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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.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH 12TH ANNIVERSARY: We will celebrate our 12th Anniversary on Sunday, Februrary 18th with a Potluck. (Bubbles has volunteered to make us one of her wonderful cakes to celebrate this event!)

We Serve Today:

Reader: Steve Benz Communion: Dean Carson, Steve Benz *Offering: Gene Dulik Greeter: Jeff Cisco*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER - congregational responses in **BOLD**

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

<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 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: G415 God of Grace, and God of Glory G439 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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

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Our Heavenly Father, we humbly ask you to guard and protect all of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Coast Guard, and Marines who wear our countries uniforms and work to keep us safe, 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: Isaiah 40:21-31 (ESV)

21 Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; 23 who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. 24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. 25 To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. 27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and voung men shall fall exhausted; 31 but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11 (ESV) (Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in Bold)

147 Praise the LORD!
For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

4 He determines the number of the stars;

he gives to all of them their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

6 The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

8 He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;

he makes grass grow on the hills.

9 He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

11 but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

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: 1st Corinthians 9:16-27 (ESV)

16 For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. 18 What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an

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imperishable. 26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

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: Mark 1:29-39 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter.

Glory to You oh Lord!

Jesus Heals Many

29 And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. 31 And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

32 That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34 And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Jesus Preaches in Galilee

35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, 37 and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." 38 And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." 39 And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you oh Christ!

SERMON "*If With All Your Heart Ye Truly Seek Me!*" Rev. Dr. Steve Dygert + STS **SERMON HYMN:** G448 Amazing Grace

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.

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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 – 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: 1st Corinthians 11:26

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again! THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: G467 Eternal Father Strong to Save

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Lord God, who speaks with voice so clear, Speak that we know that thou art near; Protect your faithful Army friends, For they have helped, our peace to win; And bless us as we join our hands, With those in peril on the land.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain O'er which our traffic runs amain, By mountain pass or valley low, Wherever Lord Thy brethren go; Protect them by Thy guardian hand From every peril on the land.

O Spirit, Whom the Father sent To spread abroad the Firmament; O wind of Heaven, by Thy Might, Save all who dare the eagle's flight; And keep them by Thy watchful care From every peril in the air.

Always ready, strong they stand Our Coast Guard helps maintain this land. Semper Paratus is their call As they shirk self to give their all In duty tough, demanding, hard; God guide and bless our Great Coast Guard.

Eternal Father, King of birth, Who did create the heav'n and earth, who bid the planets and the sun Their own appointed orbit run: O hear us when we seek they grace For those who soar through outer space.

Eternal God, be close, be kind, Toward those who toil against bomb and mine. To those who fly, trim ship, or dive, Grant safely serve till home arrive. In thee we trust while minefields clear; Our prayer, Our God, be here, be near."

Eternal Father, grant, we pray, To all Marines, both night and day, The courage, honor, strength, and skill Their land to serve, Thy law fulfill; Be Thou the shield forevermore From ev'ry peril to the Corps.

Almighty God in heaven above Who reaches out with arms of love, We veterans bow before your throne To worship you and make you known.

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O hear us as we seek your grace, For all who here have found a place.

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION *Today our benediction will be sung. By Act of Congress Assembled, is the final Thanksgiving Verse of the National Military Hymn, Eternal Father Strong to Save.*

Join us now as we give thanks, For all you've done among our ranks, You've brought great blessing to us here; Good food, good friends, and famly dear, Grant us from your throne above, The faith and grace to share our love.

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 THE DISMISSAL

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

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Bible Study 1: Sunday – will resume soon Worship Time: Sunday 10 A.M Pastor's Cell Phone: 941.273.7722 Bible Study 2: Wednesdays 10 A.M. At OSLC

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