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MAY 15TH, 2022 + FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose rising from the dead brings to us the promise of life eternal. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of the living God and of one another...

We confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in Christ. In our fear and trembling, we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. Resurrect us O God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our community, and our world. Through the mercy of you beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit. Amen.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ proclaims, "Do not be afraid!" Know that you are made new in his rising, and your sins + are forgiven. Be at peace and live in the everlasting love of God. **Amen!**

OPENING HYMN

"All Creatures, Worship God Most High!" #835

GREETING (p. 98)

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.**

KYRIE (Read Responsively)

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 their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, O God. Keep us in the joy of the resurrection. **Keep us in the joy of the resurrection.**

Sustain us to serve all in need. **Sustain us to serve all in need.**

Give us your life. **Give us your life. Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to You, O God of Mercy" #208

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LET THE CHILDREN COME...

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 102)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Response: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PSALM 148 (Read Responsively)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens, old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Response: Here ends the reading. **Thanks be to God.**

READING: Revelation 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Response: Here ends the reading. **Thanks be to God.**

READING: Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Response: Here ends the reading. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"An Unexpected Invitation"

HYMN OF THE DAY

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #588

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - NICENE CREED (p. 104)

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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

Offering may be placed in the basket at the back of our worship space or given online at www.oursaviorsvc.org

OFFERING HYMN

"Thine the Amen" #826

HOLY COMMUNION (p. 107)

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 join their unending hymn: **Holy, holy, holy 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND LORD'S PRAYER (p. 112)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Lamb of God" p. 113

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

"For the Beauty of the Earth" #879

POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

SENDING HYM

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" #452

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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 in honor of Robert Loken in celebration of his birthday which was on May 14th given by Bev Loken and family.

The Abused Persons Outreach Center (APOC) will hold a Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser on Monday, May 16th from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Valley City Eagles. Ice Cream will be available from Midwest Dairy. A free will offering will be taken to support the work and advocacy of APOC in our community.

"Surprise! The Unexpected Acts of God" - Join us this Easter Season as we journey through the book of Acts and hear stories of the ways God challenges and surpasses our expectations.

May 15th - "An Unexpected Invitation"

May 22nd - "An Amazing Detour"

May 29th - "An Iconic Escape"

June 5th - "Pentecost: The Ultimate Surprise Party"

Please Note: The Church Office has a new email address:

oursaviorsvc@outlook.com Emails sent to the old address will no longer be received.

Take Note: In June, July, and August, Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be transitioning to one Sunday morning worship service at 9:30 am. The coffee will be on at 8:30 am to enjoy a time of fellowship before the service. The service will continue to be shared on Facebook Live at 9:30 am and via Radio Broadcast on KOVC 1490 AM at 11:00 am.

The 2022 Missionary Calendar is up! Claim your dates and make a \$25 per day in support of our Global Mission partners.

VBS will be held June 8-10th! Information and registration forms are available on the youth bulletin board or on our website. Deadline for registration is May 16th!

On Wednesday, May 25th at 5:15 p.m., Pr. Kyle will lead an OSLC Worship Streaming Tech Training. We're looking for volunteers who would be interested in running the worship stream during 8:30 a.m. services. You'll be amazed how simple it is to learn, plus it's a great opportunity to learn a new skill and serve the church as we continue to worship in many different ways. If you or someone you know are interested in learning the system and helping stream on Sunday mornings, be in touch with Pr. Emmy or Pr. Kyle and plan on joining our training on the 25th.

Join us next Sunday, May 22 as we honor our High School Seniors. A reception will be held in the Large Dining Room at 9:45 am and we will pray for our seniors during the worship service. All are welcome to join in celebration with them.

Coffee Hosts: Faye Bubach

Reader: Jan Stowman

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. To that end, be alert and persevere in praying for all the Lord's people." (Ephesians 6:18). This week we hold these people of Our Savior's in prayer, as well as those concerns close to our hearts:

Connie Courtney; Gwendolyn Crawford; Mary Creviston; Roger Lerud & Cindy Creviston-Lerud; Carol Dahl; Connie Dahl; Paul & Margaret Dahlberg.

The Bridges Backpack Program is not doing the Summer Feeding Program as we have in the past. We are running the program through the Hi-Liner Pantry located at Valley City High School and are looking for volunteers to be at the pantry from 4:45-7:15 on Wednesdays from June 1- August 3 this summer. The responsibilities would be helping people find food items for meals, monitoring how many items people are taking, and restocking items as needed. We will need two volunteers per night. If you are available and willing to help out with this, please let Julia Anderson know at andersonjb78@hotmail.com or 840-9815 what evening you would like. Here are the available dates:

June 1, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3

We are also setting out a tub in the gathering room at the church to collect the following items for the Bridges Backpack Summer Feeding Program. If you could help out in this way it would also be much appreciated. The items needed are as follows: Jars of Jelly, Puddings / Fruit Cups, Chips, Granola Bars, Juice Boxes, Macaroni and Cheese

This Week: **May 15-22**

TODAY: 8:30 a.m. Worship & Facebook Live
 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

MON: 11:15 a.m. Sr. High Lunch-9th graders
 12:15 p.m. Sr. High Lunch-10th-12th graders

TUES: 9:00 a.m. Good Samaritans Quilters
 1:30 p.m. Text Study

WED: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 3:00 p.m. Kids for Christ
 6:30 p.m. Baccalaureate at the HAC

SAT: 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship

NEXT SUN: 8:30 a.m. Worship & Facebook Live
 9:45 a.m. Graduation Recognition
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast
 7:00 p.m. Summer Trip Student & Parent Meeting

Mission Support

January-April 2022

Year To Date Income	\$144,999.29
Year To Date Expense	138,122.24
YTD Expense over Income	-6,877.05
A week of OSLC ministry:	\$7,582.00
General Fund Offering from last week:	\$7,010.26

2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital Appeal



\$838,180.00 Total Pledged
 By 124 Households
 through April 1, 2022

\$438,704.51 Total Given
 through April 1, 2022