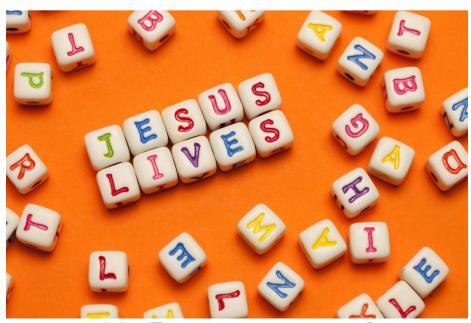


GROWING IN OUR SAVIOR GOING OUT TO SHARE HIS LOVE

MAY 4, 2025 11:00AM



MY REDEEMER LIVES!

Opening Song

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession & Absolution

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- C Who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C **Amen.**

Worship Songs

Sharing in the Peace

(People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).)

First Reading Acts 5:12–32

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if

only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
17For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 10:22-30

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon

Pastor Patrick Singh

Prayers of the Church

Offering O Calvary's Lamb by Chaz Bosavge, Bill George, Tommy Greer

Service of the Sacrament +

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment, You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them, and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. **C Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

Distribution

Communion Songs

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. Amen.

Closing Song

Dismissal

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Preparing for Holy Communion: The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (I Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions.

- 1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8)
- 2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15)
- 3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10)
- 4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: Our regularly scheduled quarterly Voters Assembly will be held today between services in the Fellowship Room . The main topic of this meeting will be the presentation of our Annual Ministry Plan as related to our recently developed Mission and Vision Statements. All members are encouraged to come and participate in this meeting.

A MIDWEEK SERVICE will be held this coming Wednesday, May 7th, beginning at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary and followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Room. All are invited.

PRAYER GATHERING led by the Elders will be held this Wednesday, May 7th, 7-8 p.m. in the Prayer Chapel. If you are unable to come in person, contact Vicar Mark to participate via Zoom.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK is the week of 5th-9th. Our church family will be partnering with the school families in providing a lunch for the teachers and staff of Our Savior's Christian School on Friday, May 9th. Contact Arletta Finger if you are able to help with desserts, set up or serving. There are cards for each staff member for you to sign expressing your appreciation to each one. Cards are on the table in the breezeway.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS will resume next Sunday, May 12th, with a three part series focusing on the Biblical basis of Our Savior's newly adopted Mission Statement. Tom Roemke will lead a study on *Gathering in Community*.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held on July 28th-August 1st. The theme is *Epic Australian Adventure* with John 14:6 serving as the core verse. Prayerfully hoonsider how you can become involved in this ministry to children from our church, our school and our community. Student and volunteer registration is available on line through our church website. *vbsmate.com/oursaviorscolonieny* Prayerfully consider how you can become involved in this ministry to children from our church, school and community.



PRAYER NEEDS

Healing: Christine Baird, Kathy Hawley, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Jennifer Noble, Patty Marshall, Patrick O'Brien, George Swint, Eric Unright, Ameilia Unright, Walter Weis, Dave Wolcott, Tim Zuelsdorf, Gerry Johnson

Homebound: Inge Glidden

in **Assisted Living:** Christine Baird, Hazel Gutkoska, Marga Hildenbrandt, Ruth Looman, Lois O'Brien, Jon Ronson

-Teachers and Staff of Our Savior's School: May God grant these faithful servants wisdom, compassion, love and energy as they lead their students to His loving arms. .

This Mornings Servers:

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Pray-ers: Fred & Nancy Dignon

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"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!" (Psalm 100:4)

