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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.

SUSAN CARSON CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Saturday, October 7th. Time TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 17th Hymn Service

Reader: Steve Benz

Offering: David Colbur, Gene Dulik

Communion: Pat Spence, Geri McGary

Greeter: Cheri Usowicz

Music Minister: George Stern

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SERVICE OF THE WORD: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Pastor: We gather 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, I have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by the things I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me, renew me and lead me so that I 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: R4 Come Thou Almighty King

R 11 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, we pray that you would lead us away from sinning and into the loving arm of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 33:7-9 ESV

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.

But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

PSALM: Psalm 32:1-7 ESV with Doxology

32 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

6 Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach

him.

7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

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 13:1-10 ESV

Submission to the Authorities

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority?

Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. **Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.**

Fulfilling the Law Through Love

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: **"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."** **Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:1-20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

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“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

GOSPEL HYMN: R 461 Just A Closer Walk With Thee

MUSIC FOR FOR MEDITATION: – R460 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Dean Carson

SERMON: “Love One Another!” - *Pr. 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: R 522 I Love to Tell the Story

OFFERING: Psalm 51

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,

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And uphold me in thy free Spirit. Amen

Rite of Friendship:

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

C. And Also With 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.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all peoples here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

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:

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: R274 Jesus Loves Me

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THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH:

Let there be peace on earth	Let peace begin with me
And let it begin with me	Let this be the moment now
Let there be peace on earth	With every step I take
The peace that was meant to be	Let this be my solemn vow
With God as our father	To take each moment
Brothers all are we	And live each moment
Let me walk with my brother	In peace eternally
In perfect harmony	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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