


Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

March 25, 2020



Mid-Week
Lenten Service

7 ONLY **CHRISTIANS** CAN **SINS COMMIT**
WEDNESDAYS IN LENT



Lamb of God Lutheran Church

*Empowered by Christ's Sacraments to be His witness in
Friendship/Fellowship/and Faith.*

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**Lenten Service
7:00 pm**

Prayer & Preaching

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*Theme: The 5th Sin That Only Christians Can
Commit: When Reputation Replaces Reality*

Fellowship Register

Please sign the register that you will find in the book holder and pass it on to the others sitting in your pew. Guests are invited to sign the register and please include your address. Thank you.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Opening of Worship

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord *sts. 1-2*



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.

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Please stand as able

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Versicles

Lent *LSB 260*

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

P Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

P Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C He was bruised for our iniquities.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 32:1-7

- P** ¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
- C** ²**Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P** ³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- C** ⁴**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
- P** ⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
- C** **and I did not cover my iniquity;**
- P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- C** **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** ⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
- C** **surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.**
- P** ⁷You are a hiding place for me;
- C** **you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

Confession of Sins *LSB 254*

P Let us pause and reflect on those sins that trouble our hearts and minds

Pause for meditative reflection

Let us now confess our sins before God and one another

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C Amen.

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord *st. 3*

3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu-man race

And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.

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Please be seated.

Service of the Word

Catechetical Instruction: The Lord's Prayer Part One

The Introduction

C Our Father who art in heaven.

P *What does this mean?*

C With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition

C Hallowed be Thy name.

P *What does this mean?*

C God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

P *How is God's name kept holy?*

C God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

The Second Petition

C Thy kingdom come.

P *What does this mean?*

C The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

P *How does God's kingdom come?*

C God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

The Third Petition

C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

P *What does this mean?*

C The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

P *How is God's will done?*

C God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Please stand as able

Lord's Prayer *LSB 257*

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Readings from Holy Scripture

First Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:5-14

⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the

ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 3:1-13

¹This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ²that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, ³knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” ⁵For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Third Lesson: Revelation 3:1-13

¹“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

“‘I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. ³Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you

will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. ⁴Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

⁷“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

⁸“I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and they will learn that I have loved you.

¹⁰Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. ¹²The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.

¹³He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory for Lent *LSB 263*

P We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

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826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying
[A Lamb of God Favorite]



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can-not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can-not be a watch-man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth-ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a-way?"
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas-ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick-ed With the judg-ment's dread a - larms,
With your prayers and with your boun-ties You can do what God com-mands;
Take the task He gives you glad-ly, Let His work your plea-sure be;



Who will an-swer, glad-ly say-ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
 You can lead the lit-tle chil-dren To the Sav-ior's wait-ing arms.
 You can be like faith-ful Aar-on, Hold-ing up the proph-et's hands.
 An-swer quick-ly when He call-eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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Sermon: Revelation 3:1b-3, 8. 10-11 "When Reputation Replaces Reality"

Offering

Please fulfill your obligation as a member to support the ministry that is still on-going despite the restrictions imposed concerning public worship. Please mail in your offering, give on-line at our website, or drop your offering envelope off in the lobby in the offering box across from the Church Office Monday – Friday 9 am-1 PM

Please Stand as able

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



△ 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. A-men.

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Please be seated.

Prayer

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**

P For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Please Stand as Able

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have been our help in ages past and you are our hope in the years to come. Be with our nation during this time of confusion and fear over the Pandemic that is spreading across our nation and here in our state and county. Be with our leaders and grant them godly wisdom to make good decisions on behalf of all. Be with the leaders of this congregation and grant us the discernment to make choices that reflect our faith in you and our love and concern for our members and our neighbors. Be with all those who worship with us through the blessing of social media. Grant us faith that replaces fear. Use this time of uncertainty and panic in our society as an opportunity for us to shine the light of your love and your mercy. Move us to confess with our mouths and our lives that you are the Rock to whom we cling, even though the earth gives way. Grant us continued grace to stand in faith toward you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Evening Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Close of Service

Blessing

Benedicamus *LSB 267*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Closing Blessing

P O LORD, our God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go,

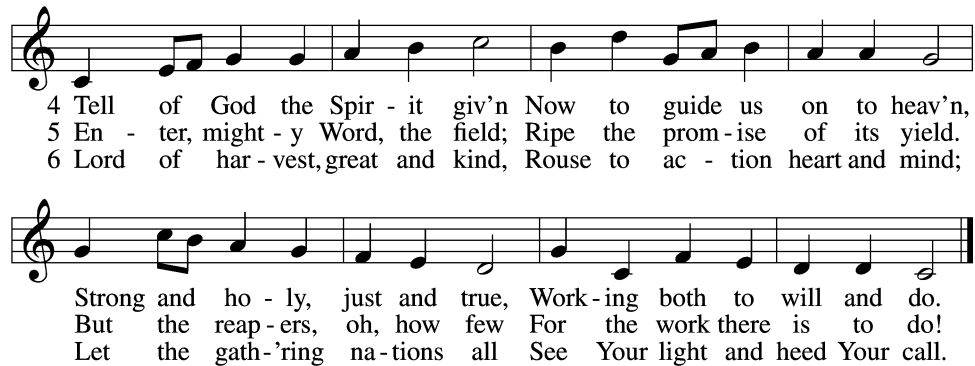
but only that Your Holy Spirit is leading us, and Your hand is supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all

C Amen

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord *sts. 4-6*



4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,
5 En - ter, might - y Word, the field; Ripe the prom - ise of its yield.
6 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, Rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.
But the reap - ers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
Let the gath - 'ring na - tions all See Your light and heed Your call.

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Salutation

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C And also with you.

P Please take a moment to call, or text, or Facebook Messenger your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to let them know you are thinking about them and that you are praying for them

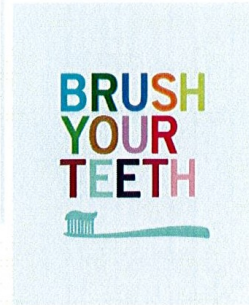
Closing Peace

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

G Thanks be to God

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