



**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!

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning (CARDS ON BACK TABLE). 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.

**THE MEANING OF THE TWO PICTURES IN THE BULLETIN:** The two pictures at the top of the bulletin are the church's logo and the LCMC logo (Lutheran Congregations in Missions for Christ). The church's logo is the descent of the Holy Spirit into 'Our Savior' at the time of His Baptism.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Bible Study meets at the church. Everyone welcome!!!

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY:** Meets once a month. Please see Dottie Smith for information.

**JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY:** We are making lunches on Tuesday, April 30, at 8:30 AM, at the church.

**We Serve Today:**

Reader: Pr. Steve

Offering: Gene Dulik

Communion: Pr. Denise Mims, Dottie Smith, Pr. Steve

Greeter:

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME:** *Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements*

Pastor: We begin our worship in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

People: **AMEN**

**CONFESSIONAL PRAYER** - (*congregational responses*) in **BOLD**

Pastor: Lord, we approach Your altar with love for You and our appreciation for the price You paid for us on the cross. 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.

*1 John 1:8-9*

**Most merciful God, we confess that 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. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Alleluia and Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN: R46 Crown Him with Many Crowns vs 1,2,4,7**

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

**Dearest Jesus, you have commanded us to love one another. Help us to overcome our sinful nature so that we may love our neighbor with joy, peace, and love. Alleluia**

**May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Alleluia and Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Acts 8:29-40** ESV (Responsive)

29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

**"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.**

**33 In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."**

34 And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 38 And he

commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

#### Footnotes

1. Acts 8:36 Some manuscripts add all or most of verse 37: *And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."*

#### **PSALM: PSALM 150 KJV** (Responsive)

**150** Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

**2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.**

**3** Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

**4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.**

**5** Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

**6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye 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**

#### **EPISTLE READING: 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:1-21** ESV (Responsive)

#### Test the Spirits

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are

from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

## God Is Love

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.

**18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot[a] love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.**

**ALLELUIA:** *please stand*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-8** ESV

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**I Am the True Vine**

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**SONG FOR MEDITATION – Love God, Love One Another – Gaither Family**

**SERMON: 'Love God With Everything in Your Soul'** Rev. Steve Dygert + STS  
Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 1:2*

**C: Amen**

**SERMON HYMN: R575 Abide with Me vs 1,2,5**

**OFFERING**

**Rite of Friendship:**

P. The Peace of the Lord Be With You Always.

C. **And Also With you.**

P: Please share the peace with those around you.

P. We now have the opportunity to share back with the Lord a little of the

bounty He has shared with us.

*As the offering is brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.*

**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.**

*Doxology, written in England for Protestant Churches in 1674.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Merciful Father,

**C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us-our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**THE PRAYERS:** Let us pray:(*Prayer Response*) *Lord in your Mercy:* **Hear our prayer!**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** KJV

**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**

**PREPARATION OF THE TABLE:**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:***Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20;1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:23-25 (ESV) 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:26*

On the night He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said; "Take and eat; this is My body, given for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same manner, after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to the them saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!**

**THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN:** Tell Me the Old, Old Story *Insert*

**THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: Numbers 6: 24-26**

**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  
People all are we  
Let me walk with all people  
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** P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord! C. **Thanks be to God!!**

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Tell Me the Old, Old Story

from [www.traditionalmusic.co.uk](http://www.traditionalmusic.co.uk)

Tell me the old, old story, of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;  
Tell me the story simply, as to a little child,  
For I am weak and weary, And helpless and defiled.

Chorus

Tell me the old, old story,  
Tell me the old, old story,  
Tell me the old, old story,  
Of Jesus and His Love.

Tell me the story slowly, That I may take it in,  
That wonderful redemption, God's remedy for sin;  
Tell me the story often, For I forget so soon,  
The early dew of morning, Has passed away at noon.

Chorus

Tell me the old, old story,  
Tell me the old, old story,  
Tell me the old, old story,  
Of Jesus and His Love.

Tell me the story softly, with earnest tones and grave;  
Remember I'm the sinner whom Jesus came to save;  
Tell me the story always, if you would really be,  
In anytime of trouble, a comforter to me.

Chorus

Tell me the old, old story,  
Tell me the old, old story,  
Tell me the old, old story,  
Of Jesus and His Love.

Tell me the same old story, when you have cause to fear,  
That this world's empty glory, is costing me too dear;  
Yes, and when that world's glory, is dawning on my soul,  
Tell me the old, old story, Christ Jesus makes thee whole.

Chorus

Tell me the old, old story,  
Tell me the old, old story,  
Tell me the old, old story,  
Of Jesus and His Love.