



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.

THANKSGIVING POT-LUCK TODAY: with El Jobean Baptist Church.

Reader: *Pr. Bob McDuffy*

Offering: Dean Carson, Lorraine

Communion: *Bubbles Burress, Geri McGary*

Greeter: TBA

Music Minister: George Stern

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SERVICE OF THE WORD: FIRST SUNDAY IN CHRISTMAS

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

Pastor Bob: We gather in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. People: **AMEN**

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER - *congregational responses in BOLD*

Pastor Steve: Lord, we approach Your altar with love for You and our appreciation 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, I have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by the things I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me, renew me and lead me so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name AMEN.

ABSOLUTION Pastor Steve: 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:

R11 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

R103 O Come, Little Children

RESPONSIVE READING: Pr. Bob, NASB congregation in BOLD

And she give birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

And the angel said to them. "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you news of a great joy which shall be for all the people;

For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed, Pr. Bob 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Pr. Steve - Let us pray:

Blessed be the Lord! He hath done wonderful things;

and blessed is His Holy Name,
Who, now, that Christmas is here,
has brought me in joy to behold the blessed days of a new year.
Lord, I am not worthy of all Thy goodness and mercy
which Thou hast again showered upon me.
Most humbly and heartily I beseech Thee, O Loving Father,
turn away all dangerous storms and infectious diseases,
and so bless me in my participation in Thy bounty,
that with health of body, peace of mind, and a good
conscience,
I may thankfully enjoy Thy gifts, and use what Thou hast given me
unto Thy glory,
and the promotion of my fellowman's happiness,
and unceasingly bring to Thee acceptable fruits of my life.
In these days of the ingathering of the vintage,
let me rejoice in Him, Who alone truly treads the wine press,
the beloved Redeemer, Jesus Christ.
With the time comes for the time of the falling leaves, cause me to
remember my mortality, and to prepare while it is yet time for a blessed
end;
to leave this inconstant, passing world with joy,
whenever it so pleases Thee;
and, to enter Thy glory, there, with angels and all the company of
the elect,
to evermore laud, praise and thank Thee for all Thy benefits. Amen

Rev. Dr. J. K. Wilhelm Loehe (1808-1872), For All The Saints Volume II
Seminary Faculty, Concordia Practical Seminary; Springfield, IL, 1869, modified SAD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 KJV

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp *that* burneth.

And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy

glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

Isa 62:3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

PSALM: Psalm 111 Pr. Bob K J V *with Doxology congregation in **BOLD***

Great Are the Lord's Works

Psa 111:1 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.

Psa 111:2 **The works of the LORD *are* great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.**

Psa 111:3 His work *is* honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Psa 111:4 **He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.**

Psa 111:5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

Psa 111:6 **He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.**

Psa 111:7 The works of his hands *are* verity and judgment; all his commandments *are* sure.

Psa 111:8 **They stand fast for ever and ever, *and are* done in truth and uprightness.**

Psa 111:9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend *is* his name.

Psa 111:10 **The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.**

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: Pr. Bob Romans 8:31b-39 KJV

If God be for us, who can be against us?

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress,

or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON: Pr. Bob Luke 2:22-40 KJV

Jesus Presented at the Temple

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they

returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

GOSPEL HYMN: Lord of the Dance

Refrain

**Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!
(I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!)**

Verse 1

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun
I danced in the Moon & the Stars & the Sun
I came down from Heaven & I danced on Earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth:**

Refrain

**Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!
(I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!)**

Verse 2

**I danced for the scribe & the pharisee
But they would not dance & they wouldn't follow me
I danced for fishermen, for James & John
They came with me & the Dance went on:**

Refrain

**Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!
(I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!)**

Verse 3

**I danced on the Sabbath & I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame!
They whipped & they stripped & they hung me high
And they left me there on a cross to die!**

Refrain

**Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!
(I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!)**

Verse 4 – Solo Pr. Steve

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body & they thought I'd gone
But I am the Dance & I still go on!

Refrain

**Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!
(I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!)**

Verse 5

**They cut me down and I leapt up high
I am the Life that'll never, never die!
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!**

Refrain

**Dance then, wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!**

MUSIC FOR FOR MEDITATION: R100 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

George Stern, Tenor Saxophone – Pr. Steve Clarinet

SERMON: "Let Your Servant Now Depart in Peace!" - Pr. Steve Dygert + STS
Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 1:2*

C: Amen

SERMON HYMN: R107 Still, Still, Still

MUSIC MOMENT: Pr. Robert McDuffy

Rite of Friendship:

- P. The Peace of the Lord Be With You Always.
- C. **And Also With You.**
- P. Share the peace of the Lord with 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.

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 in thy free Spirit. Amen**

OFFERTORY: I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, Dean Carson

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

**Praise God from whom all blessings
flow. Praise Him all peoples here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen**

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 PRAYERS: Prs. Bob and Steve

Let us Pray: *(Prayer Response)* Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Pr. Bob

**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 the 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 of Me."

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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

SENDING HYMN: R274 Jesus Loves Me

THE BLESSING OF OUR MEAL: Pr. Bob

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: P r . S t e v e LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH:

**Let there be peace on earth
now And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
vow The peace that was meant to be
With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
earth In perfect harmony**

**Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on
And let it begin with me!!**

THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God!!**

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