

Lamb Of God Lutheran Church


April 1, 2020



*Mid-Week
Lenten Service*

**7^{ONLY} CHRISTIANS
SINS CAN
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

April 1 2020

Focus: The 7th Church of Revelation: Laodicea.

The 7th Sin That Only Christians Can Commit: Apathy.

***"You have become lukewarm and I'm about to spit you out of
my mouth!"***

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

848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service *sts. 1-2*



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of
 2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry

hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;

Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-

wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-
 pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the

crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.
 love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.

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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

Responsive Reading: 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;
you preserve me from trouble;
[C] **you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
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 of Sins *LSB 254*

- [P]** Let us pause and reflect on those sins that trouble our
hearts and minds
Pause for meditative reflection
- [P]** 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.

616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me *sts. 1, 3*



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -
3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy
to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.

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Service of the Word

Catechetical Instruction: The Lord's Prayer Part II

The Fourth Petition

[C] Give us this day our daily bread.

[P] *What does this mean?*

C God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

P *What is meant by daily bread?*

C Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

The Fifth Petition

C And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

P *What does this mean?*

C We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Sixth Petition

C And lead us not into temptation.

P *What does this mean?*

C God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the

devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

The Seventh Petition

C But deliver us from evil.

P *What does this mean?*

C We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

The Conclusion

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P *What does this mean?*

C This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

Lord's Prayer *LSB 251*

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.**

Readings from Holy Scripture

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-13 *Isaiah 55*

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear,
and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of

Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶“Seek the LORD while
he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have
compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰“For as the
rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:3-4, 9-23

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by

his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Reading Response

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Third Lesson: Revelation 3:14-22 *Revelation 3:14–22*

¹⁴“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

¹⁵“‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²²He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

Reading Response

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

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.

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

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Please stand as

you are able

660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
 Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
 The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
 This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
 Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
 The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
 Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
 Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
 And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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Sermon: Revelation 3:15-18 "When Apathy Rules the Day"

Offering:

P 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.

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

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

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

848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service *sts. 3-4*

3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
 4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear

veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,

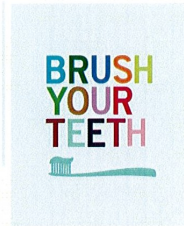
Dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and
 Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and

bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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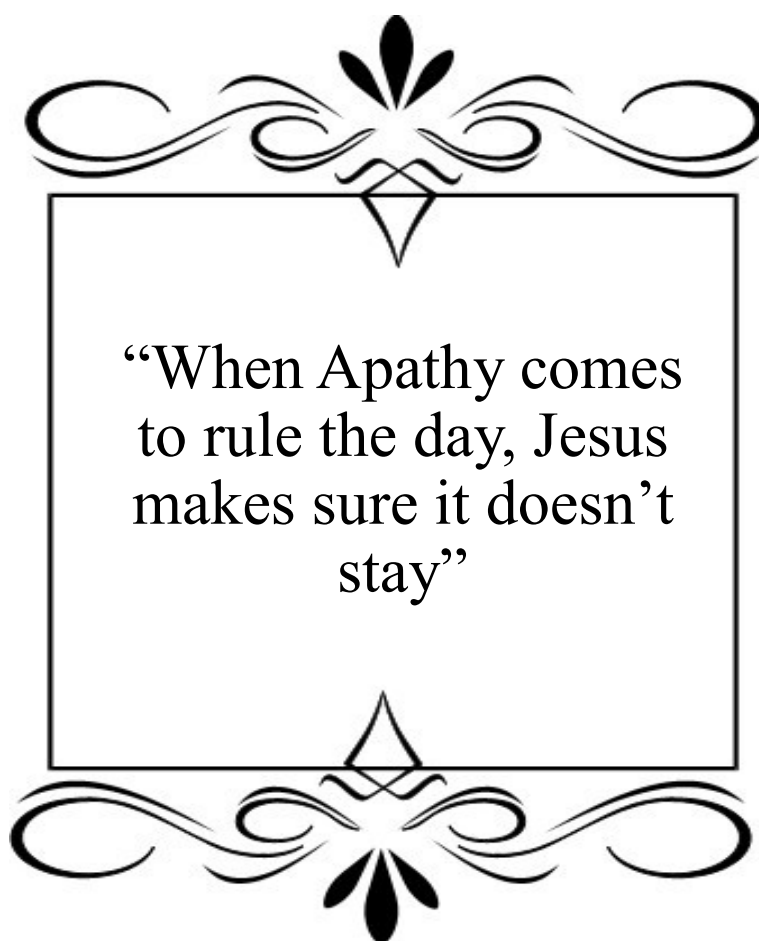
Salutation

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



“When Apathy comes to rule the day, Jesus makes sure it doesn’t stay”

Clos-
Peace

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Go in peace, serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God