



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. I will also ask for your prayer concerns before our service.

NEW LOOK FOR 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:

Offering:

Communion:

Greeter:

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Green Hymnals – Lutheran Book of Worship

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME - Liturgical New Year, 1st Sunday in Advent

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.

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 *John 20:19-23*

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.**

INTROIT: *Antiphon Zechariah 9:9b, Psalm 25:1-3*

See, your King comes to you; **righteous and having salvation.**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; **in you I trust, O my God.**

Do not let me be put to shame; **nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame:

but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

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. Amen

See your King comes to you; **righteous and having salvation.**

KYRIE: *Mark 10:47*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN: Green Hymnal - 35 Hark the Glad Sound, the Savior Comes

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

Let us pray:

Dearest Jesus, stir up, we implore you, your power, O Lord, and come that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by your mighty deliverance, 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; for you live and reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Alleluia and Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9 (ESV)

1 Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

3 When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

4 From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.

5 You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,

those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;

in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?[b]

6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

7 There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in[c] the hand of our iniquities.

8 But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

9 Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

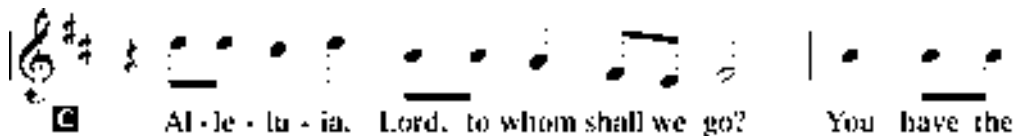
EPISTLE LESSON: 1st Corinthians 1:3-9 (ESV)

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

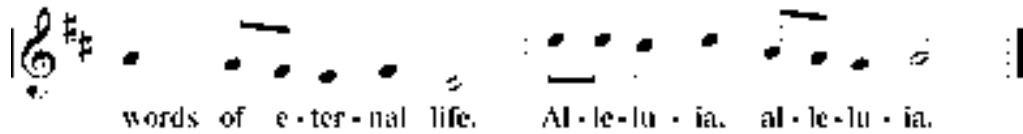
Thanksgiving

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, **5** that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — **6** even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— **7** so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, **8** who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Please rise for the Alleluia. John 6:6-8

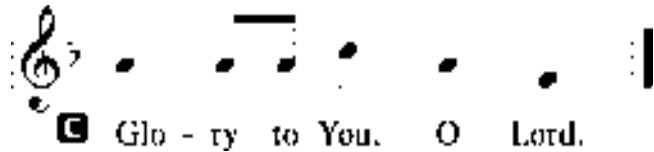


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 24:13-27 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 27th Chapter.



The Coming of the Son of Man

24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

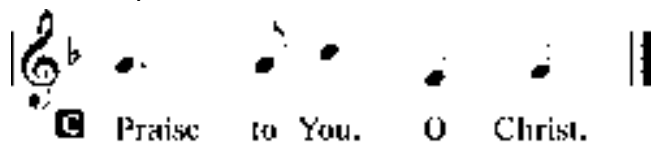
The Lesson of the Fig Tree

28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

No One Knows That Day or Hour

32 "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. 35 Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — 36 lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.



SERMON 'Hope and Thanksgiving' - Pastor Steve Dygert + STS

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus

Christ. *Ephesians 1:2*

Amen

SERMON HYMN: Green Hymnal - 31 Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

P. The Peace of the Lord Be With You Always. *John 20:19*

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: *Psalm 51:10-12*

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 Spic-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 - Count Your Blessings – Dean Carson

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.

As the offerings are brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.

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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,

and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when he comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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:

P. Let us Pray: *(Congregational 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

P. Lord we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. 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*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, 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, He took the cup after supper, 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. *1st Corinthians 11:26*

EUCHERISTIC PRAYER:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again. Amen

THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: 534 Now Thank We All Our God

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

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; and may the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.

Amen

CHRISTMAS CAROLS: Green Hymnal

34 O Come, O Come Emanuel; 56 The First Noel

THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God!