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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.

COMING EVENTS FOR OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH-LCMC:

- March 2nd Ash Wednesday 6 PM
- March 27 Service of the Laying on of Hands and Healing
- April 22nd Easter

We Serve Today: TBA

Reader: Pr. Steve

Offering: Jeff Cisco, Ron Tessmer

Communion: Bev Cisco, Cheri Usowicz

Greeter: Jeff Cisco

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SERVICE OF THE WORD – Epiphany Sunday before Ash Wednesday

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

CONFESSIOAL 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.

1 John 1:8-9

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: R366 I Love to Tell the Story

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): P: Let us pray:

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O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers, and set us free from the bonds of our sins, and defend us from all evil. 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 through Jesus Christ Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Alleluia and Amen.

HYMN: Lord of the Dance – Insert

Revelation 1:18 "I am He that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore."

HYMN: Here I Am Lord – Insert

Isaiah 6:8 **8** And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Isaiah's name is translated, The LORD is salvation. Salvation means the deliverance from harm. Isaiah's mission was to remind the people who the Source of all their blessing and prosperity was. "Isaiah ministered to God's people during an era of great political turmoil," the New International Encyclopedia of Bible Characters notes. The Northern kingdom had fallen and had been taken captive, and the Southern kingdom was heavily attacked (Encyclopedia of The Bible). The Assyrian Empire was expanding at the decline of Israel. "Isaiah warned Judah that their sin would bring captivity at the hands of Babylon," the NIV Study Bible explains. Isaiah not only predicted the fall and captivity, but also the rescue and restoration of God's people in the future.

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.*

HYMN: The Old Rugged Cross R167

Luke 22:33 Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death."

As a Methodist evangelist, George Bennard wrote the first verse of "The Old Rugged Cross" in Albion, Michigan, in the fall of 1912 as a response to ridicule that he had received at a revival meeting. Bennard traveled with Ed E. Mieras from Chicago to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin where they held evangelistic meetings at the Friends Church from December 29, 1912, to January 12, 1913. During the meetings Rev. George Bennard finished "The Old Rugged Cross" and on the last night of the meetings, Bennard and Mieras performed it as a duet before a full house with Pearl Torstensen Berg, organist for the meeting, as accompanist.

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The hymn uses a sentimental popular song form with a verse/chorus pattern in 6,8 time and it speaks of the writer's adoration of Christ and His sacrifice at Calvary. Bennard retired to Reed City, Michigan, and the town maintains a museum dedicated to his life and ministry. A memorial has also been created in Youngstown at Lake Park Cemetery. A plaque commemorating the first performance of the song stands in front of the Friend's Church in Sturgeon Bay, WI.

HYMN: R456 In the Garden

Luke 22:39 And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him.

Here is the account of how this beautiful hymn was written from the hymn writer, C. Austin Miles, himself, "One day in April 1912, I was seated in the dark room where I kept my photographic equipment, and also my organ. I drew my Bible toward me and it opened at my favorite book and chapter, John chapter twenty. I don't know if this was by chance or by the work of the Holy Spirit. I will let you the reader decide. That story of Jesus and Mary in John 20 had lost none of its power and charm.

It was though I was in a trance, as I read it that day, I seemed to be part of the scene. I became a silent witness to that dramatic moment in Mary's life when she knelt before her Lord and cried, "Rabboni". I rested my hands on the open Bible, as I stared at the light blue wall. As the light faded, I seemed to be standing at the entrance of a garden, looking down a gently winding path, shaded by olive branches. A woman in white, with head bowed, hand clasping her throat, as if to choke back her sobs, walked slowly into the shadows. It was Mary. As she came unto the tomb, upon which she placed her hand, she bent over to look in and ran away.

John, in a flowing robe, appeared looking at the tomb. Then came Peter, who entered the tomb, followed slowly by John. As they departed, Mary reappeared leaning her head upon her arm at the tomb, she wept. Turning herself, she saw Jesus standing there, so did I. I knew it was He. She knelt before Him, with arms outstretched, and looking into His face cried, "Rabboni".

I awakened in sunlight, gripping my Bible with my muscles tense, and nerves vibrating, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. I wrote as quickly as the words could be formed the lyrics exactly as it is sung today. That same evening, I wrote the tune. It is sung today as it was written in 1912."

HYMN: R192 Because He Lives

John 14:19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." ~ John 3:16-17

"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." ~ Titus 3:4-7

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HYMN: R366 On Eagle's Wings

Isaiah 40:31 but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

"On Eagle's Wings" is a devotional Hymn created by Michael Joncas. Joncas penned the song in the late 1970s. It was recorded in 1979, with Douglas Hall as a producer, distributed by North American Liturgy Resources and later acquired by New Dawn Music, a subsidiary of Oregon Catholic Press. It has become celebrated as a thoughtful Hymn at Catholic masses as well as at Mainline Protestant services.

Fr. Joncas has stated that his choice for the title would be "On Eagle's Wings," meaning that the wings belong to a single eagle as a comparison for God, but he said he could make a case for the plural "On Eagles' Wings," since many wings would be needed to lift up the many people in covenant with God.

HYMN: R54 Beautiful Savior

Song of Solomon 6:10 The melody of "Fairest Lord Jesus," first a Silesian folk tune, and the German text were published originally in 1842 by August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben and Ernst Richter by the title Schönster Herr Jesu (Most beautiful Lord Jesus).

In 1850 the Danish hymn author B. S. Ingemann wrote Dejlig Er Jorden, which he set to the same melody. An English translation by Jens C. Aaberg was published as Fair Is Creation. Aside from their musical context, the Danish and German lyrics are not associated.

HYMN: R298 Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Jeremiah 18:1 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying , 2 Arise , and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. 4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. 5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

As you probably already know, many of our most beloved hymns have a special story behind them. What is the reason Ms. Pollard wrote this sacred song? According to www.cyberhymnal.org, Adelaide believed that the Lord wanted her to become a missionary to Africa. Yet after much prayer and effort, she was unable to raise the funds necessary for her to go. One night, during a time of great discouragement, she attended a prayer meeting where she heard an elderly woman pray, "It's all right, Lord. It doesn't matter what You bring into our lives, just have Your own way with us." At home that night, much encouraged, she wrote this hymn. Jeremiah the prophet had to learn this important lesson as well.

HYMN: R603 Battle Hymn of the Republic

*Jeremiah 25:30 **30** "You, therefore, shall prophesy against them all these words, and say to them:*

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*"The LORD will roar from on high,
and from his holy habitation utter his voice;
he will roar mightily against his fold,
and shout, like those who tread grapes,
against all the inhabitants of the earth.*

The entire nation was inspired by the words when they appeared, and the song became literally the battle hymn of the American republic during the dark days of the Civil War. When the song was sung at a rally attended by President Lincoln, he cried out with tears in his eyes, "Sing it again!".

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.

Rite of Friendship:

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Psalm 51:10-12

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it


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from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

THE OFFERING: Offertory – Ave Maria

As the offering is brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.



Praise God, from Whom all bless - ings flow; praise
Him all crea - tures here be - low; praise
Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Doxology, written in England for Protestant Churches in 1674.

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. *2nd Timothy 4:22*

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise

P: *The Proper Preface for the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.*

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

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who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. *Amen.*

SANCTUS: 1 Holy, Holy, Holy vs 1, *Revelation 4:8*

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: *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 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 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: R197 Majesty

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS,
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

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THE DISMISSAL:

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God

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