



**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. I will also ask for your prayer concerns before our service.

**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.

**CHRISTNMAS EVE MORNING:** We will celebrate the birth of our Lord during our Morning Service on December 24<sup>th</sup>. We will not have an evening service due to the are of our congregants.

**We Serve Today:**

*Reader: Bubbles Burress*

*Offering: David Colburn, Jeff Cisco*

*Communion: Pr. Don, Gene Dulik*

*Greeter: Jeff Cisco*

*Music Minister: George Stern*

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD – GAUDENT SUNDAY – THE DAY OF JOY IN THE CHURCH**  
**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 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 HYMNS: R92 Joy to the World, the Lord is Come**

**R461 Just a Closer Walk with Thee – Saxes, then vs 1,2,3 sung**

George Stern and Pr. Steve Baritone Saxophones

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Unison*): Let us pray:

**Our Heavenly Father, help us to remember this time of joy in our hearts, especially in this time of one of our own joining you in glory, 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: Isaiah 35:1-10 (ESV)**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

**And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

**PSALM: Psalm 146:5-10 (ESV)** *(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. 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: John 1:29-34 (ESV)**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.'

I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

**I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."**

*Please rise for the Alleluia.*



**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:8-14 (ESV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.



*The Shepherds and the Angels*

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling





way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-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 - "Angels We Have Heard on High!" Dean Carson**

*As the offerings are brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.*



Praise God, from Whom all bless-ings flow; praise  
 Him all crea-tures here be-low; praise  
 Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise  
 Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

**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 and today we celebrate the

joy our Lord and Savior brings to us. 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:**

P. Let us Pray: *(Congregational 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**

P. Lord we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

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

**SENDING HYMN:** R235 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

**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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