

Our Savior Lutheran Church October 22nd, 2023 Page 1
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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!

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.

THANKSGIVING POT-LUCK: Sunday, November 19th, with El Jobean Baptist Church.

Reader: Pr. Steve

Offering: David Colbur, Jeff Cisco

Communion: Pat Spence, Geri McGary

Greeter: Jeff Cisco

Music Minister: George Stern

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SERVICE OF THE WORD: TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Pastor: We gather in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God 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:

R4 Come Thou Almighty King

R 11 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed

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: Let us pray:

**Blessed be the Lord! He hath done wonderful things;
and blessed is His Holy Name,
Who, now, that the summer is past,
has brought me in joy to behold the blessed autumn days.
Lord, I am not worthy of all Thy goodness and mercy
which Thou hast again showered upon me.
Most humbly and heartily I beseech Thee, O Loving Father,
turn away all dangerous storms and infectious diseases,
and so bless me in my participation in Thy bounty,
that with health of body, peace of mind, and a good
conscience,
I may thankfully enjoy Thy gifts, and use what Thou hast
given me unto Thy glory,
and the promotion of my fellowman's happiness,
and unceasingly bring to Thee acceptable fruits of my life.
In these days of the ingathering of the vintage,
let me rejoice in Him, Who alone truly treads the wine press,
the beloved Redeemer, Jesus Christ.
With the fading and falling leaf, cause me to remember my mortality,
and to prepare while it is yet time for a blessed end;
to leave this inconstant, passing world with joy,
whenever it so pleases Thee;
and, to enter Thy glory, there, with angels and all the company of
the elect,
to evermore laud, praise and thank Thee for all Thy benefits. Amen**

Rev. Dr. J. K. Wilhelm Loehe (1808-1872), For All The Saints Volume II
Seminary Faculty, Concordia Practical Seminary; Springfield, IL, 1869

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7 ESV

Cyrus, God's Instrument

Isa 45:1 Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed:

Isa 45:2 **"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,**

Isa 45:3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

Isa 45:4 **For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me.**

Isa 45:5 I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me,

Isa 45:6 that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

Isa 45:7 I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 ESV *with Doxology*

Worship in the Splendor of Holiness

Psa 96:1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Psa 96:2 **Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Psa 96:3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Psa 96:4 **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

Psa 96:5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Psa 96:6 **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Psa 96:7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

Psa 96:8 **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

Psa 96:9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

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: 1st Thessalonians 1:1-10 ESV

Greeting

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, **3** remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, **5** because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. **6** And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, **7** so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. 9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:15-22 ESV

Paying Taxes to Caesar

Mat 22:15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words.

Mat 22:16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances.

Mat 22:17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

Mat 22:18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites?"

Mat 22:19 Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.

Mat 22:20 And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?"

Mat 22:21 They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Mat 22:22 When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

GOSPEL HYMN: Lord of the Dance

Refrain

**Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!
(I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!)**

Verse 1

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun
I danced in the Moon & the Stars & the Sun
I came down from Heaven & I danced on Earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth:**

Refrain

**Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!
(I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!)**

Verse 2

**I danced for the scribe & the pharisee
But they would not dance & they wouldn't follow me
I danced for fishermen, for James & John
They came with me & the Dance went on:**

Refrain

**Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!
(I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!)**

Verse 3

**I danced on the Sabbath & I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame!
They whipped & they stripped & they hung me high
And they left me there on a cross to die!**

Refrain

**Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be**

And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!
(I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!)

Verse 4 – Solo Pr. Steve

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body & they thought I'd gone
But I am the Dance & I still go on!

Refrain

Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!
(I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!)

Verse 5

They cut me down and I leapt up high
I am the Life that'll never, never die!
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!

Refrain

Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!

MUSIC FOR FOR MEDITATION: – Every Time I Feel The Spirit, Negro Spiritual

George Stern, Jazz Piano, Pr. Steve, Saxophone and Vocals

SERMON: *"For the Love of God!" - 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:

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

Rite of Friendship:

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

C. And Also With You.

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

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,

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; 1st 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. *1st Corinthians 11:26*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: R274 Jesus Loves Me

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**

**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 me!!**

THE DISMISSAL P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord! C. **Thanks be to God!!**
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