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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. 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. The church's logo is the descent of the Holy Spirit into 'Our Savior' at the time of His Baptism.

THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH OF EL JOBEAN: A special worship service for our celebration on Sunday February 18. Potluck and yum! Also New Member Sunday!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: We will remember the start of our time of remembrance of the death and the resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, through the Imposition of Ashes by Pastor Donald Frances this Wednesday February 14th at 6 PM at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

We Serve Today:

Reader: *Paster Don*

Offering: *Dottie Smith, Pat Spence*

Communion: *Bubbles Burress, Ellie Self*

Greeter: *TBA*

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SERVICE OF THE WORD – TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER - *congregational responses in BOLD*

Pastor: Lord, we approach your altar with with love for You and our concern 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 HYMNS: G182 Rise Oh Children of Salvation

G320 Oh God Our Help in Ages Past

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one 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 also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, 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.

"And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen."

A PRAYER FOR THE DAY OF TRANSFIGURATION (*Unison*): P. Let us pray: **Our**

Heavenly Father, today let us take a moment to reflect on the ways that God has transformed our lives. Just as Jesus was transformed by the light of God, so too have we been changed by the love of God. We have been given new life in Christ and called to be a people of hope and compassion. We have been forgiven and set free from sin, and given the gift of eternal life. Let us give thanks for all that God has done for us, and ask for the strength to follow Christ with faithful hearts. 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.

THE FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 17:22-24 ESV

22 Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. 23 On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. I have spoken, and I will do it."

24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. **I am the Lord; I have spoken and I will do it.**

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6 ESV

The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly

1 Blessed is the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

**2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night.**

3 He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.

**4 The ungodly are not so,
But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.**

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

**6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!**

**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 LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10 ESV

Our Heavenly Dwelling

5 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3 if indeed by putting it on[a] we may not be found naked. 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

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6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. **10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 4:26-34, PLEASE RISE

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 4th Chapter

C: Glory to You O Lord

The Parable of the Seed Growing

26 And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. 27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. 28 The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

30 And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? 31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. 34 He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You O Christ

MEDITATIONAL MOMENT:

SERMON: 'It Only Takes a Spark' - 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: G479 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Rite of Friendship:

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

C. And Also With You.

WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE PEACE OF THE LORD WITH EACH OTHER.

P. We now have the opportunity to share back with the Lord a little of the bounty He has shared with us.

OFFERTORY HYMN: PSALM 512

**Create in me, a clean heart, Oh Lord
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not, away from thy presence
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me, the joy of thy salvation, And uphold
me with thy free Spirit. Amen**

As the offering is brought forward, 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***

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: P: Let us Pray: Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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; 1st Corinthians 11:23-25*

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 of Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *1st Corinthians 11:26*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

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

THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING:

SENDING HYMN: G567 God of Our Fathers

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: 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**

THE DISMISSAL

**P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord
! C. Thanks be to God**

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**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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