

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH OF EL JOBEAN 1**  
**14344 JAMISON WAY, PORT CHARLOTTE, FLORIDA 33954**  
**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Rev. Dr. Steve Dygert, Pastor**



**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.

Reader: *Steve Benz*

Offering: *Dottie Smith*

Communion: *Pat Spence, Geri McGary*

Greeter: *TBA*

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD: EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

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

Pastor Bob: We begin our service in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. People: **AMEN**

**CONFESSIONAL PRAYER** - *congregational responses in BOLD*

Pastor: Lord, we approach Your altar with love for You and our appreciation 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*

**Most merciful God, I have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by the things I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me, renew me and lead me so that I 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:**

**R53 Fairest Lord Jesus; R139 Good King Wenceslas**

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## **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed** *congregation in BOLD*

**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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the Body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Pr. - Let us pray:

**Our Heavenly Father, today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, The Coming of the Three Wise Men, and the time of the first miracle – the turning of water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. Help us to remember the importance of all three of these gifts to us. We ask it in the name of Him who shed His earthly life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia and Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6 ESV**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**<sup>2</sup> For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.**

**<sup>3</sup> And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

**<sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.**

**<sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,<sup>[a]</sup>  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.**

**<sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.**

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**They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.**

**PSALM: Psalm 72:1-11 ESV** *With Doxology*

**72** Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the royal son!

**<sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice!**

**<sup>3</sup> Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness!**

**<sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the children of the needy,  
and crush the oppressor!**

**<sup>5</sup> May they fear you<sup>Ⓜ</sup> while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!**

**<sup>6</sup> May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth!**

**<sup>7</sup> In his days may the righteous flourish,  
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!**

**<sup>8</sup> May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
and from the River<sup>Ⓜ</sup> to the ends of the earth!**

**<sup>9</sup> May desert tribes bow down before him,  
and his enemies lick the dust!**

**<sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands  
render him tribute;**

may the kings of Sheba and Seba  
bring gifts!

**<sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations serve him!**

**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: Ephesians 3:1-12 ESV**

**3** For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— **<sup>2</sup>** assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, **<sup>3</sup>** how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. **<sup>4</sup>** When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, **<sup>5</sup>** which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. **<sup>6</sup>** This mystery is<sup>Ⓜ</sup> that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

**<sup>7</sup>** Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. **<sup>8</sup>** To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace

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was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,<sup>9</sup> and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in<sup>10</sup> God, who created all things,<sup>10</sup> so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.<sup>11</sup> **This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,<sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:4-11**

**GOSPEL HYMN: R140 We Three Kings of Orient Are**

**MUSIC FOR FOR MEDITATION: R86 Of The Father's Love Begotten**

Pr. Steve, Soprano Saxophone

**SERMON:** "*Epiphany?!?!? What is that? A Disease?*" - Pr. 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: R379 Children of the Heavenly Father**

**Rite of Friendship:**

P. The Peace of the Lord Be With You Always.

C. **And Also With You.**

P. Share the peace of the Lord with those around you.

P. We now have the opportunity to share back with the Lord a little of the bounty He has shared with us.

**OFFERING: Psalm 51**

**Create in me, a clean heart, Oh Lord**

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not, away from thy presence**

**And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me, the joy of thy salvation,**

**And uphold me in thy free Spirit. Amen**

**OFFERTORY: HE,** Dean Carson

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

**Praise God from whom all blessings**

**flow. Praise Him all peoples here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Merciful Father,

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**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 PRAYERS:** 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 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."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:** *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:26*

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

## **THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN: R533 The Old Time Religion**

## **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  
me!!**

**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**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God!!**

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