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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:** The two pictures at the top of the bulletin are the church's logo and the LCMC logo. The church's logo is the our celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit into 'Our Savior' at the time of His Baptism.

**2020 FINANCIAL HEALTH:** Weekly need for bueget, \$1,034. Offering actual,

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Our Imposition of Ashes will be Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM.

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY:** Our pledge to our Lord will be held on Commitment Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

**We Serve Today:**

*Reader: Geri McGeary*

*Offering: Jeff Cisco, Jeanne Keyser*

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

*Greeter: Nancy Nordell*

**We Serve Next Sunday:**

*Reader: Peggie Sue Dygert*

*Offering: Jeff Cisco, Bob Wilgus*

*Communion: Jeanne Keyser, Nancy Nordell, Dean Carson*

*Greeter: Cheryl Usowicz*

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**CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION**

**P** We begin our worship in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**☪ Amen**

*(1st John 1:6-9) The Historic Confession of the Christian Church.*

**P** If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(1st John 4:7-10)*

**☪ Let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.**

**In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this, is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

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**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what 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 delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

*(John 20:21-23)*

**P** ... (and) Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Christian church, but by the authority of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I am happy to declare to you the forgiveness of all of your sins, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

☪ **Alleluia and Amen**

**HYMNS OF THE DAY:**

284 Rock of Ages

132 Go Tell it on the Mountain

**PRAYER OF THE DAY - *Please Stand***

☪ **Our Heavenly Father, we pray that you would lead us as we celebrate the founding of your church. Help us to understand that as the Apostle James writes, our faith without works, is a dead faith. We humbly ask you to lead us in your service, that we might help build your kingdom on earth at Our Savior Lutheran Church of El Jobean. 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.**

**Service of the Word**

**KYRIE ELISION:**

**P** Let us pray to the Lord in Peace.

☪ **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For peace and our salvation, let us pray to the Lord

☪ **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For peace in the world, for the well being of the Church of Christ, and for the unity of all of us, let us pray to the Lord.

☪ **Lord, have mercy**

**P** For all of us who worship in this house of the Lord, and for all of our praise, let us pray to the Lord.

☪ **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help us, bring comfort to us, and save us gracious Lord.

☪ **Amen!**

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*Please be seated.*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Exodus 8:1-8 ESV

The Second Plague: Frogs

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. But if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will plague all your country with frogs. The Nile shall swarm with frogs that shall come up into your house and into your bedroom and on your bed and into the houses of your servants and your people, and into your ovens and your kneading bowls. The frogs shall come up on you and on your people and on all your servants.'"

And the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the canals and over the pools, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt!'"

So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. But the magicians did the same by their secret arts and made frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, "Plead with the LORD to take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I will let the people go to sacrifice to the LORD."

**PSALM: Psalm 2:6-12** *Read whole verse by whole verse, congregation in BOLD!*

"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

**I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

**You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever will be world without end. Amen**

**EPISTLE: 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:16-21**

Since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

**He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.**

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*PLEASE RISE FOR THE SINGING OF THE ALLELUIA. OMITTED DURING LENT*

**Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you Oh Lord.**

The Transfiguration

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."

And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you Oh Christ.**

**SERMON:** *"Fear is a Powerful Thing" Rev. Dr. Steve Dygert - STS*

**SERMON HYMNS: 196 He is Lord, 363 It is Well With My Soul**

**NICENE CREED:**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; [God of God], Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. "Who, for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

"And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen."

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**OFFERING: 348 Shine, Jesus Shine – Pr. Steve**

**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.**

**OFFERING PRAYER:**

**☪ 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**

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you**

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**☪ And Also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**☪ We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**☪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE:**

It is truly good, right, and salutary, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For he revealed his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses and filled with the greatest splendor that bodily form which he shares with all humanity, that the scandal of the Cross might be removed from the hearts of his disciples and that he might show how in the body of the whole Church is to be fulfilled what so wonderfully shone forth first in its Head.

And so, with the Powers of heaven, we worship you constantly on earth, and before your majesty without end we acclaim:

**SANCTUS:**

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

**PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN: 22 A Mighty Fortress is our God**

**THE AARONIC BENEDICTION & Let There Be Peace On Earth**

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

**Let peace begin with me**

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**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**

**THE DISMISSAL**

**P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!**

**C. Thanks be to God**

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**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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