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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 mute* your cell phones 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.

THANKSGIVING POT-LUCK: We are having our Thanksgiving Worship and Potluck with El Jobean Baptist Church on November 19th, Yum!

We Serve Today:

Reader: Pastor Stev Offering: David Colburn, Steve Benz

Communion: Bubbles Burress, Fran Thibideau Greeter: TBA

Music Minister: George Stern

SERVICE OF THE WORD - ALL SAINTS DAY 2023

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.

ABSOLUTION 1 John 1:8-9

<u>Pastor</u>: 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: G474 Children of the Heavenly Father

G567 God of Our Fathers

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

Our Heavenly Father, today we honor all saints who have served you in animinity, and many of them who joyously gave their lives in honor of your word and your will.

O God, you make the minds of your faithful to be of one will; therefore grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what

you promise, that among the manifold changes of this age our hearts may ever be fixed where true joys are to be found – in your heavenly service, 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.

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 7:1-17 (ESV)

The 144,000 of Israel Sealed

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree.

- Rev 7:2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, Rev 7:3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:
- Rev 7:5 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
- Rev 7:6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
- Rev 7:7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
- Rev 7:8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

A Great Multitude from Every Nation

- Rev 7:9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, Rev 7:10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
- Rev 7:11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
- Rev 7:12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
- Rev 7:13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"

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Rev 7:14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Rev 7:15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. Rev 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. Rev 7:17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

PSALM: Psalm 149 (ESV) (Recited whole verse by whole verse - Congregation in **Bold**)

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Psa 149:1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Psa 149:2 Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Psa 149:3 Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

Psa 149:4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

Psa 149:5 Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

Psa 149:6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

Psa 149:7 to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,

 $Psa\ 149:8$ to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,

Psa 149:9 to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise 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: 1 John 3:1-3 (ESV)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

C: Glory to You Oh Lord.

The Sermon on the Mount

Mat 5:1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

The Beatitudes

- Mat 5:2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- Mat 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Mat 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- Mat 5:5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- Mat 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- Mat 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- Mat 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- Mat 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- Mat 5:10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Mat 5:11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- Mat 5:12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You Oh Christ!

MUSICAL MOMENT: G561 For the Beauty of the Earth

George Stern and Pr. Steve Alto Saxophones

SERMON "All The Saints Who Live!" - Pastor 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: Sing A New Song Unto the Lord,

Refrain

Sing a New Song unto the Lord, let your song be sung from from Mountain High.

Sing a New Song unto the Lord, singing Hallelujah

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- 1. Let your people dance with joy. O come before the Lord and play for God on glad tambourines and let your trust be sound!

 Refrain
- 2. Rise O children from your sleep, your Savior now has come He has turned your sorrows to joy, and fill your heart with song! Refrain
- 3. Glad my soul for I have seen, the glory of the Lord,
 The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised, I know my Savior lives!
 Refrain

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed **(C)**

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 Christian 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 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart O Lord, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from His presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me in Thy free Spirit. Amen

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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

PROPER PREFACE:

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 Lord.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

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Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendor of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy.

Therefore with angels and arch angel and all the hosts of Heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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*

O God of wisdom and strength, your spirit comes upon us and call us your children, sending Jesus to all humanity: to teach and preach, to raise the dead and bear witness to the coming kingdom, and to die-so that the body of sin might be destroyed.

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."

Through Christ Jesus' death and resurrection, we are saved, dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Christ's death until he comes again in glory. 1^{st} Corinthians 11:26

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING SENDING HYMN: G174 For All the Saints – vs 1,2,3,7,8 THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH:

Let there be peace on earth
now And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
vow The peace that was meant to be
With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
earth In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on
And let it begin with me

- THE DISMISSAL
- P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C. Thanks be to God

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