

**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.

**JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTERIES:** Around Christmas time we always have a food drive for Jesus Loves You Ministeries, but they need food all your round. Let's Start collecting can goods, socks, underwear, toiletries, and anything else we can think they might need.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Bible Study is 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: *Steve Benz*

Offering: *Gene Dulik*

Communion: *Dottie Smith, Geri McGary, Linda Benz*

Greeter: *Dottie Smith*

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD: THE CELEBRATION OF THE 248TH BIRTHDAY OF**  
**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – UNDER GOD**

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

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: LED BY PAT SPENCE**

Pastor: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and 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: R599 My Country, 'Tis of Thee**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles Creed (C)**

**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.**

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

**Our Loving Lord Jesus, every blessing you do and have done for us allows us to keep praising your name, and reminding us of the undeserved love you had for us when you went to the cross. We are so blessed to live in a country that allows us to worship you and do your will as our service is protected by the Freedom of Religion clause of the Constitution. We thank you for every blessing you have given to us.**

**ALLELUIA AND AMEN**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS: Ezekiel 2:1-5 ESV**

Ezekiel's Call

And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you."

And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day.

The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and

you shall say to them, '**Thus says the Lord GOD.**' And whether they hear or refuse to hear (**for they are a rebellious house**) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

**Psalm: Psalm 123 with Doxology KJV**

Our Eyes Look to the Lord Our God

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

**2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes was upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.**

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

**4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.**

**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: 2 Corinthians 2:1-10**

For I made up my mind not to make another painful visit to you. 2 For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? 3 And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. 4 For I wrote to you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Forgive the Sinner

5 Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you. 6 For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, 7 so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

**8 So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him. 9 For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything. 10 Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ,**

*Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

**GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:1-13 ESV**

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

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He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.

2 And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

4 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." 5 And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

**Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles**

7 And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— 9 but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.

10 And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. 11 And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."

12 So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. 13 And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

**MUSIC MEDITATION: Battle Hymn of the Republic**

**SERMON:** *"Is There a Separation of Church and State?"* - Rev. 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: R597 God of Our Fathers**

**OFFERING:**

**Rite of Friendship:**

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

C. **And Also With You.**

P. Please share the Peace with those around you.

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

**OFFERING HYMN:**

The image shows a musical score for an offering hymn in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics and guitar chords written above the notes. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost." The chords are: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G; G, D, Em, C, G, D, Em; D/F#, G, D, G/B, C, D7/A, G, D/F#; G, A7/E, D, Am, G/D, D7, G.

*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:***Matt. 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."

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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. *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: R605 The Star Spangled Banner**

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

**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  
People all are we  
Let me walk with all people  
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!!**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Pat Spence**