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**14344 Jamison Way, (941) 249-5108**



**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:**

Reader: *Peggie Sue Dygert*

Offering: *Jeff Cisco, Ron Tessmer*

Communion: *Peggie Sue Dygert, Cheri Usowicz*

Greeter: *TBA*

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD - 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN: 352 I Know that My Redeemer Lives vs 1,4,6,8**

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

**O God, you make the minds of your faithful to be of one will; therefore grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the manifold changes of this age our hearts may ever be fixed where true joys are to be found, Alleluia.**

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**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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 30:18-21 (ESV)**

The LORD Will Be Gracious

18 Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you,  
and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.

For the LORD is a God of justice;

blessed are all those who wait for him.

19 For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you. 20 And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, **yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. 21 And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.**

**PSALM: Psalm 44:1-3, 20-26 (ESV)** *(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

**44** O God, we have heard with our ears,  
our fathers have told us,  
what deeds you performed in their days,  
in the days of old:

**2 you with your own hand drove out the nations,  
but them you planted;  
you afflicted the peoples,  
but them you set free;**

**3** for not by their own sword did they win the land,  
nor did their own arm save them,  
but your right hand and your arm,  
and the light of your face,  
for you delighted in them.

**20 If we had forgotten the name of our God  
or spread out our hands to a foreign god,**

**21** would not God discover this?

For he knows the secrets of the heart.

**22 Yet for your sake we are killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.**

**23** Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

**24 Why do you hide your face?**

**Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?**

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**25** For our soul is bowed down to the dust;  
**our belly clings to the ground.**

**26** Rise up; come to our help!

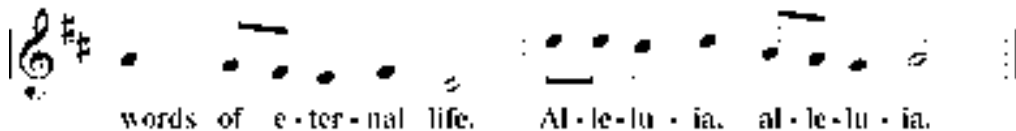
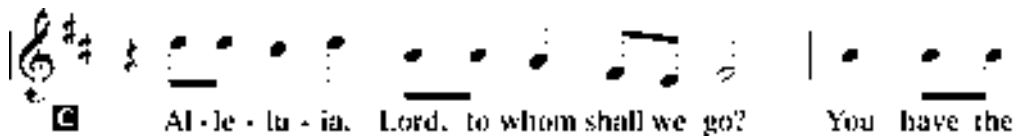
Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!

**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: Ephesians 2:19-22 (ESV)**

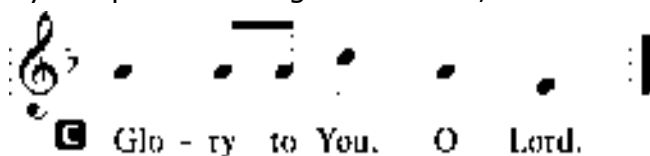
**19** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, **21** in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. **22** In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

*Please rise for the singing of the Alleluia. (Omitted during Lent.) John 6:6-8*



**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-14 (ESV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life

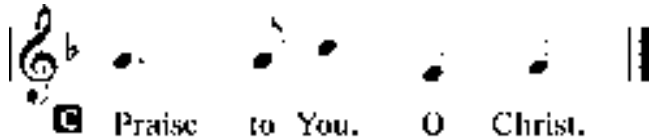
**14** "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. **4** And you know the way to where I am going." **5** Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" **6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

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8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.



**SERMON 'The Way of the Lord' - Pastor 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:** 464 The Way of the Lord

**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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**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.

*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:** *Psalms 51:10-12*

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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 - 231 O Word of God Incarnate vs 1,2**

*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 bless - ings flow; praise  
 Him all crea - tures here be - low; praise  
 Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Merciful Father,

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**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. *2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:22*

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise**

**PROPER PREFACE FOR LENT:**

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendor of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy.

Therefore with angels and arch angel and all the hosts of Heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**SANCTUS:**

1 Holy, Holy, Holy vs 1, *Revelation 4:8*

**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**

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**PREPARATION OF THE TABLE:**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:** *Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1<sup>st</sup> 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."

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:** This Little Light of Mine - *insert*

**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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### **This Little Light Of Mine**

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'This Little Light Of Mine'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.' The score is in G major and 4/4 time.

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1 This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Jesus gave it to me,  
I'm gonna let it shine.  
Jesus gave it to me,  
I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.