



**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.

**NEW LOOK FOR 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.

**BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAYS:** When Governor DeSantis completely removes Covid 19 restrictions, we will resume our Bible Study on Wednesdays.

**COMMUNION:** With the virus on the rise, I will be wearing a mask during the Lord's Supper. I don't have the virus, but it never hurt to be prepared – sounds like I was a Boy Scout at one time!

**WELCOME BACK:** Today we begin our next start in the life of our church after the beginning of the pandemic. IF you are uncomfortable by anything this morning, it is okay for you not to participate in the whatever the situation is that makes you uncomfortable. As you can see the room is set up for social distancing, we have the 'designated pumper' for sanitizer at the door, and I have been the only person to touch the communion bread.

**We Serve Today:**

Reader: *Offering:*  
Communion: *Greeter:*

**We Serve Next Sunday: TBA**

Reader: *Offering:*  
Communion: *Greeter:*

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**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.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN: 062 Oh, How I Love Jesus**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Unison): Dear Lord, as we rise to meet each new day, please let us be filled with Your spirit. Wherever we go, let us spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let us desire to become more like you and to worship you in all we do. Help us desire these things so much more than the sin that entices us. Thank you for always going before us.

**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. Alleluia and Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 15:15-21 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

**PSALM: Psalm 26 (ESV)** (*Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold***)

<sup>1</sup>Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. <sup>2</sup>**Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.**<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness. <sup>4</sup>**I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.**

<sup>5</sup>I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD, <sup>7</sup>**proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

<sup>8</sup>O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells. <sup>9</sup>Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, <sup>10</sup>**in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

<sup>11</sup>But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me. <sup>12</sup>**My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless 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 LESSON: Romans 12:9-21 (ESV)**

**Marks of the True Christian**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit,<sup>[g]</sup> serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.<sup>[h]</sup> Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it<sup>[i]</sup> to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup>**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

*Please rise for the singing of the Alleluia.*

**Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28 (ESV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Chapter 16.

**Glory to You oh Lord!**

**Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection**

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord!<sup>[e]</sup> This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "**Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance<sup>[j]</sup> to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.**"

**Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus**

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "**If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life<sup>[g]</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.**"

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you oh Christ!**

**SERMON "Cross"roads - Pastor Larry Yerger**

**SERMON HYMN: 234 Wonderful Words of Life**

**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."**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

**P.** The Lord Be With You.

**C. And Also With You.**

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

**THE OFFERING: Offertory - How Great Thou Art – Dean Carson**

*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.**

**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:

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**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: 203 Lift High the Cross**

**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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