

## OUR WORSHIP TODAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Easter, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

## **CONFESSIONAL PRAYER - Congregation in BOLD**

Pastor: As we celebrate our Easter season, 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**

<u>Pastor</u>: As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus on the cross, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of The Word, and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Service of the Word Kyrie Elision

P In Peace let us pray to the Lord

#### C Lord have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord

#### C Lord have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

#### C Lord have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

## C Lord have mercy.

P Help. Save, and defend us precious Lord.

#### C Amen

#### **INTROIT:**

Pastor: Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk

so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. Alleluia

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name

make known among the nations what he has done.

He remembers his covenant forever

the word he commanded, for a thousand generations. Amen

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

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Grant Almighty God, that we who have celebrated the mystery of our Lord's resurrecion may by the help of your grace bring forth the fruits therof in our life and conduct; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Alleluia and Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 190 Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven, vs 1,4,5

FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-20

Many Signs and Wonders Done

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.

And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

The Apostles Arrested and Freed

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

**PSALM - Psalm 148 (ESV)** (Recited whole verse by whole verse, congregation in **BOLD**)

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,

to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,

to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

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

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 1:4-18 (ESV)

**Epistle: Revelation 1:4-18** 

Greeting to the Seven Churches

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made

# Our Savior Lutheran Church-LCMC, Port Charlotte, Florida Page 3 us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

#### Vision of the Son of Man

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.

In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

(Please stand for the Alleluia)

### THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

#### Glory to you Oh Lord

#### Jesus Appears to the Disciples

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

#### Jesus and Thomas

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

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Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you Oh Christ.

**SERMON** "I Believe – Help Me with My Unbelief" **Pastor Steve Dygert + STS** 

SERMON HYMN: Sing a New Song Unto the Lord - last page

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed (C)** 

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

THE OFFERTORY: Instrumental Interlude, Ron Lang

**THE OFFERING:** As we bring the offering to the altar 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.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, everlasting Father, who in the multitude of your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying...

**SANCTUS:** Holy, Holy, Holy - Sung

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God, Almighty.

Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Sung - Dean Carson

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THE COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN:** 192 Because He Lives

THE 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

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Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God

**WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN!** Thank you for joining us as we worship 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 mute for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR VISITORS!: Welcome to our family today! We are so happy you chose to visit us today. If you are looking for a church home, feel free to call Pastor Steve and let us introduce ourselves to you. God Bless you and welcome to His church!

**NEW BIBLE STUDY:** We started a new Bible Study on Wednesdays on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel in the Old Testament. Join us for an interesting hour's time on Wednesday's at 10:00 AM.

**EL JOBEAN COMMUNITY LEAGUE - OUR SAVIOR YARD SALE:** This Friday and Saturday is our yard sale at the Community Building. After worship today we need to set up tables for this week. Tuesday morning from 10 until 1 PM the building will be open for donations to be brought to the building. We will talk about more times during worship.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** We have a tradition at Our Savior to ask for the prayers at the start of the service, before we begin our worship to our Lord and Savior. We will then pray these prayers when we get to the Great Thanksgiving in the service. Feel free to ask for prayers for those who are in need of this grace.

We Serve Today:

Reader: Jeanne Keyser Greeter: Bubbles Burress

Communion: Tony and Priscilla Alonzo, Sheryl Sinico Offering: Dean Carson, Jeanne Keyser

We Serve Next Sunday:

Reader: Dean Carson Greeter: Ellie Selk

Communion: Bev Cisco, Sharon Tessmer, Peggie Sue Dygert Offering: Bob Wilgus, Ron Tessmer

Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Steve Dygert Asst. Pastor: Rev Tony Alonzo Our Savior Lutheran Church, LCMC

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Worship Time: Sunday 10 A.M

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



