



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 our celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit into 'Our Savior' at the time of His Baptism.

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ASH WEDNESDAY: Our Imposition of Ashes will be Wednesday, February 26th, at 6 PM.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY: Our pledge to our Lord will be held on Commitment Sunday, February 23rd. Just as we did last year, we will fill out a 3X5 card with our pledge to God for the year. We will seal it in an unmarked envelope and pin it to our cross. On Pentecost, (or as soon after as is feasible) we will pull the envelopes off of the cross and burn them for next years ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thank you for your support.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Also on the 23rd, we will celebrate the 8th Anniversary of our church. The actual date is February 12th, this coming Wednesday, but we will hold our celebration at the end of the month during our scheduled Pot-Luck.

SUE RUTH CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Sue's Celebration of Life is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th, 10 AM, at Hope Lutheran Church. More information to follow.

We Serve Today:

Reader: *Dean Carson*

Offering: *Jeff Cisco, Bob Wilgus*

Communion: *Bev Cisco, Ellie Selk, Peggie Sue Dygert*

Greeter: *Nancy Nordell*

We Serve Next Sunday:

Reader: *Tina Mennenga*

Offering: *Jeff Cisco, Jeanne Keyser*

Communion: *Bev Cisco, Ellie Selk, Peggie Sue Dygert*

Greeter: *Nancy Nordell*

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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: 386 Be Thou My Vision

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

Oh Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand the things they ought to do and also may have the grace and strength to accomplish them. Help us to understand your message in your Sermon on the Mount and how to apply it to 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. Alleluia and Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (ESV)

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them,

I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

PSALM: Psalm 119:1-8 (ESV) *(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet. Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!

Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart,

who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules.

I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!

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: 1st Corinthians 3:1-9 (ESV)

Divisions in the Church

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each.

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

Please rise for the singing of the Alleluia. Omitted during Lent.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37 (ESV)

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

Glory to You oh Lord!

Anger

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.

Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Lust

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

Divorce

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Oaths

"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you oh Christ!

SERMON *"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"* - **Pastor Steve Dygert + STS**

SERMON HYMN: Thy Word is a Lamp, *insert*

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."

THE OFFERING: Offertory - 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.

OFFERING PRAYER:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF PRAISE: Let us Pray: *(Prayer Response)* Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE DISTRIBUTION,
THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

SENDING HYMN: 54 Beautiful Savior, *sung to melody of #53*

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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