

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH OF EL JOBEAN
14344 JAMISON WAY, PORT CHARLOTTE FLORIDA; DECEMBER 22ND, 2024 1
CHURCH NUMBER - (941) 249-5108, PASTOR STEVE'S CELL PHONE – (941) 273-7722



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. In answer to this need we are making next Sunday, December 29, as a day for underwear!

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!

CHRISTMAS EVE: we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord on December 24th at 6 PM. Join us for a night of Christmas Carols!

We Serve Today:

Reader: *Dean Carson*

Offering: *Bob Burchard*

Communion: *Steve Benz, Bob Burchard, Pr. Steve*

Greeter: *Dottie Smith*

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SERVICE OF THE WORD: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT-LOVEG

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

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

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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: R78 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed (C)

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): Our Loving Lord Jesus, restore us , we pray, that we may be instruments of your love, and effective in our call from you to share this with all we meet. In your name we pray.
ALLELUIA AND AMEN**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS: Micah 5:2-5a ESV

Mic 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Mic 5:3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

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Mic 5:4 And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Mic 5:5 **And he shall be their peace.**

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7 with Doxology ESV

Restore Us, O God

Psa 80:1 To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Testimony. Of Asaph, a Psalm. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Psa 80:2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!

Psa 80:3 Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Psa 80:4 O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

Psa 80:5 You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

Psa 80:6 You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

Psa 80:7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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

Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 10:5-10

5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; 6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" 8 When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), 9 then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second.

10 And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:39-56 ESV

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Mary Visits Elizabeth

Luk 1:39 In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, Luk 1:40 and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luk 1:41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, Luk 1:42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

Luk 1:43 And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? Luk 1:44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Luk 1:45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

Mary's Song of Praise: The Magnificat

Luk 1:46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, Luk 1:47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, Luk 1:48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; Luk 1:49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. Luk 1:50 And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

Luk 1:51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; Luk 1:52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; Luk 1:53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

Luk 1:54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, Luk 1:55 as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." Luk 1:56 And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

SERMON: *"The Sunday of Love"* Rev. Dr. 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: R575 Abide With Me

OFFERING:

Rite of Friendship:

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

C. **And Also With You.**

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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.

OFFERING HYMN: Psalm 51

**Create in me, a clean heart, Oh Lord
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not, away from thy presence
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me, the joy of thy salvation,
And uphold me with thy free Spirit. Amen**

G D Em Bm Em D G
Praise God, from Whom all bless - ings flow; praise

4 G D Em C G D Em
Him all crea - tures here be - low; praise

7 D/F# G D G/B C D7/A G D/F#
Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise

10 G A7/E D Am G/D D7 G
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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.**

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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 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."

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: R79 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: Numbers 6: 24-26

OUR FIRST HYMN OF CHRISTMAS! R97 THE FIRST NOEL

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