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## Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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## Jesus Is the Ascended Savior

### Jesus was taken up into heaven. - Luke 24:51

Mary, the mother of Jesus, received the angel's announcement that her son would be the Son of God and the King of God's people (Luke 1: 32). What amazement must have filled her heart! Yet Simeon's prophecy would also come true, that a sword would pierce Mary's heart. What agony must have filled her spirit as she gazed on her son being tortured to death! But then came his glorious resurrection, proving that he is the eternal Son of God and that he fully accomplished his heavenly Father's plan of salvation for the world.

The risen Lord Jesus appeared to many people proving that he was alive. Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus returned to heaven. His ascension is celebrated in the Christian church on the fortieth day after Easter. This year Ascension Day falls on May 5th.

While churches may or may not have a special worship service on the actual day that Jesus' ascension is observed every year, Christians always glorify our living, ascended Savior. We lift up our voices in praise of Jesus who was lifted up to the highest honor of heaven. Our hearts are filled with the excitement of Jesus' ascension as the Bible relates in Philippians 2:9-11:

God exalted [Christ Jesus] to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

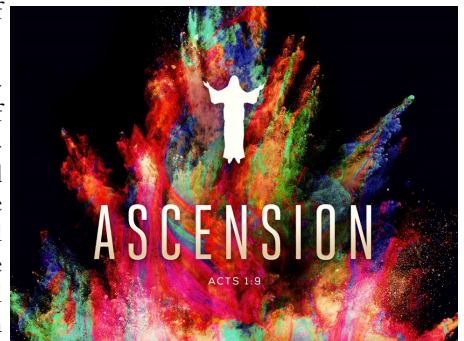
Having fully accomplished the work of salvation, Jesus returned to heaven and now reigns in the highest position of all authority. And he proclaimed, "I will come back" (John

14:3). Eventually, everyone will know the truth that Jesus is the eternal Son of God who came to be the world's Savior. He return will be the most fearful time for those who rejected Jesus in unbelief. They will be sent away to eternal punishment in hell.

The Lord Jesus, however, wants people to have life with him forever in heaven. So before he ascended into heaven, he commanded that the good news of the salvation he won by his death and resurrection be proclaimed to everyone.

That good news is for you too!

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### Key Events This Month:

5/6—VBS Work Night #2

5/8—Mother's Day Brunch

5/11,25—VBS Canvassing

5/14—Spring Clean-up Day

5/15—Council Meeting

5/15—GLOW Meeting

5/20—VBS Volunteer Meeting/Work Night #3

### Clean Up Day

On Saturday, May 14, you're invited to join us for our annual Spring Clean-up Day at church. This day is a great day to get some fresh air and help us to spruce up our campus. Of course, like always, there

will be work for all who come. This year, we have an added emphasis on de-cluttering our storage areas and creating new spaces to house more storage.

You should have received a list of clean-up day projects as well as the tools we need for the tasks. If you are able to bring

some of the needed tools, that would be much appreciated.

Otherwise, there will be donuts and coffee for the early risers and lunch will be provide for all our workers. We hope you can join us for a day of service at church to help beautify your church!

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Jesus is your Savior. One day, perhaps soon, he will return from heaven. How will you meet him? By trusting in Jesus who rescued you from eternal death, you can join the people who will be rejoicing to see Jesus in all of his glory. At his return, he will take all believers to the place he prepared for them in heaven. What an awesome ascension day that will be!

Enjoy his glory!

Pastor Jason Strong

## Light of the World Mission Statement

*As a family of believers united in faith, we serve Jesus, the true Light of the World, as we **GATHER** around God's Word and the Sacraments and **GROW** together in our faith and our relationship with Jesus, so we can **GO** and share the good news of Jesus in our community and the world and **GLOW** with the love of Christ in our lives.*

## Mother's Day Brunch

On Sunday, May 8th, in place of our usual monthly potluck, the men of Light of the World will be cooking up brunch for all the women in our congregation. It's a way to show our appreciation, not just for mothers, but for our women and the awesome work they do for the Lord and for our church. You are invited to bring some fruit or breakfast rolls to share!

## G.L.O.W. Report

You may have noticed a fun new box on the back table! The women of GLOW are providing all members an opportunity to purchase religious greeting cards. Feel free to take a look and buy a few. There is a suggested donation of \$1.00 per card. The money will be used to continually refresh the cards as needed.

If anyone would like to save box tops for the WELS school in An-

chorage, we now have a collection box which is located on the back table.

Ladies mark your calendars for October 7th and 8th! The WELS Women's Retreat is going to be held down in Anchorage this year. If you are interested in attending please talk to Becky or Bethany so we can start discussing car-pooling options.

Our last Women's Bible Study until after summer will be held Tuesday, May 24th. Even if you haven't attended one yet, you are always welcome!

## On the Lighter Side...

### THE ARMY OF THE LORD

*friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.*

*The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"*

*My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"*

*He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."*

## Barnyard Roundup VBS

We're just about a month away from our Barnyard Roundup VBS, and just like in past years, we need as many farmhands as we can get! Please consider helping us in one or more of the following ways:

- ⇒ Hand out invitations (either individually or with our canvas team)
- ⇒ Volunteer to help out during the week of VBS

- ⇒ Help with decorations (we still have two work nights this month)
- ⇒ Donate food items and/or lend some props for the week
- ⇒ Help with setting up and taking down for our VBS week
- ⇒ Pray for God to bless our efforts

THANK YOU!



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| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                           | Wednesday                       | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday                          |
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| 1<br>9:15—Sunday School<br>for all ages<br>10:30—Worship<br>w/Communion<br>12:00—Member Minis-<br>try Team                        | 2<br>4:30—6th Grade Con-<br>firmation<br>6:00—Catechism  | 3<br>6:00—Choir                   | 4                               | 5        | 6<br>6:00—VBS Work<br>Night #2   | 7                                 |
| 8<br>9:15—Sunday School<br>for all ages<br>10:30—Worship<br>12:00—Mother's Day<br>Brunch  | 9<br>6:00—Catechism                                      | 10<br>6:00—Choir                  | 11<br>6:00—VBS Canvassing<br>#1 | 12       | 13   | 14<br>9:00—Spring Clean-Up<br>Day |
| 15<br>9:15—Sunday School<br>for all ages<br>10:30—Worship<br>w/Communion<br>12:00—Council Meet-<br>ing<br>12:00—GLOW Meet-<br>ing | 16<br>4:30—6th Grade Con-<br>firmation<br>6:00—Catechism | 17<br>6:00—Choir                  | 18                              | 19       | 20<br>6:00—VBS Volunteer<br>Meeting/Work Night<br>#3   | 21<br>8:00—Men's Bible<br>Study   |
| 22<br>9:15—Sunday School<br>for all ages<br>10:30—Worship   | 23<br>4:30—6th Grade Con-<br>firmation                   | 24<br>6:00—Women's Bible<br>Study | 25<br>6:00—VBS Canvassing<br>#2 | 26       | 27   | 28                                |
| 29<br>10:30—Worship   | 30   | 31                                |                                 |          | <b>Church Cleaners for May</b><br>5/1-5/7—Coleman, Ian & Sheila<br>5/8-5/14—Davidge/Phillips<br>5/15-5/21- Holdsworth/Christianson<br>5/22-5/28—Indreland<br>5/29-6/4—Kuhl/Kukes |                                   |

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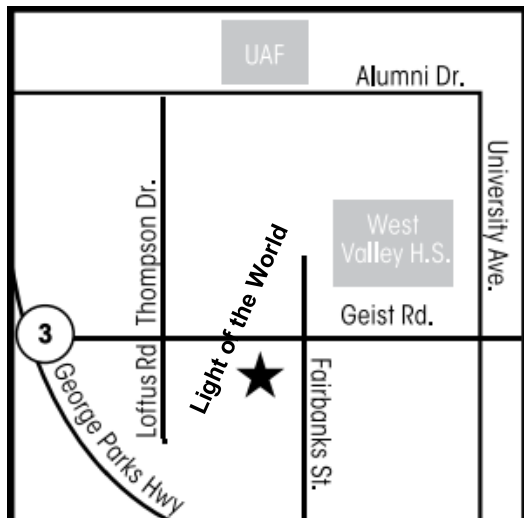
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**Grow in God's Word with us!**

**Sunday Worship 10:30**

**Bible Classes for all ages**

**9:15 am**



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**EVERYONE'S INVITED!**

**SUNDAY, MAY 8TH**

**AFTER WORSHIP**