



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 (CARDS ON BACK TABLE). 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 (Lutheran Congregations in Missions for Christ). The church's logo is the descent of the Holy Spirit into 'Our Savior' at the time of His Baptism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Bible Study meets at the church. Everyone welcome!!!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Meets once a month. Please see Dottie Smith for information.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN POTLUCK: April 21ST, 2023, YUM.

We Serve Today:

Reader: Pr. Steve

Offering: Gene Dulik

Communion: Geri McGary, Fran Thibideau, Bud Soffel

Greeter:

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SERVICE OF THE WORD: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE CELEBRATION OF ROGATION SUNDAY

Rogation Days were introduced C 470 AD by Mamertus, Bishop of Vienne, France, because of a particularly bad Spring which threatened the crops, and eventually were adopted by the entire church. Because of what is happening in our world today, especially in our country, in Russia, and in China, today is a day extremely needful of our loving and hopeful prayers to our Heavenly Father.

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

Pastor: We begin our worship in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God 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: R186 The Day of Resurrection

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 Catholic 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):

Direct us, O Lord, in all our actions by Your gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Your name, we may glorify Your Holy Name and finally by Your mercy receive eternal life, 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.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:11-21 ESV (Responsive)

11 While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. **12** And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? **13** The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. **14** But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, **15** and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. **16** And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

17 "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. **18** But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

READING OF THE PSALM 4 KJV (Responsive)

4 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing?

3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.

6 There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

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 READING: 1st John 3:1-7 ESV (Responsive)

3 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears[a] we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. **3** And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. **5** You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. **6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.**

ALLELUIA: *Spoken*

C: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:36-49 (*please stand for reading*) ESV

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th Chapter

Spoken response

C: Glory to you Oh Lord.

36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" 37 But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. 38 And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate before them.

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and

that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you Oh Christ.

SONG FOR MEDITATION – R237 This is My Father's World,

Pastor Steve alto saxophone.

SERMON: 'Are We Still Sinners?' 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: 379 Children of the Heavenly Father

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.

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:

Praise God, From Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Doxology, written in England for Protestant Churches in 1674.

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

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; 1st Corinthians 11:23-25 (ESV) 1st Corinthians 11:26*

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 Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

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

THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: R408 PEACE LIKE A RIVER

**I've got peace like a river vs 2 I've got joy like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river vs 3 I've got love like a river
Inna my soul**

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: Numbers 6: 24-26

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH:	Let peace begin with me
Let there be peace on earth	Let this be the moment now
And let it begin with me	With every step I take
Let there be peace on earth	Let this be my solemn vow
The peace that was meant to be	To take each moment
With God as our father	And live each moment
Brothers all are we	In peace eternally
Let me walk with my brother	Let there be peace on earth
In perfect harmony	And let it begin with me!

THE DISMISSAL P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord! C. **Thanks be to God!!**

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