

Crosslake Lutheran Church

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter



WELCOME TO ALL! Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to the faith. Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners, and to questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new. Welcome on this day!

PRELUDE “Let All Things Now Living” - Welsh melody/ arr. Larson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

GATHERING HYMN *There in God's Garden* Vs. 1-3

ELW 342

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us,

✠ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.

We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.

We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.

For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.

For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.

Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;

in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *There in God's Garden* Vs. 4

ELW 342

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

ANTHEM "O Blessed Spring" - arr. David Cherwien

FIRST READING Psalm 22:25-31

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

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In 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. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Love 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. ¹⁸There 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. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those 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. ²¹The 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 *Be Not Afraid*

ELW 388

GOSPEL John 15:1-8

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Kristin Oltmann

HYMN OF THE DAY *There in God's Garden* Vs. 5 & 6

ELW 342

APOSTLES' CREED

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Michelle Courneya

Charles & Vonnie Blekre

Ed & Doris Butler

Zane & Paris Kimball

Jeff & Chris O'Donnell (Associate Members)

Tim & Beth Schalow

Scott & Shannon Watters

OFFERING "Give Me Jesus" arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *Let All Things Now Living*

ELW 881

* DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE "Let Praise Ring Forth" - Edward Broughton

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All are invited for coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall after worship today!

Gervaise Wilhelm will help serve. Kitchen Leader: Randy Morsch

Thanks to Barb Hanson for her music today!

SPRING MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 5, after worship be sure to join us for our Spring meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We'll celebrate our ministry over the past year and look forward to what God has in store for our mission together as Crosslake Lutheran Church!



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WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers	Everyone	Ushers	Susan Swanson, Paulette Wilske
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Children's Ministry Coordinator	Macie Lohmiller				

MAY BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays at 10:00am - Fireside Room



Beginning May 1st, our Wednesday Bible Study group will begin a discussion of *"Decolonizing Palestine: The Land, The People, the Bible"* by Rev. Mitri Raheb, a Lutheran pastor in Bethlehem, Palestine. Books are \$18 and can be purchased in the church office. We will begin by covering the Intro and Chapter 1 on May 1st.

BEGINNING TUESDAY, MAY 7 AT 11 AM I'LL ALSO BE LEADING A ZOOM STUDY OF THE ELCA'S DRAFT SOCIAL STATEMENT ON CIVIC LIFE AND FAITH.

This study will actively engage in providing feedback on the ELCA draft social statement titled "Civic Life and Faith." This statement delves into the intersection of our Christian faith with civic responsibilities, exploring how our beliefs shape our engagement with society. This Bible Study will offer a unique chance for us to immerse ourselves in Scripture, reflect on the teachings of Jesus, and contemplate how our faith guides us in matters of justice, compassion & community involvement. I eagerly anticipate our shared learning and fellowship.—Pastor Becky

If you want to join me for either (or both) of those conversations, you can pick up materials in the church office.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The family of Gary Schwartz whose memorial service was held yesterday at Crosslake Lutheran.

Our new members who join with us today!

CROSSLAKE LUTHERAN MEMBERS

Allana Gabriel	Jim Wells	Kathleen Fields	Larry Neer	Paula Buresh	Virgene Johnson
Dale Blosberg	Jo Smith	Karen Larson	Marlene Cox	Rollie Hirman	
Jerry Gilbert	Joyce Lanning	Larry James	Mary Neer	Sandy Okerman	

CROSSLAKE LUTHERAN FRIENDS

Al Zimmermann	Dave Swanson	Jodi Nicolet	Mara Thorson	Robin Hendry
Amy Moberg	David Bancroft	Kelsey Nelson	Marlene (Yager) Rudenick	Robin Weber
Ann Hennen	Dawn Saxton	Ken Carlson	Mike Plouman	Ruth Smith
Anna Knapek	Dean Eggena	Karen Raatz	Mitchell Shelstad	Scott Mayer
Bill Snedeker	Deb Cowan	Kathy Kliewer	Neil Torbenson	Sam Schiller
Bob Floerke	Dillon Gens	Laura Cavanaugh	Norma Aarsvold	Sharon Flatz
Bob Peterson	Dolores Douglas	Larry Davis	Norma Denniston	Sharon Zulkosky
Brandi Walker	Gary Walen	Larry Enderson	Pat Hughes	Shirley Griswold
Brian Murphy	Jackie Mueller	Lee Sperl	Patricia Weege	Sue Ross
Charlie Morris	Jacob Hynek	Linda Rhea	Peggy Wilson	T. Mueller
Crystal Bostyancic	Janna Floerke	Linda Prizzia	Philip Johnson	Tim Darnell
Cullen Holstad	Jerry Sanft	Lynn Olson	Rachel Hicks	Tim Thorpe
Dal Meske	Jim Farrari	Madeline Baumann	Rachel Meske	Tom Franta
Dan Gillman	Jim Griswold	Madelyn Phillipp		Victoria Rangel

THIS WEEK'S MINISTRY EVENTS

- Today Worship with Reception of New Members 9:30 am followed by coffee/fellowship
- April 29 Jul Fest workshop 9 am / Quilters 9 am
Men's 500 Card Group 9 am / Staff Meeting Noon
A.A. meets in Fireside Room 7 pm
- April 30 "Matter of Balance" class 10 am—Noon
Mahjonnig Group 1 pm
- May 1 Kitchen Committee 9 am / Bible Study 10 am
Bell Choir Noon / Knit Wits-Fireside Room 1 pm
Choir practice 4:30 pm
- May 2 Marketing Committee 9 am / Book Club 10 am
- May 5 Worship with Holy Communion and Graduate Recognition 9:30 am followed by
Spring Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Join us on Sunday, May 5th, as we honor these High School Graduates during worship!

Shelby Balmer	Lilix Gustafson	Eva Mumm
Quinn Bray	Brook Hennies	Emma Schott
Ethan Ekeberg	Kayla Joyce	Lauren Schultz
Mercedes Engstrom	Aubrey Larsen	
Emma Flaws	Isabel Larson	



BOOK CLUB



The book for May is “A Nurse’s Secret” by Amanda Skenandore and we will meet on **May 2nd at 10 am** in the Fireside Room. New members are always welcome!

MAINTENANCE JOB OPENING

We are seeking someone to fill the General Maintenance position. If you are interested, please talk to Jeff Benson (612-598-1852) or Bob Bahma (763-238-1226) from the Personnel team. You can also talk to Pastor Kristin. There may be a way for a team of people to job share or work together with one person as the lead; so, we would really like to talk to whomever may have any interest at all! This is a paid position with up to 10 hours per week. Please let us know of your interest as soon as possible. Thank you!

JUL FEST

Jul Fest workshop is off to a great start. We gather every Monday from 9am – 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall; you can come for all or part of the morning. We are working on crafts, sewing, and painting. If you have ideas for new crafts, please bring samples or pictures to share with the group. New members are always welcome! We have a coffee break for sharing and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Marcia Prescott (952-938-6846) or Cindy Bighley (651-770-0720).



ONE STOP SHOPPING - GREETING CARDS, EMBROIDERED TOWELS AND GIFT BAGS

The Ink Spots have set up a card rack in the Fellowship Hall for those of you who are looking for handmade greeting cards. To go along with the variety of cards for all occasions, you can purchase a beautiful embroidered dish towel by Ramona and a gift bag by Gerry to finish off your shopping trip. All items are priced as marked and a wooden box is provided for payment. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!!

We need gardening help! We are looking for women and men who enjoy the outdoors and would like to help with the church flower beds and planters. We do some watering, pulling weeds and clipping the blossoms that are spent. A rotating schedule is setup so you are not gardening every week and you will be paired with another gardener so you are not alone. We start at the end of May with planting the different planters and flower beds and go through September. We will guide you through it! Come join us and help us to beautify the areas around the church building. The butterflies and bees will thank you!

Question: Who was the first gardener in the Bible?

There is peace in the garden, come join our group and serve God! Call, text or email Linda Gates (507-202-9374 / gates.lb@hotmail.com) with questions or if you want to join our group!

CROSSLAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMORIES IN THE "PAST LANE"

The Archives Committee is asking members of the congregation to share Crosslake Lutheran memories/stories/historical accounts they remember of the past. The following requests will be appreciated:

1. Word length no longer than 200 words, typed. An optional photo may be included if space is available.
2. Draft can be sent/attached to Robert Salo by email mrgeog@windstream.net (if possible); bringing the draft to the church office is an option > Attention: Helen Silva, Gerry Schroeder, Lois Salo, or Robert Salo.
3. Be willing to allow some editing as needed. If edited, you will be given the opportunity to read any adjustments.
4. The committee reserves the right to accept/not accept a memory submission.
5. Selected memories will be presented in the archives display.



GIRLS MATTER WORKSHOP

...because only a sentence should be stopped by a period.

We're back -- please join me for a "Girls Matter Period" workshop on Tuesday, May 14th from 9 am to Noon in the Fellowship Hall. This is our first workshop for this season in Crosslake. We also combine efforts with First Lutheran Church in Aitkin.

I am traveling to South Africa to deliver kits in September. We will hopefully be able to pack kits at our June workshop. Linda Gates is also traveling with me. It'll be great to experience this trip together for the girls.

If you are a Thrivent Financial member and would like to apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant to help us purchase supplies, let me know. This is a wonderful resource for us.

Please bring a sewing machine if you would like to sew. I will have sewing and non-sewing tasks ready to go. Thank you Linda, Carla and Mary Jo for sewing away this winter to get ready for workshops!

If you have any questions, please contact me, sue.girlsmatter@gmail.com or 952-356-7516.

Sue Carlson

CARE 'N SHARE IN EMILY

"For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

Crosslake Lutheran has committed to helping our neighbors at Care N Share in Emily !! Volunteers are needed. Can You help??

Care 'N Share is all about feeding our neighbors in the community by providing a free meal every Wednesday. Care 'N Share is searching for individuals to join our existing volunteers and food manager to assist in preparing meals on Tuesdays from 1pm-3:30pm and/or packaging the to-go meals on Wednesdays from 1pm-3:30pm, or serve in house guests and clean up from 4pm-6:45pm. No experience necessary! Meals are delivered to about 250 people within a 30 mile radius of Emily. In-House meals are being served at Care 'N Share on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30pm; please join us and meet others in the community. The invitation is open to everyone!! Care 'N Share is located in the fellowship hall at the Wesleyan Church on Highway 6 in Emily. Contact Lori Nelson at 651-246-7292 or lorinelson@brainerd.net to get on the email list for volunteer opportunities at Care 'N Share in Emily or if you need more volunteer information. Join us for fun, meet new people and help out our community.



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of a service project and
a fun outing!

June 12, 19, 26
July 10, 17, 24

message Lindsay for
additional info!



All are Welcome!

**FOOD, FELLOWSHIP
& LIVE MUSIC**

Join Crosslake Lutheran for a whole family event!
We will be grilling hotdogs, bring a dish to share, your favorite lawn chair!

Yard games, live music and an evening of fellowship!

MAY 22, JUNE 19, JULY 17 & AUGUST 21ST, 2024
6-8PM
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FLOWER CHART

The 2024 Flower Signup Chart is on the bulletin board in the hallway if you would like to have flowers on the altar to commemorate a special occasion, in memory of someone, or it might be just because you want to brighten the worship area. These can be fresh flower arrangements or plants of your choice from your garden or store bought. The Altar Guild will call to remind you of the date you have signed up for. You must order and make arrangements for delivery or bring to the worship area to be placed prior to the service.



