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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 (CARDS ON BACK TABLE). 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 (Lutheran Congregations in Missions for Christ). The church's logo is the descent of the Holy Spirit into 'Our Savior' at the time of His Baptism.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Bible Study meets at the church. Everyone welcome!!! **WOMEN'S MINISTRY:** Meets once a month. Please see Pastor's wife, Peggie Sue, for information.

**DEDICATION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH:** MAY 21ST, REV. DONALD FRANCIS, PREACHER **We Serve Today:** 

Reader: Peggie Sue Dygert Offering: Jeff Cisco, David Colburn

Communion: Bev Cisco, Fran Thibideau, Greeter: Jeff Cisco

# **SERVICE OF THE WORD: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

Pastor: We begin our worship today 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, 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:**

<u>Pastor</u>: 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

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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: R57 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  $vs\ 1,4,6$ 

**GATHERING LITANY –** (responsive in **bold**)

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe,

For in Your wisdom You have formed us.

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

We bless You and praise Your Holy Name forever.

You set free those who are bound.

We bless You and praise Your Holy name forever.

You raise up those whose courage falters.

We bless You and praise Your Holy name forever.

You provide for our every need.

Accept our grateful praises.

You have called us from all peoples.

We bless You and praise Your Holy name forever.

You bless your people with peace.

We bless You and praise Your loving grace.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe,

For in Your wisdom You have formed us.

**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.

# THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

Almighty God, merciful Father, since you have wakened from death the Shepherd of your sheep, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may know the voice of our Shepherd and follow him that sin and death may never pluck us out of your hand, 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,

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through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Alleluia and Amen.

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47** ESV (Responsive)

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,

praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

READING OF THE PSALM: Psalm 23 KJV (Responsive)

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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 READING:** 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:19-25 ESV (Responsive)

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did

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not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:1-10** ESV (Please stand for the Gospel reading)

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

**GOSPEL HYMN - R572 Will the Circle Be Unbroken -** 3 times

**SONG FOR MEDITATION – Oh How He Loves you and Me – Dean Carson** 

**SERMON:** 'Personalization of the Gospel' Rev. Donald Francis

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Ephesians* 1:2

C: Amen

**SERMON HYMN: R362 Blessed Assurance** 

**OFFERING** 

#### 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.

### Doxology:

Praise God, From Whom all blessings flow;

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Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 PRAYERS: Let us pray: (Prayer Response) Lord in your Mercy: You hear our prayers!

THE LORD'S PRAYER: KJV

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 (ESV)* 

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 Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.  $1^{st}$  Corinthians 11:26

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again! THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING SENDING HYMN: R386 Be Thou My Vision THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: Numbers 6: 24-26

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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!

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

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