

**Our Savior Lutheran Church - LCMC** **Page 1**  
**14344 Jamison Way, Port Charlotte, Florida (941) 249-5108**

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY, NEW MEMBER SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2018**

**GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME**

*Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements*

**CONFESSIONAL PRAYER**

Pastor: In our Season of Lent, we approach your altar with with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross. Lord, we realize the difficulties that we face, and we confess the poor job we have done with our response to your sacrifice. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**ABSOLUTION**

Pastor:

As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus on His cross, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go and sin no more. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**ENTRANCE HYMN: 298 - Have Thine Own Way, Lord**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Unison):

**Jesus as our Lord and Master, help us live as the covenant you made with Abraham would lead us to live. Be with us, guide us, and lead us so that we may try to be holy as you are holy. In your name we pray. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 17:1-17, 15+16 (ESV)**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly."

Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

**PSALM: Psalm 22:23-31 (ESV)** (*Responsively recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold***)

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

**For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

**Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

**they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 5:1-11 (ESV)**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38 (ESV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th Chapter.

**Glory to you Oh Lord.**

**Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ**

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets."

And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."

And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

**Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection**

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?"

For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you oh Christ!**

**SERMON**

**SERMON HYMN: 293 Just As I Am, vs 1,2, 5,6**

**THE OFFERING: Offertory - Us - Dean Carson**

*After the consecration of the Offering, we will sing the Doxology.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE:** Let us Pray: *(Prayer Response)* Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER, PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE DISTRIBUTION**

**THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN:** 146 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

**THE AARONIC BENEDICTION & THE DISMISSAL**

Congregational Song, **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me Let there be peace on earth The peace that was meant to be With God as our father Brothers all are we Let me walk with my brother In perfect harmony	Let peace begin with me Let this be the moment now With every step I take Let this be my solemn vow To take each moment And live each moment In peace eternally Let there be peace on earth And let it begin With me
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P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God**

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**WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN!** Thank you for joining us as we worship of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on muted** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

**LENTEN SERVICES:** We will be celebrating Lenten Services on Wednesdays at 11:15 for our Lenten observation.

**BLESSING OF THE PETS:** We will be celebrating a Blessing of the Pets on Saturday Morning, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Time and Location to be announced.

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**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** We will be celebrating Maundy Thursday with a Lenten Soup and Sandwich Meal starting at 5:15 and followed by our Maundy Thursday Service with Communion. Please join us for a blessed remembrance of the institution of the Lord's Supper.

**We Serve Today, February 25th:**

*Reader: Bubbles Burress*

*Offering: Bob Wilgus, Frank Pierce*

*Communion: Bev Cisco, Bubbles Burress, Peggie Sue Dygert* *Greeter: Jeanne Keyser*

**We Serve Next Sunday, March 1st:**

*Reader: Geri McGary*

*Offering: Jeff and Bev Cisco*

*Communion: Geri McGary, Jeanne Keyser and 1 more*

*Greeter: Geri McGary*

Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Steve Dygert

Asst. Pastor: Rev Tony Alonzo

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Bible Study 1: Sunday 11 A.M. Sunday

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Worship Time: Sunday 10 A.M

Bible Study 2: Wednesdays 10 A.M. At OSLC

