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JUNE 13TH, 2021 + 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN

"Morning Has Broken" #556

GREETING & KYRIE

Hymnal Page 147

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal Page 148

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

LET THE CHILDREN COME...

FIRST READING Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it. Here ends the reading.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²**to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

Here ends the reading.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Here ends the reading.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL The holy gospel according to Mark 4:26-34 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" #512

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING PRAYER & SONG

"Create In Me" #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

It is indeed....we praise your name and join together:

Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest hosanna.

LORD'S PRAYER

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BLESSING

HYMN

"How Great Thou Art" #856



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Mission Support

January – May 2021	
Year To Date Income	\$161,566.66
Year To Date Expense	147,263.21
YTD Income over Expense	14,303.45
A week of OSLC ministry:	
General Fund Offering	\$7,196.17
from last week :	\$6,883.89

We, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, welcome all to share Christ's love, grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God.

The Radio Broadcast is memory of Ron Olstad given by Judy Olstad and family.

Summer Worship times are In-Person at 8:30 and 10:00 am. Worship on Facebook Live at 8:30 am and on the Radio Broadcast KOVC 1490 AM at 11:00 am. A bulletin can be found on our website: www.oursaviorsvc.org.

An Outdoor Worship Service is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15th at 6:30 pm at Pastor Kyle's Backyard, 1305 Chautauqua Blvd. A belated reception to celebrate the marriage of Pastor Kyle & Pastor Sharayah will be held after the service at 7:00pm.

Please note: Please use the North Parking Lot Door to enter the church during the week. The stairs at the West Entrance by the church office are unsafe at this time. Plans are for them to be repaired this summer.

The June Bible Reading Challenge is to read the Gospel of John. Dive into this great story that reveals God's love in Jesus Christ.

A Bible Book Club to discuss the book will be on June 15th at 3:00 pm.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity! Offerings can be left in the back of the sanctuary, mailed to the church office at 138 3rd St. NW, Valley City, or given online at www.oursaviorsvc.org, by clicking the blue "Give Now" button at the bottom of the homepage.

The Missionary Calendar has many open dates for 2021. Show your support of the church around the world by signing up for a day and making a donation of \$25. You'll support the work of Global Health Ministries and our missionaries, Willie and Anne Langdji, who serve as ELCA Regional Representatives in Western Africa.

Monday Morning Prayer Group will not gather in person at this time. From wherever we are on Monday mornings, we will start our week in prayer as we pause and pray for the people of Our Savior's as well as a variety of prayer concerns, This week, we hold in prayer: James Greene; Kyle & Jessica Gregerson, Anna, Leah; Brian & Brook Gubrud, Holt, Ree Catherine; Dennis & Judy Gumke; Ethel Gusaas; Jacqueline Haas, Travis, Tiffany; Roger Haga.

Thank You for all the ways you supported this year's CROP WALK for HUNGER. Because of your generosity and with your help, \$7186.00 was raised for global and local food and hunger ministries, with 20% of those funds going directly to our Barnes County Food Pantry! Together, we're helping to end hunger one step at a time!

"Christ in Our Home" Devotion books for July, August, and September are now available. Pick one up at the church or give the church office a call (845-1328) to request that one be delivered or mailed to you. Now is a great time to begin a daily scripture reading and prayer practice if you are not already doing so.

Baby items needed- Do you have unneeded baby clothing items? Do you see baby clothing at garage sales that you would be willing to pick up? The following items are needed for Lutheran World Relief Baby Kits that are sent to countries lacking in supplies. Please leave any items in the box in the north entrance of Our Savior's Lutheran Church or call 840-1711 for questions/pickup. (Note onesies can be used as they are altered. Flannel sheets and material to make diapers and blankets are greatly appreciated.) Any unused items will be donated to the Community Closet. Thank you!

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH BABY CARE KIT

- TWO lightweight cotton t-shirt (no Onesies)
- TWO long-or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- TWO pairs of socks
- ONE hand towel, dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 or 9 oz., Any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- TWO diaper pins or large safety pins

“Morning Has Broken” #556

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation of the new day!

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

“How Great Thou Art” #856

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars; I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!
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- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*
- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*
- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” *Refrain*