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**14344 Jamison Way, (941) 249-5108, Pastor's Cell 260.417.3304**



**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.

**SUSAN CARSON CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM at the church.**

**DONNA DOERR CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, during worship.**

**POTLUCK:** Will not be held so we will have a major meal for Thanksgiving.

**OUR SAVIOR THANKSGIVING DINNER:** Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> before Thanksgiving.

**PASTOR STEVE'S NEW CELL NUMBER: 941.273.7722**

Reader: David Colburn

Offering: David Colburn, Jeff Cisco

Communion: Pr. Steve, Bubbles Burress, Pat Spence

Greeter: Jeff Cisco

Music Minister:

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD: EIGHTEENTH 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

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name of the, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Alleluia and Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMNS: R217 Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart**

**R522 I Love to Tell the Story vs 1,2**

**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:

**Our Dearest Savior, Jesus the Christ; lead us, love us, guide us, and help us be deserving of the salvation you earned for us on the Cross of your sacrifice for our salvation. Always help us to remember that you are Lord and are our eternal gift of salvation. Jesus, we humbly ask for this blessing through your vicarious atonement, and through our Father, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 18:1-32 ESV**

The word of the LORD came to me: **2** "What do you[a] mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? **3** As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. **4** Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

**25** "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? **26** When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. **27** Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. **28** Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. **29** Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

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**30** "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin.[d] **31** Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? **32** For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

**PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10** *with Doxology*

**25** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**2 O my God, in you I trust;**  
**let me not be put to shame;**  
**let not my enemies exult over me.**

**3** Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD;**  
**teach me your paths.**

**5** Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.

**6 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,**  
**for they have been from of old.**

**7** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

**8 Good and upright is the LORD;**  
**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

**9** He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,**  
**for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**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: Philippians 2:1-18 ESV**

Christ's Example of Humility

**2** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, **2** complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

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**4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. **5** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,<sup>[a]</sup> **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,<sup>[b]</sup> **7** but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,<sup>[c]</sup> being born in the likeness of men.

**8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lights in the World

**12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

**14** Do all things without grumbling or disputing, **15** that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, **16** holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. **17 Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:23-32 ESV -**

The Authority of Jesus Challenged

**23** And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" **24** Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. **25** The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" **26** But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." **27** So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

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The Parable of the Two Sons

28 "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

**LAYING ON OF HANDS ON BILL BOWERS, AND BILL SZLANKEWICZ FOR HEALING.**

**MUSIC FOR FOR MEDITATION: R 461 – JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE**  
**Dean Carson**

**SERMON:** "Who Believes in Jesus?" - *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: R350 Bless the Lord My Soul**

**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:**

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**

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**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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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. *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:26*

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

**THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN: R362 Blessed Assurance vs 1,2**

**THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH:**

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

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