



**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.

**We Serve Today: TBA**

*Reader:*

*Offering:*

*Communion:*

*Greeter:*

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**GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME, 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*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**

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: A Great and Mighty Wonder**

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

**Dearest Jesus, you earned the most perfect gift for us when you gave all on the cross, the promise of eternal life. We thank you for this precious gift to us. 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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 44:6-8 (ESV)**

Besides Me There Is No God

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.[a]

Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

**8 Fear not, nor be afraid;**

**have I not told you from of old and declared it?**

**And you are my witnesses!**

**Is there a God besides me?**

**There is no Rock; I know not any."**

**PSALM: Psalm 119:57-64 (ESV)** *(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

57 The LORD is my portion;

I promise to keep your words.

**58 I entreat your favor with all my heart;**

**be gracious to me according to your promise.**

59 When I think on my ways,

I turn my feet to your testimonies;

**60 I hasten and do not delay**

**to keep your commandments.**

61 Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,

I do not forget your law.

**62 At midnight I rise to praise you,**

**because of your righteous rules.**

63 I am a companion of all who fear you,

of those who keep your precepts.

**64 The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;**

**teach me your statutes!**

**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 8:18-27 (ESV)**

**18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. **20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

**22** For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. **23** And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our

bodies. **24** For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**26** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. **27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.**

*Please rise for the Alleluia.*

**Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia**  
**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (ESV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to You oh Lord!**

The Parable of the Weeds

24 He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds[a] among the wheat and went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. 27 And the servants[b] of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' 28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'""

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, 42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you oh Christ!**

**SERMON "The Promise" Pastor Steve Dygert + STS**

**SERMON HYMN:** 102 He is Born

**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.**

**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 OFFERING: Offertory – Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones – 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**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise**

P: It is indeed good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God for in the mystery of the Word made flesh, You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**1 Holy, Holy, Holy vs 1**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God, Almighty**

**Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity**

**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**

**PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE DISTRIBUTION,  
THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN:** Take My Life and Let It Be, Last page

**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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COMMITMENT

# Take My Life and Let It Be

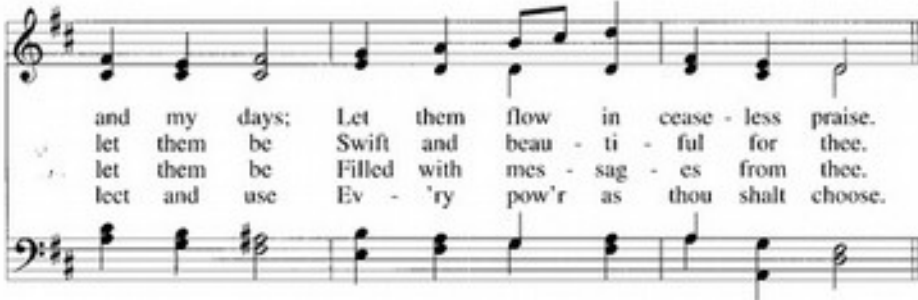
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1 Take my life and let it be Con - se -  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a



cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments  
im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and  
on - ly for my King. Take my lips and  
mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -



and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart — it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.