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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.

**JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY:** Is in need of underwear and socks for men, women, and children. Also, they need canned soup in large quantities. Please bring it to the church and we will have a box that we can take to the ministry.

**GRACE GANG:** Will meet at Bisque-It this coming Saturday at 1 PM. Talk with Peggie Sue for more information.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** We will celebrate the birth of our Lord on Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Join us for a great experience!

**We Serve Today: TBA**

*Reader: Pastor Steve*

*Offering: Ron Tessmer*

*Communion: Bev Cisco, Dottie Smith*

*Greeter: Jeff Cisco*

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD - 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY in ADVENT**

***The Sunday of Peace***

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

**Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!**

**CONFESSIOAL 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.

*1 John 1:8-9 Congregation in Bold*

**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

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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:**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Unison):

P: Let us pray:

**Lord, the peace that passes all understanding is the blessing we receive from our Lord Jesus. Help us to share that peace with all around 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 through Jesus Christ Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Alleluia and Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Malachi 3:1-7b

**3** "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. **2** But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. **3** He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. **4** Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

**5** "Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Robbing God

**6** "For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. **7 From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?'**

**PSALM: Psalm 66:1-12 (ESV)** *(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

**66** Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
**2** **sing the glory of his name;**  
**give to him glorious praise!**

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**3** Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

**4 All the earth worships you  
and sings praises to you;  
they sing praises to your name."**

**5** Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

**6 He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.**

**There did we rejoice in him,**

**7** who rules by his might forever,  
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—  
let not the rebellious exalt themselves. *Selah*

**8 Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of his praise be heard,**

**9** who has kept our soul among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.

**10 For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.**

**11** You brought us into the net;  
you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

**12 you let men ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.**

**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: Philippians 1:2-11 (ESV)**

**2** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

**3** I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, **4** always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. **6** And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. **7** It is right for me to feel this

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way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

**8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.**

*Please rise for the singing of the Alleluia. John 6:6-8*



**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-20 (ESV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

**John the Baptist Prepares the Way**

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,<sup>[a]</sup>  
make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall become straight,

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and the rough places shall become level ways,  
6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

7 He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. 9 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

10 And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” 11 And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” 12 Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” 13 And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” 14 Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

15 As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, 16 John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

18 So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, 20 added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

**SERMON: "Peace" - 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:**

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

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**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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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**



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
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 – Blessed Assurance – Dean Carson**

As the offering is brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.

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

*Doxology, composed in England 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. *2<sup>nd</sup> 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. *Psalms 136*

**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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance, that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory.

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

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**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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:26*

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

**THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING:**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS,**



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**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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