaggy wolf with its mouth open, showing sharp teeth, looks towards the right. In the center-right, a small, white, woolly lamb stands facing the wolf. In the background, a shepherd in a white robe is visible, holding a staff. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, creating a hazy atmosphere. The text "The Good Shepherd is on the way" is overlaid in the upper right. A signature "© Kevin Carden" is in the lower right.

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