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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: Today is the day we celebrate our church's logo. This logo is the descent of the Holy Spirit into 'Our Savior' at the time of His Baptism, which we celebrate today.

2020 FINANCIAL HEALTH: In January we were \$350 ahead of our monthly expenses. Congratulations!

ASH WEDNESDAY: Our Imposition of Ashes will be Wednesday, February 26th, at 6 PM.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY: Our pledge to our Lord will be held on Commitment Sunday, February 23rd. Just as we did last year, we will fill out a 3X5 card with our pledge to God for the year. We will seal it in an unmarked envelope and pin it to our cross. On Pentecost, (or as soon after as is feasible) we will pull the envelopes off of the cross and burn them for next years ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thank you for your support.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Also on the 23rd, we will celebrate the 8th Anniversary of our church. The actual date is February 12th, this coming Wednesday, but we will hold our celebration at the end of the month during our scheduled Pot-Luck.

SUE RUTH CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Sue's Celebration of Life is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th, 10 AM, at Hope Lutheran Church. More information to follow.

We Serve Today:

Reader: *Bev Cisco*

Offering: *Jeff Cisco, Jeanne Keyser*

Communion: *Bev Cisco, Ellie Selk, Peggie Sue Dygert*

Greeter: *Nancy Nordell*

We Serve Next Sunday:

Reader: *Dean Carson*

Offering: *Jeff Cisco, Jeanne Keyser*

Communion: *Bev Cisco, Ellie Selk, Peggie Sue Dygert*

Greeter: *Nancy Nordell*

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GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME - Epiphany 5

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

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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: 174 What Wondrous Love is This?

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

Oh God our loving Father, through the grace of your Holy Spirit you plant the gifts of your love into the hearts of your faithful people. Grant to your servants soundness of mind and body, so that they love you with their whole strength and with their whole heart, do these things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 and Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 58:3-9a (ESV)

'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9 (ESV) (*Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold***)

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!

His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.

He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his

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adversaries.

He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.

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 Corinthians 2:1-12 (ESV)

Proclaiming Christ Crucified

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom.

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Wisdom from the Spirit

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by 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 5:13-20 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

Glory to You oh Lord!

Salt and Light

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Christ Came to Fulfill the Law

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth

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pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Praise to you oh Christ!

SERMON *Why Did Jesus Have to Die on the Cross?* **Pastor Steve Dygert - STS**

SERMON HYMN: 170 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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.

THE OFFERING: Offertory – 613 Glory Be to God on High – Pastor Steve

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.

OFFERING PRAYER:

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Please share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

PRAYERS OF PRAISE:

Let us Pray: *(Prayer Response)* **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER, PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: 583 Come We that Love the Lord

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION & 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

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

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**With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony**

**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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