

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream and our Listen to Church Service
- Welcome to our new members!
- If you are joining us from home, I invite you to gather some bread and wine/juice so you can join us in celebrating Holy Communion this evening.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,

and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing 385:1, 3**

1	Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!	3	Praise we in songs of victory
	Now is the triumph of our king!		that love, that life which cannot die,
	To all the world glad news we bring:		and sing with hearts uplifted high:
	Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!		Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray,

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.**

WORD

PSALMODY Shepherd Me, O God 780

Choir to sing verses, congregation to join in on refrain only

Refrain

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and
love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*

2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness
and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
Refrain

3 Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my
hope. *Refrain*

4 You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to
hold. *Refrain*

5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God
forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL John 10:1-10

The holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very 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 Pastor Sarah Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 789:1, 2

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| <p>1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,</p> | <p>you have bought us; we are yours.</p> <p>2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,</p> |
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hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,

hear us children when we pray.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Reader*

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured, *especially* Carrie Holton, Harlen Knutson, Tom Lawrence, Dave Jacobson, Vicki Jaeger, Gordon Smith, Fred Till, Kelly Warfel, Bill Miller and Erica Peterson. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit and walk with those who are grieving, especially Jennifer Palmer and her family at the death of her mother, Janell Evan; and Kristie Olson and her family at the death of her husband, Tom. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Pour out your blessings upon the new members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church that together may we work as faithful partners in the ministry to which you call us. Inspire us to ever widen our circle of welcome and inclusion that all people may find a spiritual home here in this place. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Invite new members forward.

This morning we welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ into our mission and ministry at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

To new members:

You stand before us today to declare your belief in the God we know as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and to declare your desire to be partners with us in the ministry of Jesus Christ. So, I ask, are you willing to commit yourself, with the gifts that God has given you, to the ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church? If so please respond "Yes, with the help of God."

New Members: Yes, with the help of God.

To the congregation

L: I ask you, will you welcome and befriend these people as new partners in our ministry? Will you welcome them with your friendship, pray for them, support and encourage them in our shared mission?

C: Yes, with the help of God.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

We join together in our profession of faith:

Please stand:

People of God:

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you away from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

You may be seated.

Let us pray, God of new beginnings, thank you for welcoming us into your family through baptism and calling us into the mission of Christ for all the world. Bless those we welcome as now new members—and bless us all, together, in our shared mission. Equip us to live out our faith every day, as you send us into the world to minister in Jesus' name, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

WELCOME

Council Representative: On behalf of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, it is my honor to welcome you. We rejoice in receiving you into our community of faith, and into the fellowship in the gospel we share with all believers. Welcome in the name of Christ!

congregation will welcome with applause; shake hands in welcome.

SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

- Special congregational meeting today immediately following the service
- Plant Sale ongoing
- HS Graduation Blessing coming up; please send photos to Denise
- Next Week – End of the year blessing for teachers and students; Affirmation of Baptism for our confirmands

MEAL

OFFERING – *Good Shepherd* – OSL Choir

OFFERTORY **Let us Talents and Tongues Employ 674:1**

1	Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.	Refrain Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Be Known to Us Lord Jesus



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is 502

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| <p>1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.</p> <p>2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.</p> <p>3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!</p> <p>6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.</p> |
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Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Have No Fear Little Flock 764

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| <p>1 Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen</p> | <p>to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!</p> |
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2 Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!

3 Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
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uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray,

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN God Be With You Till We Meet Again 536:1, 2

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

PRAYER CONCERNS

Carrie Holton (friend of Megan Bayrd), Harlen Knutson, Tom Lawrence (Jane Kingzett's son-in-law), Dave Jacobson, Vicki Jaeger, Gordon Smith (brother of Donna Lark), Fred Till, Bill Miller (Glen Miller's brother), and Erica Peterson (Granddaughter of Cheryl Merrill)

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

IN SYMPATHY

To Jennifer Palmer and her family at the death of Jennifer's mother, Janell Evan; and to Kristie Olson and her family at the death of her husband, Tom.

Curious About Serving in Worship? We're inviting anyone—longtime members or brand-new friends—to “test-drive” a volunteer role. Shadow someone, try it once, or jump right in. It's a simple way to bless our congregation and feel more connected. *Sign up under the sky light or contact the church office.*

May 3rd—Final Sunday School! Students sing and volunteers are recognized at 9am worship. Join us after for ice cream, games, and a trip to the Dunn County Humane Society to deliver our offering and kitty blankets.

Graduation Milestone

Parents of Graduates—**Our Graduation Blessing Service is May 17th.** If you have a graduate that would like to participate, please submit the following items to Denise by May 3: a baby picture, a graduation photo, and what your graduate plans to

Little Church funds collected in April go to The Menomonie Free Clinic.

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, April 26	Worship, 9:00am Special Congregational Meeting, 10:00am Coffee Fellowship & Welcome for New Members, 10:15am Sunday School, 10:15am Faithful Fiber Friends, 10:15am Menomonie Singers concert, 2:00pm
Monday, April 27	Women in Action, 8:00am
Tuesday, April 28	Neighbors of Dunn County, 3:00pm
Wednesday, April 29	8th Grade Confirmation Event, 6:00pm Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm
Thursday, April 30	OSL Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm
Friday, May 1	
Saturday, May 2	

Thank you to the OSL choir for providing special music during worship!

Please join us in the sanctuary TODAY for a Special Congregational Meeting immediately following worship.

Welcome new members to OSL! Join us in the friendship room after the congregational meeting for coffee and cake as we welcome new members into our congregation.

Gift certificates for hanging baskets and Kwik Trip gift cards on sale today! Proceeds go to support the National Youth Gathering.

Summer Canoe Trip down Namekagon—Register with a \$100 deposit to secure your spot! See Denise for details.

Vacation Bible School is coming in June and we need helpers—ages 6th grade to adult! VBS dates: June 9-12. Check out the Messenger or see Denise for details on helping.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

		March
Income		\$38,301.87
Expenses		\$28,563.91
Over/short		\$9,737.96

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