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**14344 Jamison Way, (941) 763-9975**



**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 descent of the Holy Spirit into 'Our Savior' at the time of His Baptism.

**We Serve Today:**

*Reader:*

*Offering:*

*Communion:*

*Greeter:*

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD: Third Sunday in Epiphany**

**GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME:** *Welcome, and Announcements*

**CONFESSIONAL PRAYER** - *congregational responses in BOLD*

Pastor: Lord, we conclude our celebration of Christmas 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 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. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Alleluia and Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN: What a Friend We Have in Jesus - R460**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Unison): Let us pray:

**Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, and to proclaim release to the captives. Alleluia and Amen.** (Luke 4:18)

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*(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (NIV)**

Ezra Reads the Law

1 all the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. 2 So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. 3 He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

5 Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. 6 Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

8 They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. 9 Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

**10 Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."**

**PSALM: Psalm 19**

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.**

3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

**4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. 6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

**7 The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.**

8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

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**9 The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.**

**10** They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

**11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.**

**12** But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. **13** Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

**14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

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

**EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

Unity and Diversity in the Body

**12** Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

**13** For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

**14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.**

**15** Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. **16** And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

**18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.**

**19** If they were all one part, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

**21** The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" **22** On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, **24** while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

**25** so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. **26** If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

**27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.**

**28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second**

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**prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.**

[29](#) Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

[30](#) Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues ? Do all interpret? [31](#) Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

*Please rise for the singing of the Alleluia.*

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to You oh Lord!**

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

[14](#) Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. [15](#) He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. [16](#) He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, [17](#) and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

[18](#) "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, [19](#) to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

[20](#) Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. [21](#) He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you oh Christ!**

**SERMON:** " Pay Attention " Rev. Larry Yerger

**SERMON HYMN: Tell Me the Old, Old Story - R532**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed** *congregation in BOLD*

**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**

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**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.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

*Greet those around you with the Peace of the Lord.*

P: We now have the opportunity to share back with the Lord a little of the bounty he has shared with us.

**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 with thy free Spirit. Amen**

**THE OFFERING: Offertory – Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus - R297 – Dean Carson**

*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**

**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:** *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, "Take and drink; 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

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death until He comes.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:** *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:26*

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!**

**THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN: A Mighty Fortress is Our God - R22**

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

Congregational Song, **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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