



**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.

**THE MEANING OF THE TWO PICTURES IN 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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**SERVICE OF THE WORD – Pentecost 23**

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

**CONFSSIONAL 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: 337 God of Grace and God of Glory**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Unison):

**Almighty God, we pray, show your humble servants your mercy that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may be dealt with not according to the severity of your judgment, but according to your mercy, 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: Amos 5:18-24 (ESV)**

- 18** Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?  
It is darkness, and not light,  
**19** as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him,  
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.  
**20** Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?  
**21** "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
**22** Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them;  
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.  
**23** **Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.**  
**24** **But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

**PSALM: Psalm 70 (ESV)** *(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

To the choirmaster. Of David, for the memorial offering.

**70** Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

**2** **Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!**

**Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!**

**3** Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"

**4** **May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!**

**May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**

**5** But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

**Glorify 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 4:13-18 (ESV)**

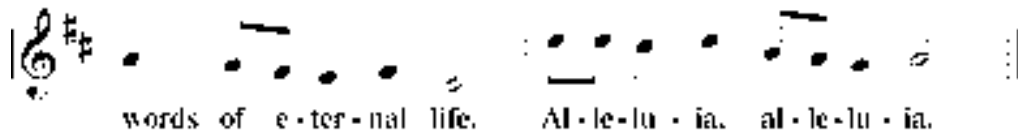
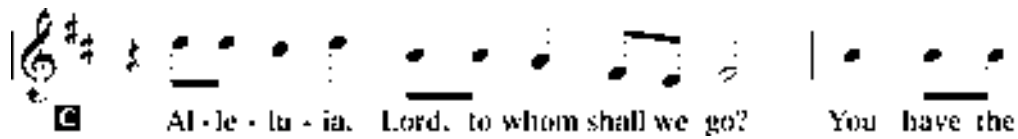
The Coming of the Lord

**13** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. **14** For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

**15** For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

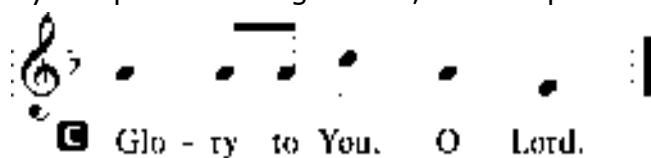
**17** **Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.** **18** **Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

*Please rise for the singing of the Alleluia.*



**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13(ESV)**

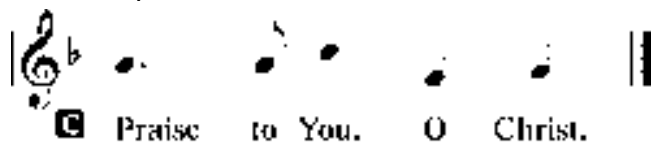
The Holy Gospel according to St. , the Chapter.



**25** "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

**7** Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. **8** And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' **9** But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' **10** And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. **11** Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' **12** But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' **13** Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.



**SERMON "God is Great – All the Time!" - Pastor Steve Dygert + STS**

**SERMON HYMN: 237 This is My Father's World**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The 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."

**Rite of Friendship:**

P. The Peace of the Lord Be With You.

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 - 604 God Bless Our Native Land - Pr. Steve

*As the offering is brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.*

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

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

7 D/F# G D G/B C D7/A G D/F#  
Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise

10 G A7/E D Am G/D D7 G  
Fa - ther, 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:** Let us Pray: *(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**

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

**SENDING HYMN:** 236 All Creatures of Our God and King vs 1,5, Please stand on vs 6

**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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