

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH OF EL JOBEAN  
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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 Lutheran Congregations in Mission to Christ logo. The church's logo is the descent of the Holy Spirit into 'Our Savior' at the time of His Baptism.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** We will be celebrating our Maundy Thursday Service with the Lord's Supper at 6 pm on March 28<sup>th</sup>. We are going to celebrate this event with a modified Christian Seder. The meal will begin at 5:15 with Divine Worship included in the Seder. More information to follow as we get closer to Holy Week. It is now three weeks before the event. I will send out the recipes this week, and we can discuss who is cooking what for the meal. We have all enjoyed this meal over the last 4 years, but are we committed to it this year?

**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. 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 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM!**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 WELCOME ALL OF OUR VISITORS!** Welcome to our family today! We are so happy you chose to visit us today. If you are looking for a church home, feel free to call Pastor Steve and let us introduce ourselves to you. God Bless you and welcome to His church!

**We Serve Today:**

Reader: Pr. Steve

Offering: Steve Benz

Communion: Ellie Self, Linda Benz, Pr. Steve

Greeter: TBA

Music Minister: Viráerie Kamenska

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD: PALM SUNDAY**

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

Pastor: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **AMEN**

**CONFESSIONAL PRAYER** - *congregational responses in BOLD*

Pastor: 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, we confess that 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:** R154 All Glory Laud , and Honor.

**GATHERING LITANY PRAYER** – *(responsive reading)*

O give thanks to the Lord for He is good,  
**and His mercy endures forever.**

They cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
**and He delivered them from their distress.**

He sent forth His Word and Healed them,  
**and saved them from the grave.**

The Lord is righteous in all His ways,  
**and loving in all His works.**

The Lord uphold all who fall,  
**He lifts up all those who are bowed down.**

The Lord sustains them on their sickbed,  
**and ministers to them in their illness.**

The Lord is my strength and my song,  
**and He has become my Salvation.**

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and His mercy endures forever.

### 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 Christian 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."

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

Let us dance in joy with all of the people of the world today in appreciation of Jesus' triumphant entry into the City of Jerusalem. Help us to always remember the promise and the great gift we were given 1,970 years ago. **ALLELUIA AND AMEN**

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS: Zechariah 9:9-12 ESV

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim**

**and the war horse from Jerusalem;**

**and the battle bow shall be cut off,**

**and he shall speak peace to the nations;**

**his rule shall be from sea to sea,**

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

**12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.**

**Psalm: 118:19-29 with Doxology ESV**

**19** Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

**20 This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

**21** I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.[a]**

**23** This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**24 This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**25** Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

**26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

**27** The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!

**28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.**

**29** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**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: Philippians 2:5-11 ESV**

**5** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is

above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 14:1-15:47** and we will remain seated *ESV*

The Gospel Lesson will be read out of the ESV translation from the pulpit.

**SERMON: "Politics? Are There Really Politics Between Church and State?"**

Rev. Dr. 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: Lord of the Dance** Insert

**OFFERING: Offertory – Do You See that Man? - Dean Carson**

**Rite of Friendship:**

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

C. **And Also With You.**

P. Please 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 HYMN: 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**

**OFFERTORY: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" - Dean Carson**

G D Em Bm Em D G

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise

G D Em C G D Em

Him all creatures 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.

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

*Doxology, written in England for Protestant Churches in 1674.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P: Merciful Father, 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:** We pray For: *(Prayer Response)* Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayers!**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER: KJV**

**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:** *Matl. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 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. *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:26*

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

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

**THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN:** R57 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!

**THE AARONIC BENEDICTION:** Numbers 6: 24-26

**LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH:**

Let there be peace on earth	Let peace begin with me
And let it begin with me	Let this be the moment now
Let there be peace on earth	With every step I take
The peace that was meant to be	Let this be my solemn vow
With God as our father	To take each moment
God's people all are we	And live each moment
Let me walk with all people	In peace eternally
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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