



Joy

**Rejoice in the
Lord always.
I shall say it
again: rejoice!**

Phillippians 4:4

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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we worship 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE: 6:00 PM with El Jobean Baptist Church.

We Serve Today:

Reader: *Katherine Best*

Offering: *Jeff Cisco, David Colburn*

Communion: *Peggie Sue Dygert, Bev Cisco*

Greeter: *Jeff Cisco*

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SERVICE OF THE WORD PAGE 126 – Gaudet Sunday – Joy!

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

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.

1 John 1:8-9

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.**

2. THE DIALOGUE PAGE 126 BOTTOM

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe,

for in your wisdom you have formed us.

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked

We bless you and praise your holy name forever.

You set free those who are bound.

We bless you and praise your holy name forever.

You raise up those whose courage falters

We bless you and praise your holy name forever.

You provide for our every need.

Accept our grateful praises.

You have called us from all peoples.

We bless you and praise your holy name forever.

You bless your people with peace.

We bless you and praise your loving grace.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe,

for in your wisdom you have formed us

3. OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES CREED

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.

4 THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): P. Let us pray:

Lord God, we are determined to be people of faith, to share with all your gospel of hope, love and grace.

Yet, it is hard to remain hopeful in a world that is broken and failing. It is hard to be filled with love for the other when loss and fear suffocates us and them. And how can there be grace when hate buries love?

And yet, you call us to rejoice. And so, we remember that no matter how dark the present hour, you are with us. Your mighty arm protects us, your spirit fills us. You will never forget or forsake us. This we know: even in the absence of all other hope or love, you are with us, Emmanuel.

And so, rejoice we shall, no matter what rages around or against or within us. Our souls shall magnify you O Lord, for you are with us, even when all else that we trust is gone.

Lord, we gather here so that the fire you have planted in each of us will strengthen and grow: becoming a mighty flame that brings hope

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where there is none, encouraging love to grow where it has too long been gone, and extinguishing fear in the hearts of all.

We rejoice in each other. We rejoice in our faith. We rejoice in your Gospel. And, we rejoice in your presence here this morning. In all things we shall rejoice, Amen, 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Alleluia and Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:3-5:

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. **And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."**

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Psalm 146:5-10

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:8-14, *PLEASE RISE*

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

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ENTRANCE HYMN: R72 O Come, O Come, Emanuel

SERMON

12. "I Choose Joy!" - Rev. Steve Dygert + STS - Dedicated to Betty O'Brien
Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 1:2*

C: Amen

13. SERMON HYMN: One Bread, One Body

14. OFFERING

Rite of Friendship:

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

C. And Also With You.

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

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

Doxology, written in England for Protestant Churches in 1674.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise
Him all creatures here below; praise
Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise
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**

15. THE PRAYERS: PAGE 129 Let us Pray:

(Prayer Response) We Praise You Oh Lord: Alleluia and Amen.

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: *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 them saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *1st Corinthians 11:26*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

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

THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING

16. SENDING HYMN: R93 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

17. 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
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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HOLY COMMUNION

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One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;

G C/G GM⁷ C/G G D Em B

one cup of bless - ing which we bless,

Em D G Em A D D⁷

and we, though man-y through-out the earth,

G C/G GM⁷ C/G G D Em B

we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Em D G Em A D G C/G G

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

Em D Em D

wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain

Em F Am D

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