



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church- ELCA  
Melo Lutheran Church- ELCA**

*Mission Statement of Our Savior's Lutheran Church*

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ who are willing to take risks to serve and worship God. We exist to inspire each other in reaching out to others in God's love through worship, youth ministry, ecumenical cooperation and stewardship of all our resources.*

*Our Savior's/ Melo Lutheran Churches*  
*Warren and Rural Angus, Minnesota*  
*Pastor David Peterson*

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*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*03 May 2009*

*The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRELUDE**

**DeeDee Carlson (Melo)**  
**Joan Peterson (OSL)**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS** *(Please stand if you are able)* **ELW p 116**

**GATHERING HYMN**      **"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"** **ELW # 389**

**GREETING & KYRIE** **ELW p 203**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** **ELW p 204**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**C O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

**HYMN**                                      **"O Word of God Incarnate"** **ELW #514**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 4:5-12**

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**PSALM**

**Psalm 23**

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

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

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

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING

**1 John 3:16-24**

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L: The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please stand if you are able*)

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## THE GOSPEL

**John 10:11-18**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Dave**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”**

**ELW #367**

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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

P: Transformed by the life-giving power of the empty tomb, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: Led by the Good Shepherd who gathers and guides all people, let us pray for missionaries

throughout the world as they seek to bring new followers into the fold of the church. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Led to quiet places of rest and renewal, let us pray for the protection and preservation of wilderness and sanctuary, parks and reserves. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Led to a table of plenty where everyone is welcome, let us pray for international relief agencies, soup kitchens, and food pantries, and for all who are fed by them. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Led through dark places and difficult circumstances, let us pray for the lost, the discouraged, and for all who are ill or in need of care and tending (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Led to the life-giving waters of baptism, let us pray for the newly baptized as they grow in wisdom and understanding. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Led at the last to our eternal home, let us soothe the dying, comfort all who mourn, and give thanks for the faithful departed (*especially*), that we may be gathered with them to dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Hear our prayers, gracious God, and grant all that we need to live as your Spirit-filled people, in the name of the risen Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you**

## OFFERING *Sit*

*Please stand if you are able*

### OFFERATORY

**“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”**

**ELW #184**

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*We celebrate communion with an open table. All are invited and welcome at the Lord's Table who are members of the body of Christ through Baptism, have confessed their sin, trust that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine, and believe that to receive him is to receive forgiveness. Children not having received instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. Grape juice is available upon request.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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### 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**

*Sit*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: This is the feast of victory for our God!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### AGNUS DEI

**ELW p208**

### COMMUNION HYMNS

**“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”**

**ELW #380**

**“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”**

**ELW #494**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Good Shepherd, lead us from the fulfillment and joy of this meal to bring joy and fulfillment to others. Guide us on paths of justice. Teach us to live for you as servants to one another. Enfold us in your abiding love. We give thanks in the name of the risen Christ.

**C: Amen**

### **BLESSING**

P: Children by the grace of God, one in Christ, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, rejoice in the resurrection and live in hope, peace, and joy. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

**“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”**

**ELW #392**

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

### **POSTLUDE**

**DeeDee Carlson (Melo)  
Rachel Roggenbuck (OSL)**

*This morning the 5<sup>th</sup> grade is celebrating First Communion.*

*This year's class includes:*

*Alyssa Bartles*

*Maison Carlson*

*Hannah Hamrick*

*Rebecca Hamrick*

*Sarah Kostrzewski*

*Brice Miller*

*Sydney Moug*

*Nathan Roggenbuck*

*Sadie Scherber*

*Angela Spidahl*

*As part of their preparation for this occasion the class assisted in the baking of the bread being broken and shared this morning.*

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Sunday Worship Times:  
Melo 9:00am  
Sunday School 9:15am  
Adult Bible Study 9:15am  
OSL 10:30 am

**Participants for Today's Worship, May 3**

Acolyte: Keaton and Colton Laymon  
Ushers: Peder and Karen Larson  
Lector: Peder Larson  
Psalm Readers: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Nursery: Emily Swope  
Communion servers:  
Coffee Hosts: Janice Lenhart and Jeanie Ulferts  
Melo Custodian: Duane Filipi

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**Participants for Next Sunday's Worship, May 10**

Acolyte: Cory Myrfield  
Ushers: Peder and Karen Larson  
Lector: Karen Larson  
Psalm Readers: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Nursery: Emily Swope  
Coffee Hosts: Janice Lenhart  
Melo Custodian: Duane Filipi

**This Week in the Parish**

Monday, May 4- Education Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, May 5- ODC Bible Study 9:00am  
Quilting 1:00pm  
Wednesday, May 6- New Orleans Meeting 6:00pm  
Choir Practice 7pm  
New Member Class 7:00pm  
Saturday, May 9- Church being cleaned  
Next Sunday, May 10- Melo Worship 9:00am  
**Sunday School Parents Program 9:15am**  
Adult Bible Study 9:15am  
Our Savior's Worship 10:30am

**Prayer list**

**Those in need:** *Mitchel Benson, LaVerne Owens, Phyllis Stinar, Vicki Polchow, Catie Blanchard, Cameo Folz, Larry Johnson, Leah Hamr, Joe Yeado, Brittany Dvorak, Ray Swanson, Marlys Kohlhase, Carla Carlson*

**Those who mourn:** *Family of Wilford Dostal, Family of Charlotte Berdal*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representatives are needed from our congregation to attend the synod convention on May 16-17<sup>th</sup>. If interested please contact the church office, Pastor Dave or Council President, Dayle Anderson-Scherber.

Family Caregivers Concerns Group will meet May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10-11am at the Good Sam Apt. Community Room.

Hospital and Home Auxiliary Spring Bake Sale will be held Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm at the Landmark Center.

Trim a Table for Hospice will be May 9<sup>th</sup>, with viewing starting at 11am at the Warren Senior Center. Proceeds from this event benefit Altru's Hospice in Warren. Altru's Hospice provides end of life care for patients in Marshall County. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 or \$12 at the door.- Contact Amy Jones or Tanya Bergeron 218-437-8230.

Warren Aglow A Community Lighthouse will host Judy Bratteli on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Warren Community Center at 9am. Judy will be brining a message of commitment.

Aaron Weil will present a concert at 6:30pm Sunday, May 3 at Grace United Methodist Church. Aaron, native of TRF will perform Gospel music ranging from good old hymns and Bluegrass gospel to contemporary Christian music.

Zion Lutheran Church in Oslo will hold a Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8am-3pm

**Vacation Bible School will be held June 15-18<sup>th</sup> and will need many volunteers to help in various ways.** Please contact Leanne at 201-1064 or Shawn at 201-0312 if you are interested.

There will be three opportunities for conversation about the Human Sexuality Statements to be considered at the church-wide assembly. The meetings will be on May 7 at Our Savior's. The conversations will begin at 7pm and last 1 to 1 ½ hours.

There is a box of yarn in the office that is available to anyone who is making prayer shawls. Please help yourself.

Pathways needs your help to get camp ready. Pathways workday will be at Emmaus May 9, Minne-Wa-Kan May 16, and Lake of the Woods June 6 starting at 9am. Bring work clothes, rags, gloves and rakes. If you have a mower, weed wacker, chainsaw & vacuum please bring them. For more info check out [www.pathwaysbiblecamps.com](http://www.pathwaysbiblecamps.com)