



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

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** Our Christmas Eve service will begin at 6 PM. It is a candlelight (tenebrae) service, so bring all of your friends and visiting family for an enjoyable evening!

**JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRIES:** New Year's Eve Day is the fifth Tuesday in December and our sandwich day! More information to follow.

**We Serve Today:**

*Reader: Geri McGary*

*Offering: Jeff Cisco, Tony Alonzo*

*Communion: Bev Wilgus, Geri McGary, Jeanne Keyser*

*Greeter: Jean Mennenga*

**We Serve Next Sunday:**

*Reader: Priscilla Alonzo*

*Offering: Jeff Cisco, Tony Alonzo*

*Communion: Bev Wilgus, Geri McGary, Jeanne Keyser*

*Greeter: Jean Mennenga*

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**GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME**

*Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements*

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

Pastor: Lord, we approach your altar during this Advent Season with with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross, and your coming again in judgment. 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, but 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: 57 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name vs 1,3,5**

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

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and come among us with great might; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace, mercy, and love speedily help and deliver us; through 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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-17 (ESV)**

The Sign of Immanuel

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test."

And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also?"

**Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.**

For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.

The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!"

**PSALM: Psalm 24 (ESV)** (*Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold***)

The King of Glory

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

**for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

**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: Romans 1:1-17 (ESV)**

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

**To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please rise for the Alleluia.*

**Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia**  
**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to You oh Lord!**

The Birth of Jesus Christ

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you oh Christ!**

**SERMON "Love! Love! Love!" Pastor Steve Dygert STS**

**SERMON HYMN: 366 On Eagle's Wings**

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

**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.**

**THE OFFERING: Offertory - Do you Hear What I Hear? – 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.**

**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:** 78 Hark he Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

**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.**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** 93 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, 102 He is Born, 104 Away in a Manger

**THE DISMISSAL**

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord! - Happy Christmas!

**C. Thanks be to God, and also to you!**

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