



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. I will also ask for your prayer concerns before our service.

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: TBA

Reader:

Offering:

Communion:

Greeter:

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GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements – Pentecost 24

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

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: 316 The Church's One Foundation

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

O Lord, we pray that the visitation of your grace may so cleanse our thoughts and minds, that your Son Jesus, when he shall come in Glory, may find in us a firt dwelling place, 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: Zephaniah 1:7-16 (ESV) With Doxology

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

The Day of the LORD Is Near

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.

**8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.**

9 On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.

**10 "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.**

11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

**12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men
who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'**

13 Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from
them."

**14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.**

15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

**16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.**

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-12 (ESV) *(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

90 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the
world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

3 You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

**4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.**

5 You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in
the morning:

6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

7 For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

9 For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;

yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

11 Who considers the power of your anger and your wrath according to the fear of you?

12 So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

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

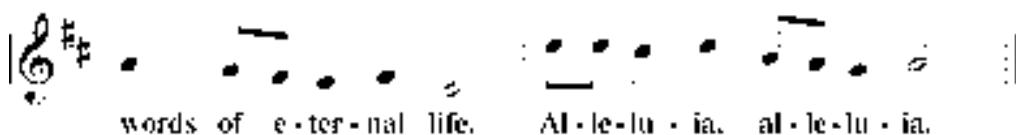
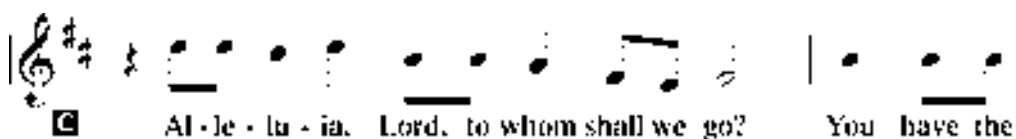
EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (ESV)

The Day of the Lord

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. **2** For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. **4** But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. **5** For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.

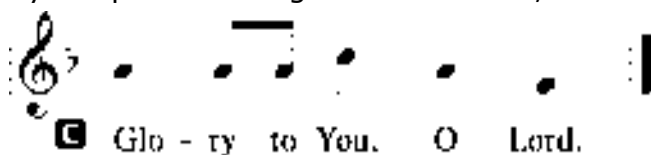
6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Please rise for the Alleluia.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter.

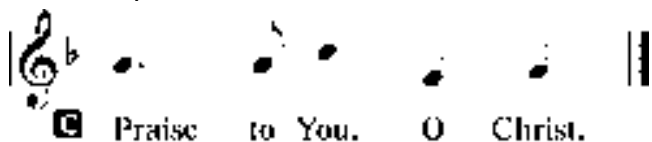


The Parable of the Talents

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants[a] and entrusted to them his property. **15** To one he gave five talents,[b] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. **16** He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. **17** So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. **18** But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. **19** Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. **20** And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' **21** His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' **23** His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' **24** He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, **25** so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' **26** But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? **27** Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. **28** So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. **29** For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. **30** And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

This is the Gospel of our Lord.



SERMON *'How DO We Serve the Lord?'* **Pastor Steve Dygert + STS**

SERMON HYMN: 28 O God, Our Hope in Ages Past

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

P. The Peace of the Lord Be With You always.

C. **And Also With You.**

P. Please share the peace of the Lord with those around you.

During Covid, share the peace by remaining in your chairs and waving at those around you.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Cre - ate in me a clean heart. O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Hu - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

THE OFFERING: Offertory: Crown Him with Many Crowns – Dean Carson

As the offerings are brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.



G D Em Em Em D G
Praise God, from Whom all bless - ings flow; praise

G D Em C G D Em
Him all crea - tures here be - low; praise

G/F# G D G/B C D/F# G D/F#
Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise

G A7/E D Am G/D D/F# G
Pa - ter, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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 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:

SANCTUS:

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:

P. Let us Pray: *(Congregational 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**

P. Lord we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

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

SENDING HYMN: 336 In Christ There Is No East or West

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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