



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.

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 our celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit into 'Our Savior' at the time of His Baptism.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Wednesday, February 26th, at 6 PM.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY: Will be coming up soon. We will write our tithes to our Lord on a a card, and put the unsigned card in a sealed envelope. During the service we will bring our sealed envelopes to put on our cross. Remember, no names are put on the cards or the envelopes. On the day of Pentecost, we will take the envelopes off the cross and burn them for our ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday Service.

We Serve Today:

Reader: Geri McGary
Communion: Bev Cisco, Ellie Selk, Peggie Sue Dygert
Offering: Pr. Tony, Jeanne Keyser
Greeter: Nancy Nordell

We Serve Next Sunday:

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Epiphany 4 – the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple

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.

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: 11 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

Almighty God, because you know that we are st among so many and great dangers that by reason of the weakness of our fallen nature we cannot always stand upright, grant us your strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptation; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Samuel 1:21-28 (ESV)

Samuel Given to the Lord

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow.

But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever."

Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him.

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli.

And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.

PSALM: Psalm 84 (ESV) (*Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold***)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of

wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

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

HYMN INTERLUDE: #1: 456 In the Garden, Jeff and Frank

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 2:14-18 (ESV)

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Please rise for the singing of the Alleluia.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-32 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd Chapter.

Glory to You oh Lord!

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you oh Christ!

SERMON 'A Light to Lighten the Gentiles' - Pastor Steve Dygert + STS

SERMON HYMN: 348 Shine Jesus Shine

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 OFFERING: Offertory - 167 The Old Rugged Cross Jeff Cisco, Frank Pierce

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

OFFERING PRAYER:

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

P. The Lord Be With You.

C. **And Also With You.**

P. Please share the peace of the Lord with those around you.

HYMN INTERLUDE #2: 280 Amazing Grace – Jeff Cisco, Frank Pierce

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF PRAISE: Let us Pray: *(Prayer Response)* Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: 409 He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION & Let There Be Peace On Earth

Congregational Song, **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

**Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth**

**Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow**

**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**

**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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