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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 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE: We will celebrate the birth of Our Savior with a Christmas Carol Hymn Festival at 6 PM on the night before Christmas. Come join us for a wonderful worship experience!

POINSETTIAS: If you would like to donate a poinsettia for Christmas Eve, please sign up on the form at the door of the church. The cost is \$8 per plant.

We Serve Today: TBA

Reader:

Offering:

Communion:

Greeter:

SERVICE OF THE WORD - 3rd Sunday in Advent – Gaudet Sunday

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

CONFESSİONAL PRAYER - congregational responses in **BOLD**

Pastor: Lord, we approach your altar 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 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. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Alleluia and Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: 352 I Know that My Redeemer Lives! Vs 1,2,6,8

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): P: Let us pray:

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Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, you once proclaimed salvation: now grant that we may know this salvation and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (ESV)

The Year of the LORD's Favor

61 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

**2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;**

3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

**4 They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.**

8 For I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;^[d]
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
**9 Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.**

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

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as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.**

PSALM: Psalm 126 (ESV) (*Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in Bold*)

A Song of Ascents.

126 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

3 The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.

**4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negev!**

5 Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!

**6 He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.**

**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: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (ESV)

16 Rejoice always, **17** pray without ceasing, **18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **19** Do not quench the Spirit. **20** Do not despise prophecies, **21** but test everything; hold fast what is good. **22** Abstain from every form of evil.

23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **24** He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Please rise for the singing of the Alleluia. John 6:6-8

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A musical score in G major, 2/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a soprano C-clef, followed by a sharp sign indicating G major. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?" are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a soprano C-clef, followed by a sharp sign indicating G major. The lyrics "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st Chapter.

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6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. **8** He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

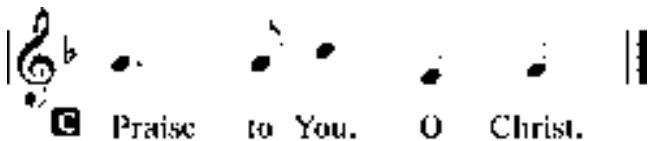
The Testimony of John the Baptist

19 And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." 21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight[*g*] the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

24 (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) 25 They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" 26 John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, 27 even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." 28 These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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C Praise to You. O Christ.

SERMON "I Choose Joy!" - Pastor Steve Dygert + STS

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 1:2*

SERMON HYMN: *Insert - Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Rite of Friendship:

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

C. And Also With You.

P. Please share the peace of the Lord with those around you.

During Covid, share the peace by remaining in your chairs and waving at 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Psalm 51:10-12*

Three staves of musical notation in G major, common time. The lyrics are written below each staff.

C Create in me a clean heart. O God. and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Hu - ly Spir - it

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from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

THE OFFERING: Offertory - All Hail the Power of Jesus Name – Dean Carson

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

Praise G D Em Bm Em D G
God, from Whom all bless - ings flow; praise

Him all D Em C G D Em
crea - tures here be - low; praise

Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly D/A G D/F#
ye heav'n - ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly G
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. 2nd Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise

P: It is indeed good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our

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Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,

and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when he comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS:

1 Holy, Holy, Holy vs 1, *Revelation 4:8*

**Holy, 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**

PRAYERS OF PRAISE: Let us Pray: (*Prayer Response*) **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 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. *1st Corinthians 11:26*

EUCARISTIC PRAYER:

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

THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING HYMN:

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION:

CHRISTMAS CAROLS: 40 What Child is This?; 50 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God!**

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

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Draw Near and Take
the Body of the Lord

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The top staff shows the melody line, while the bottom staff provides harmonic support with chords. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes.

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole.
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow

Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest,
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now,

Text: Latin, 7th cent., tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.
Tune: *Trente quatre Psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois.
setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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