

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY, THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER, MAY 12th, 2019****GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME** *Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements***CONFESSIONAL PRAYER**

Pastor: As we celebrate our Easter Season, we approach your altar with with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross. Lord, 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, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the, Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: 46 Crown Him with Many Crowns vs 1, 4, 7**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Unison): William Laud 1573-1645

Heavenly Father, we humbly beseech Thee for Thy holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace.

Where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it;

where it is superstitious, rectify it; where anything is amiss, reform it;

where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it;

where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches of it;

O Thou Holy One of Israel, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Alleluia and Amen.

First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles: 9:36-43

There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas^[g]). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor. About this time she became ill and died. Her body was washed for burial and laid in an upstairs room. But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, “Please come as soon as possible!”

So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them. But Peter asked them all to leave the room; then he knelt and prayed. Turning to the body he said, “Get up, Tabitha.” And she opened her eyes! When she saw Peter, she sat up! He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called in the widows and all the believers, and he presented her to them alive.

The news spread through the whole town, and many believed in the Lord. And Peter stayed a long time in Joppa, living with Simon, a tanner of hides.

PSALM - Psalm 23 (KJV) (Recited whole verse by whole verse, congregation in BOLD)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE ALLELUIA:

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10: 22-30 (NLT)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th Chapter.

Glory to you Oh Lord.

Jesus Claims to Be the Son of God

It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication. He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon's Colonnade. The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else.^[d] No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you Oh Christ.

SERMON: "Life Without God?" - Pastor Tony Alonzo

SERMON HYMN: 57 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name vs 1, 3, 6

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed (C)

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 worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian 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: Will You Come and Follow Me – Dean Carson

We will sing the Doxology as it is brought forward to the altar.

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; WORDS OF INSTITUTION; PREPARATION OF THE TABLE; THE DISTRIBUTION; THE COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: 53 Fairest Lord Jesus

AARONIC BLESSING

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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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!

WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR VISITORS!: Welcome to our family today! We are so happy you chose to visit us today. If you are looking for a church home, feel free to call Pastor Steve and let us introduce ourselves to you. God Bless you and welcome to His church!

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. We also will ask for prayers to be shared during the service.

A HUGE THANK-YOU!: To everyone who helped with our yard sale. We appreciate it!

We Serve Today:

Reader: *Tina Mennenga*

Offering: *Bob Wilgus, Ron Tessmer*

Communion: *Bev Cisco, Sharon Tessmer, Peggie Sue Dygert*

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