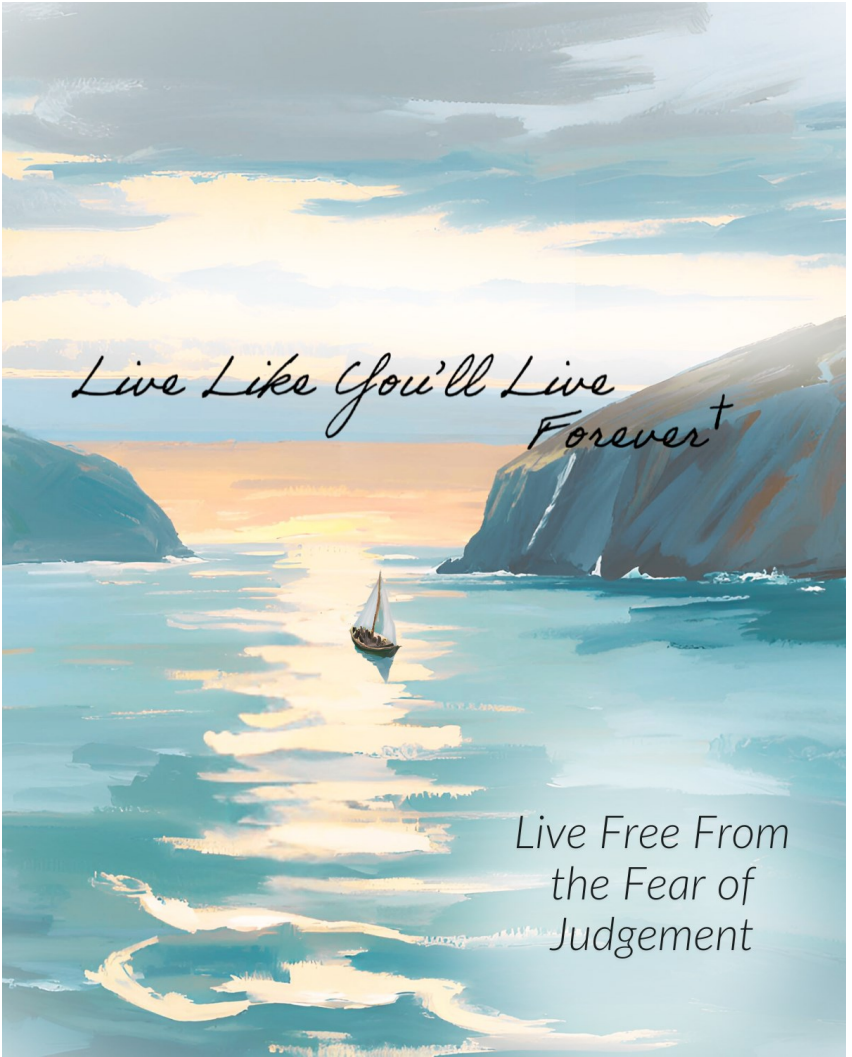


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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Mighty God, you will return one day to judge the living and the dead. Grant me peace as I consider that day when I stand before you, and fill me with confidence in Christ's saving work done for me. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: We live in an age of judgment. The way you parent. The clothes you wear. Your taste in music or the tattoos on your skin. It can feel like someone is always watching, always judging. And sometimes we live in fear of what those who are judging us would say.

How do we overcome the fear of judgment? It begins by realizing that there is only one whose opinion ultimately matters—the One True Judge. Everyone is going to live forever in one of two very different places. Where you spend eternity depends on a judgment that Jesus will render. This week we see why his judgment need not trigger any sort of anxiety. Judgment day is something we can joyfully anticipate. Christians live free from fear of judgment.

WORSHIP SERIES: "Live each day like it's your last." You have probably heard that advice. It sounds wise—an encouragement to take advantage of the time you have. However, that advice is completely backwards. Because the reality is, thanks to Jesus, we have an unending amount of time. Let that sink in. Jesus has given you the gift of eternal life. You are going to live forever. If you really thought it was your last day, that belief would shape how you lived that day. In this series, let us consider how the gift of eternal life shapes how we live each day. Live like you'll live forever!

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe Piano: Madison Boerner
Jubilate Choir Director: Luke Dorn Junior Bells Director: Jessie Wolfe
Great Plains LHS Choir Director: Eric Martens

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Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting Four



Hymn: The King Shall Come

CW 495



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and light tri -
2 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic -
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and earth's dark



um - phant breaks, when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and
to - rious, rose and left the lone - some place of death de -
night is past; that morn - ing can - not rise too soon, that



life to joy a - wakes— not as of old a lit - tle
spite the rage of foes shall dawn that glo - rious, wel - come
day that e'er shall last. Then let the end - less bliss be -



child to bear and fight and die, but crowned with
morn for all who know his grace— the day when
gin, as heav'n with prais - es rings. Hail, Christ the



glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
Christ in splen - dor comes and we shall see his face.
Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings!

Please remain seated.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan’s power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

(5:00 pm) Sacrament of Baptism

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark: *“People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me,*

and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.”

The minister applies water to the person presented for baptism as he says:

M: Ellie Jean Holmberg, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✝ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Exhortation to Parents & Congregation

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Ellie and all the children of our church may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: **Yes, as God gives me strength.**

M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Ellie as your own child and made her a member of Christ’s body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to her and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

(10:30 am) Jubilate Anthem: There Is a Higher Throne

CW 885

- 1 There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from ev’ry tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we’ll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

Refrain

Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'erald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.

- 2 And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne;
we'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die;
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we'll reign with him. (*Refrain*)

(10:30 am) Junior Bells: O God Beyond All Praising

By P. Young

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

The prophet Daniel foretells the world will get worse and then judgement day will come. But all whose names are written in Christ's book of life need not fear.

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ²Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

We can live free of the fear of God's judgment because of the sacrifice our high priest Jesus has already made.

²⁴For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. ²⁵Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel

John 5:25-29

God the Father has given Jesus Christ the authority to judge.

²⁵Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn: Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

CW 546



1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Je - sus, bears the name a -
2 Since we have a priest who suf - fered, know - ing weak - ness,
3 Sac - ri - fice and suf - f'ring o - ver, now he sits at
4 Love's ex - am - ple, hope's at - trac - tion, faith's be - gin - ning



bove all names, reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing
tears, and pain, who like us was tried and tempt - ed,
God's right hand, crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,
and its end, pi - o - neer of our sal - va - tion,



oth - er ti - tles, pow'rs and claims— since to heav'n our
un - like us, with - out a stain— since he shared our
his pre - em - i - nence long-planned; such a great High
might - y ad - vo - cate and friend; Je - sus, high in



Lord has passed, let us hold our wit - ness fast!
low - ly place, let us bold - ly seek his grace.
Priest we have, strong to help, su - preme to save.
glo - ry raised, our as - cend - ed Lord be praised!

Sermon

Based on Hebrews 9:24-28

"A better end is coming!"

Please stand after the sermon.

THANKSGIVING

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.
From there 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.**

Be seated.

Offering



Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.



We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: 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.

(5 pm & 8 am) Hymn: *If God Himself Be for Me* CW 819 sts. 1, 3, 7



1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
3 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
7 My heart for joy is spring - ing and can no more be sad;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con-found - ed, fly.
a - lone are my sal - va - tion, my true, e - ter - nal good.
my soul is filled with sing - ing, sees on - ly sun - shine glad.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
With - out him all that pleas - es is val - ue - less on earth;
The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my King;



what foe or what dis - as - ter can drive me from his love?
the gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone have price - less worth.
the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and sing.

(10:30 am) Choral Anthems

Great Plains Lutheran High School

Silent Prayer and Announcements

Salem Music Presentation — Luke Dorn

Acknowledgments

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Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, children ages 3yrs to 6th grade are invited to learn more about Jesus in Sunday JAM, starting at 9:15am in the Kindergarten room. Adult Bible study begins at the same time in the fellowship hall downstairs.

For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: Live with an Eye to the Skies...and an Eye for the Lost
Bible Readings: Isaiah 51:4-6, Acts 17:22-31, Mark 13:26-37
Hymns: 901, 675, 832

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

For our guests

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help!

Please take note of a few helpful things:

- ✦ Restrooms with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ Salem members give an offering to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to donate you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

For those with young children

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- ✦ If you or your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live on a TV in the room.
- ✦ On Sunday mornings, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the children's message. Parents are welcome too!

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

