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Ascension Day

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We're happy you're here to worship with us! We pray that the Lord bless you through his Word this morning.

Notes about your visit:

- If you have any **questions**, please don't hesitate to ask one of the greeters or anyone else.
- **Restrooms** – There are restrooms out the back doors and down the second hallway on the right.
- Parents, we are so glad that you have brought your little children to church this morning. If needed, there is a **nursery** out the back doors to the right.

Understanding the Church Year

Ascension Day

After Jesus rose from the dead, he spent 40 days on earth with his disciples. After that, Jesus ascended ("went up") into heaven. But even though Jesus' disciples could no longer see him, he gave them his promise: "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Because Jesus has ascended into heaven, we know that he is seated at the right hand of God, ruling all things for our good. We also know that he is preparing a place there for us. Because Jesus ascended, we know that someday soon, we too will be taken to heaven to be with him forever.

*On Christ's ascension I now build the hope of my ascension.
This hope alone has always stilled all doubt and apprehension;
For where the head is, there as well I know his members are to dwell
When Christ shall come and call them.*

CHRIST'S ASCENSION – OUR PROTECTION

OPENING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing | 171, St. 1-4

INVOCATION

The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind us of our baptisms – when God put his name on us and made us his children.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✚ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

We confess our sins together and hear the word of forgiveness announced by the pastor. Jesus himself promises, “If you forgive anyone their sins, they are forgiven” (John 20:23).

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✚ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing | 171, St. 5-6

**5. Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Then, throned with you forever, we
Shall praise your name eternally.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**6. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to you let earth accord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 14:21-31 (NIV)

The Israelites were caught between the Red Sea and the Egyptian army. But God does not abandon his people. He himself worked powerfully to save them from their enemies and to bring them to safety.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided,²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴ During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵ He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."



²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.”

²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. ²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

²⁹ But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their

left. ³⁰ That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. ³¹ And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 28:20

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53 (NIV)

Jesus has not forsaken his church. He gives us his Spirit in Word and Sacrament to grant us the power to share his gospel with all nations. He blesses us daily and is preparing a place for us in heaven.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

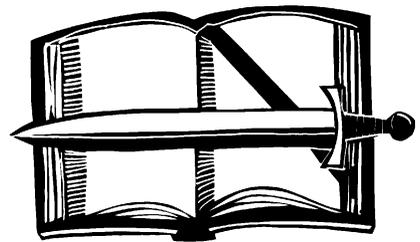
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SERMON

Revelation 19:11-16 (ESV)

The King of Kings is a Fighter!

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.



NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING

*"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7*

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction. Today, Karli Mortel is invited to publicly profess her faith in the truths of Holy Scripture and she is recognized as being properly prepared to receive Holy Communion.

Karli has chosen Psalm 128:1 to be her confirmation verse: "Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways."



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

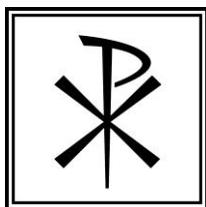
The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**



P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -



in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



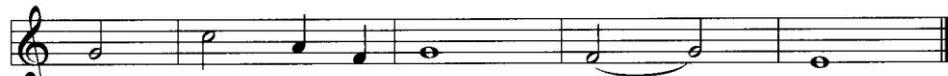
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



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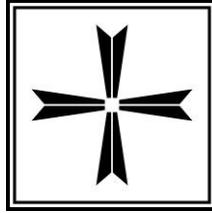


world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

Guests: *Living Savior practices member communion. We do this because the Bible teaches that not only do we receive Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins in Holy Communion, but we are also confessing a oneness in the faith.*

For this reason, if you are not a member of Living Savior or the WELS, we want to give you a chance to learn what we believe and teach before we ask you to join us for communion. Please speak to Pastor if you are interested in joining us for communion in the future. Thank you.



SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

Tune: KUORTANE



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace, as -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the



sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -



light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une



crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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Serving at Living Savior

Greeters:

Today: Murphy

Next Sunday: McGuire

Cleaners:

This Week: Petty/Kephart

Music:

Today: Jon

Camera:

Today: Gil

Next Sunday: Donavon

In our prayers this week:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

-Philippians 4:6

- ❖ Gil Turner: Gil continues to battle cancer.
- ❖ Elizabeth Rahmer: Elizabeth suffers from epilepsy; the Rahmer family is searching for a workable treatment plan.
- ❖ The Weege family
- ❖ Our confirmand: Karli Mortel
- ❖ Pastor & Elizabeth Knox
- ❖ *How can we pray for you? Let Pastor know!*

News and Notes

Congratulations to our confirmand, Karli Mortel! We thank God for your faith and will continue to keep you in our prayers as you grow more and more in your faith.

Confirmation Lunch – All are welcome to stay after the service for a dinner to celebrate Karli's confirmation. Following the dinner, Church Council and Women of Faith will meet briefly.

Congratulations to our former vicar Jesse Knox and his wife Elizabeth! On Thursday, Jesse was assigned to serve as an associate pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Stevensville, Michigan. We pray for the Lord's blessings on him, his family, and his ministry.

"Salvation Comes From the LORD!" – This will be the last week for our Jonah Bible Study. Join us on Monday at 7:00 pm at the Frontier Café in Stevensville or Wednesday at 7:00 pm at church!

Lyn Weege Memorial Service – A memorial service for Lyn Weege will be held at Living Savior on Tuesday, May 28 at 11:00 am. Visitation with the family will begin at 10:00. A light lunch will follow the service.

Pastor Gone – Next weekend, Pastor and Lauren will be in Dallas for a wedding. Vicar Threlkeld from Billings will be here to lead the service and teach Bible Study.

Summer Bible Camp – The weather's finally warming up, which means it's time to get organized for this year's Summer Bible Camp. Dates for the camp are July 8-12. Let Pastor know how you'd like to help!

Looking for a wait to help out? We could use a few more people to help run the music on Sunday mornings. Talk to Pastor or Jon if you'd like to get involved.

This Week at Living Savior

Monday	7:00 pm: Bitterroot Bible Study at Frontier Café
Tuesday	11:00 am: Lyn Weege Memorial Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm: Jonah Bible Study
Sunday	Worship & Bible Study (Vicar Threlkeld preaching)