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# *The Messiah Messenger*



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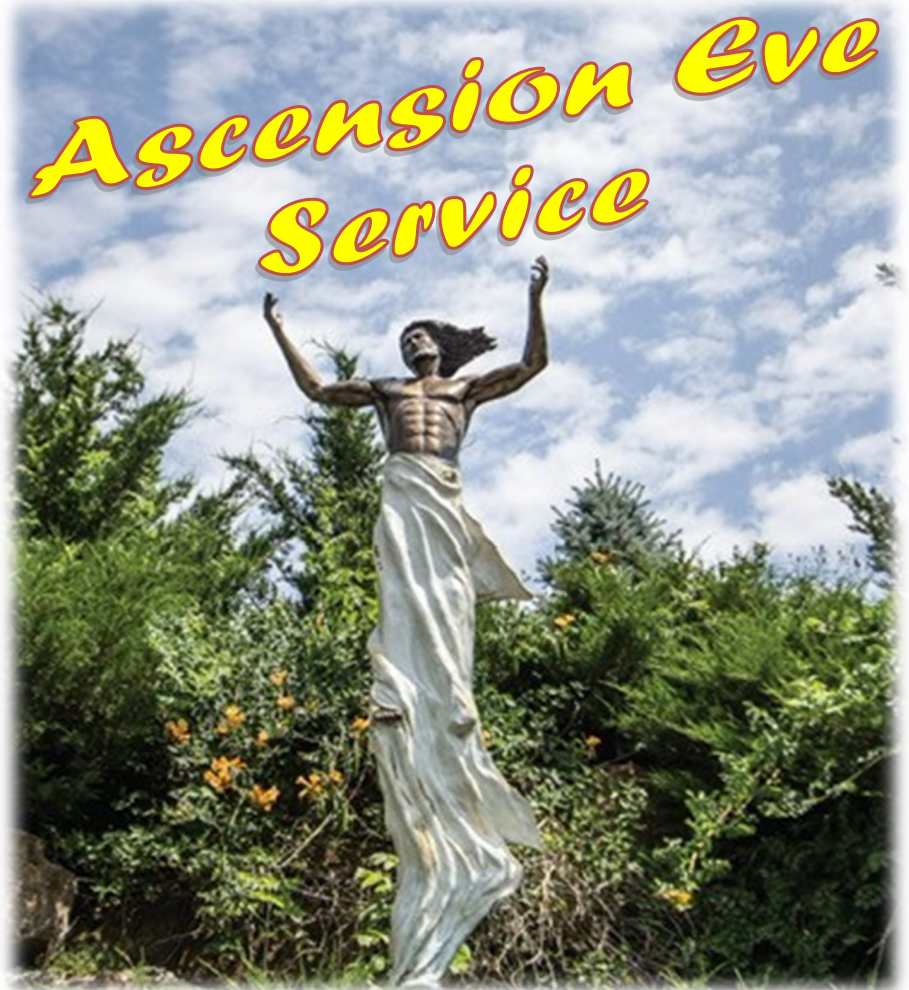
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### **Worship with Us**

Sunday service @ 9am  
In-Person and Facebook Live

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Off-street parking available



Communion Worship Service  
Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 pm

*Daily – Doggedly – Daringly*  
Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love



# Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

I LOVE a good book!

No, not to chew...but come to think of it...

Back to why I love a good book.

The books I love are stories about dogs.

The book "Woof," for example, is a mystery featuring a girl named Birdie and her dog Bowser.

Another good dog book is "The Art of Racing in the Rain." This story is about a dog named Enzo whose owner is a race car driver.

In both of these books, the dogs actually tell the story!

Of course, the really good book is the Bible. It's actually the best book of all!

My Jesus talks about the Bible, at least the Old Testament. He says, **"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me"** (John 5:39).

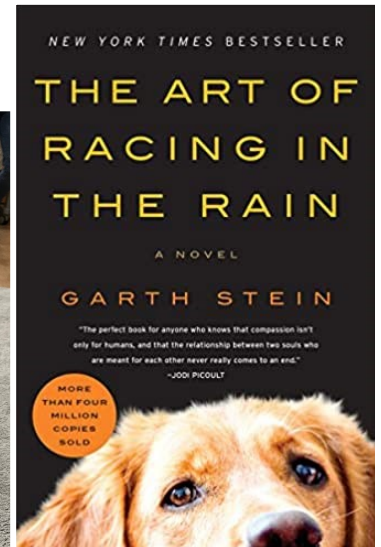
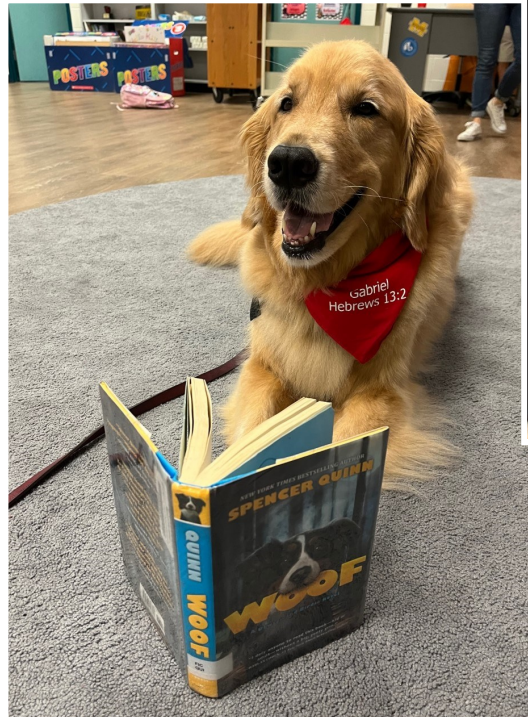
We know that the New Testament is about my Jesus. And He says the same thing about the Old Testament. It's all about my Jesus, too.

That makes the Bible my favorite book of all, because it's all about my Jesus.

That's even better than a book narrated by a dog!

Isn't that PAWSOME?!?

Your friend Gabriel



**"Reading with Gabriel" at Memorial Elementary School**

# From the Pastor



## A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

*A hymn of glory let us sing:  
New songs throughout the world  
shall ring:*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Then, throned  
with You forever, we Shall praise*

*Your name eternally.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to You let earth ac-  
cord: Alleluia, alleluia! You are,  
while endless ages run, With Fa-  
ther and with Spirit one.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Venerable Bede

Dear Friends in Christ,

I've always felt sorry for Ascension Day. First, it always lands on a Thursday, forty days after Easter, never on a Sunday. Also, unlike Christmas or Easter, cards are not sent and gifts are not exchanged. Finally, unlike Thanksgiving Day, people don't gather for a big family dinner followed by football games.

Ascension Day just gets lost in the shuffle of life.

However, Ascension Day is a vital part of our Lord's earthly ministry. As we confess in the Apostles' Creed, Jesus "ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty."

Ascension Day is the completion of Jesus' work here on earth and begins His glorious rule at the Father's side.

It is an event worthy of worship and celebration.

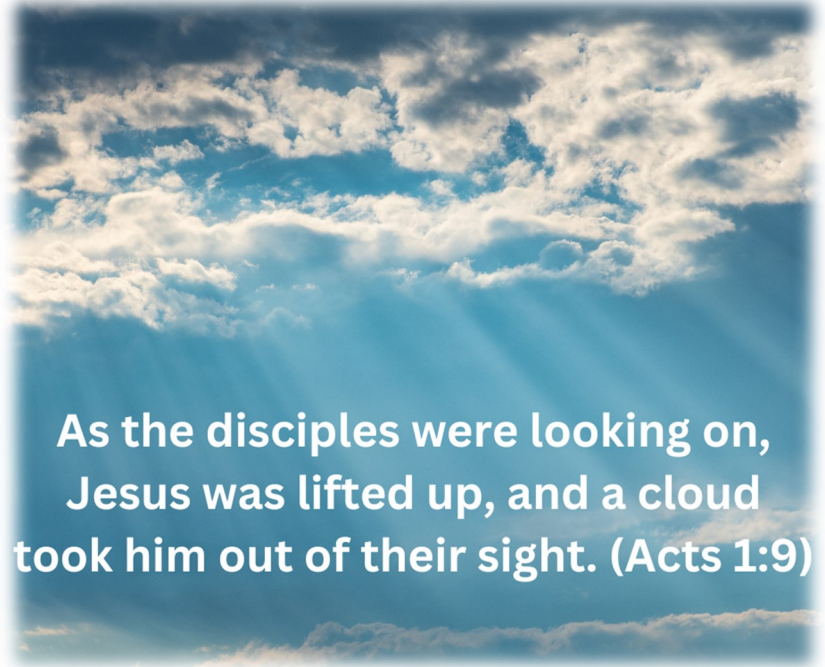
This month we will acknowledge the Ascension of Our Lord with our Ascension Eve Service on Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 pm.

To mark the importance of this event in Jesus' life, we will also celebrate the Lord's Supper at this service.

I encourage you to plan to attend the Ascension Eve Communion Service and worship your risen and ascended Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Engel



As the disciples were looking on,  
Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud  
took him out of their sight. (Acts 1:9)