



**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.

**We Serve Today:**

Reader:

Offering:

Communion:

Greeter:

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Last Sunday of the Church Year - Sunday of the Fulfillment of the Promise**

**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.

**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.**

**INTROIT:**

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,  
**the home of righteousness.**

Show me, O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days;  
**let me know how fleeting is my life.**

You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my year is a nothing before you.

**Each man's life is but a breath.**

But now, Lord, what do I look for?

**My hope is in you. Save me from all my transgressions;**

do not make me the scorn of fools. Hear my prayer, O Lord, listen to my cry for help;

**be not deaf to my weeping.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever will be. Amen**

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*(Antiphon 2 Peter 3:13b; Psalm 39:4-5, 7-8, 12 a)*

**ENTRANCE HYMN: 19 From All That Dwell Below the Skies**

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

**Lord God, Heavenly Father, send forth your Son, we pray, that he may lead home his bride, the Church, that we with all the redeemed may enter into your eternal kingdom; 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 your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Alleluia and Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (ESV)**

**11** "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. **12** As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. **13** And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. **14** I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. **15** I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. **16** I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

**20** "Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. **21** Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, **22 I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed**

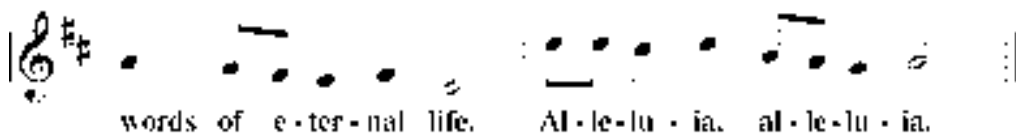
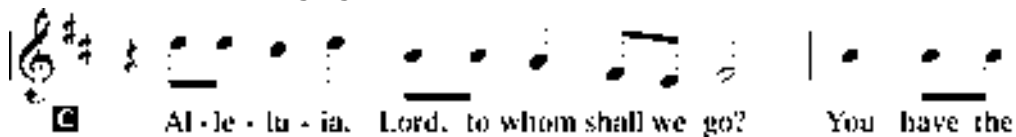
**them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.**

**EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (ESV)**

**20** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. **21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.**

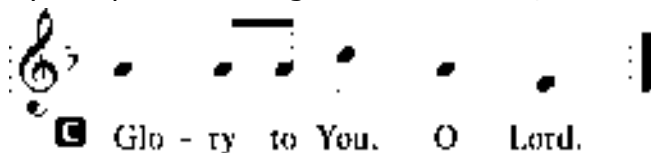
**24** Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. **25** For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. **26** The last enemy to be destroyed is death. **27** For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. **28** When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

*Please rise for the singing of the Alleluia.*



**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46 (ESV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



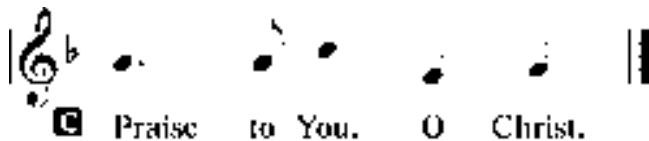
**The Final Judgment**

**31** "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. **32** Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. **34** Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and

you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers,[a] you did it to me.'

41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' 45 Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.



**SERMON "Why?" - Pastor Steve Dygert + STS**

**SERMON HYMN: 10 O Worship the King**

**OUR 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 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 worshiped 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."

**Rite of Friendship:**

P. The Peace of the Lord Be With You.

**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:**

□ Cre - ate 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  
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 – 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee' - Ellie Selk**

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

**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.

**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 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 for in the mystery of the Word made flesh, You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. 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

**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, THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN:** 337 God of Grace and God of Glory

**THE AARONIC BENEDICTION & Let There Be Peace On Earth**

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**  
**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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