



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.

THE MEANING OF THE LOGOS IN THE BULLETIN: The two pictures at the top of the bulletin are the church's logo and the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ 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, and we belong to an association of over 1,000 churches in 19 countries.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY: Sunday March 22nd, will be our second installment of Commitment Sunday for those who missed the first event. Just as we did last year, we will fill out a 3X5 card with our pledge to God for the year. We will seal it in an unmarked envelope and pin it to our cross. On Pentecost, (or as soon after as is feasible) we will pull the envelopes off of the cross and burn them for next year's ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thank you for your continued support.

MAUNDY THURSDAY MENU: Also on March 22nd, I will be passing out a sheet with the needs for our Seder meal including cooking instructions.

JESUS LOVES YOU MISISTRIES SANDWICHES: We will be making up the sandwiches on Tuesday, March 31st at the church at 9 AM. Geri McGary will again be hosting this ministry.

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, April 12th at 10 AM.

We Serve Today:

Reader: *Bubbles Burress* 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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**OUR WORSHIP TODAY, Oculi Sunday 'Keep Your Eyes Upon the Lord', Pr. Larry Yerger
GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME**

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER – Congregation in BOLD

Pastor: Pastor: As we celebrate our Lenten 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

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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, I, as a called and ordained servant of The Word, and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: 274 Jesus Loves Me vs 1,3,6

INTROIT:

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;

the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin;

ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices,

and put your trust in the Lord.

through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with

and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, now and forever, world without end.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 26:1-15 NRSV

Jeremiah's Prophecies in the Temple

At the beginning of the reign of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came from the Lord: Thus says the Lord: Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the Lord; speak to them all the words that I command you; do not hold back a word. It may be that they will listen, all of them, and will turn from their evil way, that I may change my mind about the disaster that I intend to bring on them because of their evil doings. You shall say to them: Thus says the Lord: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, and to heed the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently—

though you have not heeded— then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.

The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord. And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "**It is the Lord who sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will change his mind about the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, here I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will be bringing innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.**"

PSALM -136:1-3 (NRSV) *(Recited whole verse by whole verse, congregation in BOLD)*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

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. Alleluia and Amen.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 5:1-9 ADD (NRSV)

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure

person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

(The Alleluia is omitted during Lent. Please stand for the Gospel Reading.)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 11:14-28 (NRSV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th Chapter.

Glory to you Oh Lord.

Jesus and Beelzebul

Now he was casting out a demon that was mute; when the demon had gone out, the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons." Others, to test him, kept demanding from him a sign from heaven. But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? —for you say that I cast out the demons by Beelzebul. Now if I cast out the demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your exorcists[a] cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his plunder. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

The Return of the Unclean Spirit

"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but not finding any, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first."

True Blessedness

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you Oh Christ.

SERMON "Not One Among Many" Pastor Larry Yerger

SERMON HYMN: 35 O Bless the Lord My Soul! Vs 1,4,5,6

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed (C)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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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.

THE OFFERTORY: Oh How He Loves You and Me – Dean Carson

THE OFFERING: As we bring the offering to the altar 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:

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

THE COMMENDATION OF OUR PRAYERS;

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

SENDING HYMN: 42 Love Divine, All Love Excelling

AARONIC BLESSING

Congregational Song, Let There Be Peace on Earth, and the Dismissal

Let there be peace on earth	Let peace begin with me
And let it begin with me	Let this be the moment now
Let there be peace on earth	With every step I take
The peace that was meant to be	Let this be my solemn vow
With God as our father	To take each moment
Brothers all are we	And live each moment
Let me walk with my brother	In peace eternally
In perfect harmony	Let there be peace on earth
	And let it begin with me

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God

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