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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:

Readers: Alex Spence, Angel Gregory Offering: Ron Tessmer, Jeff Cisco
Communion: Bev Cisco, Cheri Usowicz Greeter: Jeff Cisco

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SERVICE OF THE WORD
The Nativity of Our Lord

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

Assisted by: Alex Spence, Angel Gregory

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: 99 Angels We Have Heard on High

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

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Our Heavenly Father, tonight we celebrate the your coming to us in the flesh of your son Jesus. We thank you for this great gift to us. 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. Alleluia and Amen.

The Celebration of Our Lord's Birth

Alex: Welcome to Our Savior's Lutheran Church of El Jobean. Tonight our Lord is born unto us and we can celebrate his miraculous birth.

Angel: Tonight we have members of our congregation who will be sharing feelings about their faith and their love for Jesus through taking the Word made Flesh, CHRIST. Before we hear from our friends we will read our scripture readings for tonight.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 – Angel:

7 How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
8 The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
9 Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
10 The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Psalm 96 – Alex – *Spoken whole verse by whole verse. Congregation in **BOLD**.*

96 Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

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3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**4 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

**6 Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

**8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;^[a]
tremble before him, all the earth!

**10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**12 let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**

13 before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever will be, world without end. Amen**

Epistle Lesson: Titus 3:4-7 – Angel

4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Angel: As a sign of respect for our Lord, please rise for the reading of our Gospel Lesson.

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Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-14 (KJV)– Pastor Steve

2 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

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

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

THE CELEBRATION OF C-H-R-I-S-T

Alex: Tonight we have a treat as we hear from the hearts of the members of our congregation. Our first presenter is Wilma Young who will be speaking on what Jesus Christ means to her.

Christ - Wilma Young

Angel: Thank you for the words from your heart, Wilma. Please join us in singing hymn number 92, Joy to the World.

Hymn 92 – Joy to the World

Alex: We are now going to hear from my grandmother, Pat Spence, who is going to talk to us about the H in Christ – hospitality.

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Hospitality – Pat Spence

Angel: Thank you Pat. Let's join in song and Go Tell it on the Mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Hymn: 132 Go Tell it on the Mountain

Angel: Our third presenter who is going to share his views on Righteous Faith. Let's listen to Gene Dulik as he shares his thoughts on faith

Righteous Faith – Gene Dulik

Alex: Thank you for your heartfelt words, Gene. We will now sing a hymn from 1887 – Away in a Manger.

Hymn 105 – Away in a Manger

Angel: It is my privilege to introduce my grandfather, Steve Cox, who will share with us his thoughts on the I in Christ.

I – Steve Cox

Angel: Thank you grandpa. We now have a special treat as Dean Carson will bless us with the Christmas Carol Oh Holy Night.

Solo – Oh Holy Night – Dean Carson

Alex: Thank you so much for sharing with us, Dean. Since Mr. Carson is already up here we are going to hear him speak on the S in Christ – Salvation.

Salvation – Dean Carson

Angel: Thank you gain, Dean. Please join together in song with the hymn What Child is This.

Hymn 110 – What Child is This?

Alex: We are at our last presenter for the night, Denise Cox who will visit with us about giving thanks.

Thanks – Denise Cox

Angel: Thank you Grandma! Let's join in a final carol in this part of our service, Gentle Mary Laid Her Child, sung to the melody of Good King Wenceslas.

Hymn 109 – Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

SERMON *Some Final Thoughts on Christmas* - **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: 120 Ding! Dong! Merrily on High, vs 1,2

RITE OF FRIENDSHIP AND HOSPITALITY:

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

C. **And Also With 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Psalm 51:10-12*



C 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 Ho - 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 – Salvation is Created - Tchesnikov

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



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.

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. *2nd 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

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, We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,

who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

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: *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.

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**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."

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: Tenebrae – 89 Silent Night

as we light our candles, we will repeat verse 1 in the dark

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION:

THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God**

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