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

MISSION MOMENT: I will be sharing a plan to contact the people in our area in the near future. It will mean we take steps to move more in a new direction to serve our neighbors. The Council and I will work out the details and we will present these plans for our future growth.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY: We will celebrate the start of Holy Week with a remembrance of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Sunday, March 24th during our 10 AM Service.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: We will be celebrating our Maundy Thursday Service with the Lord's Supper at 6 pm on March 28th.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: We will be remembering the price our Lord and Savior paid for us with a special service commemorating the 7 Last words of Christ on the Cross at 6 pm on March 29th as the pastor's strip our altar. There will be no sermon during this service, but individual members of our congregation will give a 5 minute talk about what these words mean to them and what feelings and memories these words lead their hearts as they speak for us.

TRIVIUM TIME OF REMEMBRANCE: On Good Friday the church will be open starting at 2 pm for prayer and in remembrance of the 3 hours Jesus spent on the cross, a time called the Trivium in our church. Feel free to join Pastor Steve during the this service for prayer and a short message and discussion of the time of Jesus on the cross. We kept this vigil Five years ago, and we will keep it again this year in this new format.

EASTER SUNDAY: Help us celebrate Jesus' defeat of sin, death, and the power of the Devil, on Sunday March 31st at 10 AM!

HEALING SERVICE: Sunday, April 7th will be our next Laying on of Hands and Healing Service during our 10 AM worship. Invite your friends for this service!

JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTERIES: This coming April is a sandwich month! We are asking every family to donate one package of water bottles for our sandwich ministry.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study will resume on the Wednesday after Easter at 10 am on Wednesday, April 3rd, with continuing our study of the Gospel of John. If we want to really better know and understand our Lord and Savior, studying this Gospel is important for us. Join us at 10 am for our study.

We Serve Today:

Reader: Steve Benz

Offering: Gene Dulik

Communion: Dean Carson, Steve Benz, Pr. Steve

Greeter: TBA

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

CONFESSIOAL PRAYER - congregational responses in **BOLD**

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Pastor: Lord, we approach Your altar 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 HYMNS: R53 Fairest Lord Jesus

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

Our Father in Heaven, help us to know who we are and to know what is in your heart and your will for us. Help us to understand and lift up Jesus, your Son, our Lord that we might rise with him. 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (ESV)

"The days are coming," declares the LORD,
"when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant

**I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,"**
declares the LORD.

**33 "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time," declares the LORD.**

"I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

34 No longer will they teach their neighbor,

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or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,"
declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."

PSALM: 119:9-15 with *Doxology (ESV)* (*Recited whole verse by whole verse. Congregation in **Bold***)

9 How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.

**10 With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!**

11 I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

**12 Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!**

13 With my lips I declare
all the rules of your mouth.

**14 In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.**

15 I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.

**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: Hebrews 5:1-10 (ESV)

5 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. 3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you";

6 as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek."

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7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, 10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 12:20-43 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th Chapter.

Glory to You oh Lord!

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." 22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

27 "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. 31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up^[a] from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

34 The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"

35 Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. 36 Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

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37 Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. 38 This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:

“Lord, who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

39 For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

40 “He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their hearts,
so they can neither see with their eyes,
nor understand with their hearts,
nor turn—and I would heal them.”

41 Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him.

42 Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved human praise more than praise from God.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you oh Christ!

SERMON “Who Am I?” - Rev. Dr. Steve Dygert + STS

SERMON HYMN: R293 Just As I Am

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 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

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**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 – R467 The Old Rugged Cross – 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,

WORDS OF INSTITUTION: *Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1st 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 death until He comes.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: *1st Corinthians 11:26*

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

THE DISTRIBUTION:

THE COMMUNION BLESSING - Nunc Dimitis Page 29 The Lutheran Hymnal 1941

SENDING HYMN: R197 Majesty – sung twice

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
With God as our father
People all are we**

**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**

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**Let me walk with all people
In perfect harmony**

**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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