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14344 Jamison Way, (941) 249-5108



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.

LOGOS AT TOP OF 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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 9th: We will be celebrating our Maundy Thursday Service with the Lord's Supper on April 9th. We are going to celebrate this event with a modified Christian Seder using both lamb and pork as our main dish.. The meal will begin at 5:15 with Divine Worship, included in the Seder. More information to follow as we get closer to Holy Week.

TRIVIUM TIME OF REMEMBRANCE April 10th: On Good Friday, April 10th, the church will be open starting at 1 pm for prayer and a continuous message at from 1 pm until 3 pm in remembrance of the 3 hours Jesus spent on the cross, a time called the Trivium in our church. Feel free to join Pastor Steve at any time during the 3 hours for prayer and his message for each hour of the time of Jesus on the cross.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, April 10th: We will be remembering the price our Lord and Savior paid for us with a special service commemorating the 7 Last words of Christ on the Cross. There will be no sermon during this service, but individual members of our congregation will give a 5 minute talk about what these words mean to them and what feelings and memories these words lead their hearts as they speak for us.

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR RISEN LORD! April 12th: We will celebrate our Easter Celebration on Sunday

We Serve Today:

Reader: *Jeanne Keyser*

Offering: *Jeff Cisco, Bob Wilgus*

Communion: *Jeanne Keyser, Nancy Nordell, Dean Carson*

Greeter: *Cheryl Usowicz*

We Serve Next Sunday:

Reader: *Shirley Lowing*

Offering: *Jeff Cisco, Bob Wilgus*

Communion: *Jeanne Keyser, Nancy Nordell, Dean Carson*

Greeter: *Cheryl Usowicz*

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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

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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: 316 The Church's One Foundation vs 1,3,4,6

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

Merciful God and Father, look graciously upon our mother, grandmother, aunt, and sister; as we grieve at the death of our beloved relative and friend. As we investigate our remembering, teach us to remember that all things work together for the good of those who love you.

Receive our thanks for blessing Geraldine Hope with long life, good friends, and a loving family. Thank you for receiving her into your open arms with all your Saints in Heaven, which has no end, through our Lord Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. 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.

REMINISCING AND MUSINGS: Family and Friends

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR GERALDINE HOPE: Pastor Steve

Be Still My Soul; the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgotten, love's purest joys are gone,
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 32:22-32 (ESV)

Jacob Wrestles with God

The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had.

And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

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PSALM: Psalm 121 (ESV) *(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

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 Thessalonians 4:1-7 (ESV)

A Life Pleasing to God

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.

For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

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 15:21-28 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th Chapter.

Glory to You oh Lord!

The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."

But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you oh Christ!

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CHILDREN'S SERMON: "What Does Today Mean?" Pastor Steve Dygert – STS

I invite all children to join me at the alter for a special message for all!

SERMON "Remember" - Pastor Steve Dygert + STS

SERMON HYMN: 456 In the Garden

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 - How Great Thou Art – 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:

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

P. The Lord Be With You.

C. And Also With You.

P. Please share the peace of the Lord with those around you.

Because of the danger of sickness, please use the fist bump manner I will teach you today.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

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**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, THE DISTRIBUTION,
THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

SENDING HYMN: 167 The Old Rugged Cross

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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