Our Savior Lutheran Church (LCMC) SERVICE OF THE WORD - 16 February 2025

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests {ALL congregational responses in worship are in Bold/Italics}

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News of the Gospel! Jesus is Lord! When you believe this in your heart you will be saved. When you pray in the Almighty Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ and confess your sins before God in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven! Alleluia and Amen.

HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Alleluia and Amen.

HOLY SCRIPTURE

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING PS 103 [NRSV excerpts]

Bless the LORD, O my soul; all that is within me, Bless His holy name.

Do not forget all His kind deeds!

He who forgives your iniquities and heals all your diseases,
The LORD executes righteousness and justice
For the oppressed.

He made known His ways to Moses and His deeds To the people of Israel.

The LORD is compassionate...in loving devotion.

He will not always accuse us, nor harbour His anger forever.

He hasn't dealt with us according to our sins.

High as Heaven is above, is His love for those who fear Him. Far as East is from West, our transgressions are gone. As a father has compassion on his children,

The LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

The love of the LORD extends to those who fear Him;

His righteousness to their children's children
The LORD's Throne is in Heaven;

His Kingdom rules over all.

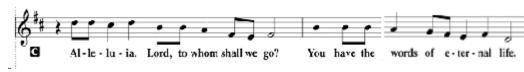
EPISTLE LESSON 3 John [NRSV]

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The Elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in Truth. Beloved, I pray that concerning all things you prosper and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul. I was overjoyed when some of the brothers arrived and testified to your truth, just as you are walking in the Truth. I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the Truth. Beloved, you are faithfully doing whatever you might have done for the brothers and sisters though they are strangers to you! They have testified to your love before the church, whom you will do well to send them

forward worthily of God. They went forth on behalf of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles; therefore, we ought to receive such people, so that we may become fellow workers in the Truth. I have written something to the church; but the one loving to be first, Diotrephes, does not welcome us. Because of this, if I come I will call attention to what he is doing with evil words, gossiping and spreading false rumours against us, and not content with those activities, he himself refuses to welcome the brothers, and even forbids those who wish to do so and expels them from the church. Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but imitate what is good. The one doing good is of God; the one doing evil has not seen God. Everyone has testified favorably about Demetrius, and so has the Truth itself. We also testify for him, and you know that our testimony is true. I had many things to write you, but I don't want to write you with pen and ink; moreover, I hope soon to see you, and we will speak mouth to mouth. Peace to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends there, each by name.

Please rise for the singing of the Alleluia and the Holy Gospel



GOSPEL LESSON John 3.16-21 [NRSV]

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone believing in Him should not perish but should have eternal life. "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. The one believing in Him is not judged; but the one not believing has been judged already, because he has not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God. This now is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world and people loved darkness rather than the Light because their deeds were evil, for all who practice evil hate

the Light and does not come to the Light, so that their deeds may not be exposed; but the one practicing the Truth comes to the Light, so that the deeds they have done in God may be clearly seen."

SERMON

"Love and Truth"

Pastor Larry

Grace, Mercy, and Peace to you from God our Father, our Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

HYMN

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

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CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, of all things visible and invisible; and in ne Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made...Who, for our salvation, came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died and was buried; the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into AHeaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with Glory, to judge the living and the dead, Whose Kingdom shall have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the Prophets. I believe in one Holy, Christian, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

RITE OF FRIENDSHIP

The peace of the Lord be with you always....

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

Let's take this opportunity to give back to God from the bounty He has given us.





OFFERTORY SONG

"Blessed Assurance" - - - - - Dean Carson

DOXOLOGY and **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

The Eucharist

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is good, right, and praiseworthy that at all times and all places we give thanks to You - Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God - through Jesus Christ, our Lord. We give You praise because You came among us in Jesus, our humble King, sharing with us Your forgiving and limitless love. Grant us Grace to live as imitators of The Word - He Who is and was and always will be "The Way and The Truth and The Life" - with grateful hearts. Enable us to remain steadfast in our Faith throughout our Earthly lives, awaiting in hope the joys of Heaven, where we will join in the eternal chorus of angels and archangels and all the hosts, lifting our voices with theirs to proclaim the glory of Your name, singing our joyful hymn of praise:

Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee!
Holy! Holy! Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Let us Pray...

Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and forever. Amen. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, blessed it, returned thanks, broke it, and gave it to the Disciples saying; "Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner after supper, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, returned thanks, and gave it to them saying, "All of you drink of it; this cup is the New Covenant in My blood which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." Brothers and sisters, know that, even as the Disciples remembered Jesus in their eating and drinking, today, whenever we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we also proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.

THE DISTRIBUTION and THE COMMUNION BLESSING

HYMN "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

THE AARONIC BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you, the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace.

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on Earth, peace that was meant to be; With God as our Father, brothers all are we; Let me walk with my brothers 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.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Serve the Lord! - - - Thanks be to God!

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Please place your cell phones on mute during worship as a kindness to others. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please write any prayer requests you might have this morning and give them to Pastor Larry or one of the ushers; it is a joy and privilege to share in these, your petitions to Almighty God - so do not be 'timid' in making prayer requests.

PICTURES AT THE TOP OF THE BULLETIN: On the right is the logo for Our Savior Lutheran Church (the descent of the Holy Spirit into 'Our Savior' at the time of His Baptism) and the left logo is for our "parent" <u>Association of Autonomous Lutheran Congregations</u>, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

SERVING TODAY:

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