



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.

We Serve Today:

Reader: Gene Dulik

Offering: Jeff Cisco, Dean Carson

Communion: Bev Cisco, Bubbles Bures *Greeter: Fran Thibideau*

OUR WORSHIP TODAY: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

Pastor: Our Heavenly Father, 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 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. Go and sin no more. In the name of Jesus we pray. Alleluia and Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: 599 My Country 'Tis of Thee

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

Our Heavenly Father, today we celebrate an American Holiday, not a religious holiday; but Lord, without our many blessings we receive because of this holiday, we are free to worship you with all of our hearts, all of our souls, and all of our minds. Thank you Lord for this blessing 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: Zechariah 9:9-12 (ESV)

The Coming King of Zion

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

**Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-14 (ESV) *(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

1 My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;
I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

2 You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you forever.

3 Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,
in your splendor and majesty!

- 4** In your majesty ride out victoriously
for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;
let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!
- 5** Your arrows are sharp
in the heart of the king's enemies;
the peoples fall under you.
- 6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.**
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
- 7 you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
- 8 your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.**
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;
- 9** daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
- 10** Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:
forget your people and your father's house,
- 11** and the king will desire your beauty.
Since he is your lord, bow to him.
- 12** The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people.
- 13** All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.
- 14** In many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 7:14-25a (ESV)

14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. 15 For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. 17 So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind

and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30 (ESV)

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

Glory to you Oh Lord.

25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; **26** yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.[a] **27** All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. **28** Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you oh Christ!

SERMON: *'How Does a Christian Respond Today?'* Pastor Steve Dygert + STS

SERMON HYMN: 603 Battle Hymn of the Republic vs 1,2,3,5

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING: Offertory, Battle Hymn vs 5 – Pr. Steve, congregation joins on the refrain.

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: 605 The Star Spangled Banner

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION & Let There Be Peace On Earth

Congregational Song, **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

Let peace begin with me

**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 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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