

Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

January 29, 2023



4th Sunday after
Epiphany:
Life Sunday



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

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Service of Prayer &
Preaching

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Salutation

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always
C **And also with you.**

*Please share the Peace of Christ with a wave of the hand from
where you sit*

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness A Lamb of God Favorite



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Please stand as you are able

Invocation

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

G Amen.

Opening Versicles

Common

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** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C **Teach me Your paths.**
- P** Sanctify us in Your truth.
C **Your Word is truth.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Responsive Psalm 139:1-17

- P** ¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
- C** ² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- P** ³ You search out my path and my lying down
- C** **and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- P** ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
- C** **behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**
- P** ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
- C** **and lay your hand upon me.**
- P** ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

C it is high; I cannot attain it.

P ⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit?

C Or where shall I flee from your presence?

P ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

C If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

P ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

C ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.

P ¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,”

C ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

P ¹³ For you formed my inward parts;

C you knitted me together in my mother’s
womb.

P ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully
made.

C Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.

P ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,

C intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

P ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,

C the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there were none of them.

P ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

C How vast is the sum of them!

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.

Please be seated

914 Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - diance of the
2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed
3 Still Your brood - ing Spir - it hov - ers O - ver cha - os,
4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us
all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed
dark and deep, Call - ing out with in - vi - ta - tion:
work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion



Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our
With the Fa - ther's "Let there be..." Light and life burst
"Rise, a - wak - en from your sleep; Christ the Lord will
Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness



hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.
from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!
shine up - on you And from death your soul shall keep."
all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

Service of the Word

Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 1:26-31

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson:

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Lesson:

Mark 10:1-16

P The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the 10th chapter

G **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them.

²And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

Responsory

Common

LSB 263

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.



1 In God we be - lieve: the Cre - a - tor whose pow'r In
 2 In Je - sus, the Sav - ior, our hope is se - cured. True
 3 God's Spir - it at work in our lives we con - fess; With



mer - cy has brought us for wor - ship this hour. He
 God and true man once the cross He en - dured To
 pow - er and truth the church now He does bless. As



gra - cious - ly grants us our years and our days And
 grant our lives whole - ness, for - give - ness of sin. With
 saints, God's for - giv - en, one day we shall then Be



bles - es with kind - ness our work and our ways.
 hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace with - in.
 liv - ing in glo - ry for - ev - er. A - men.

Creedal Hymn: In God We Believe

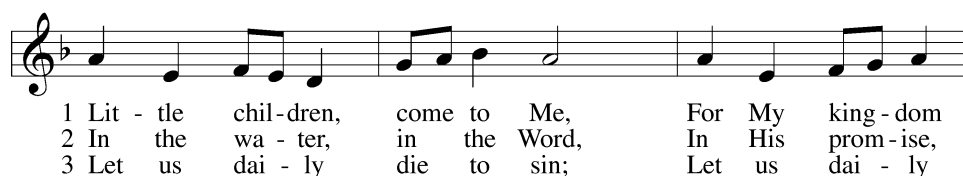
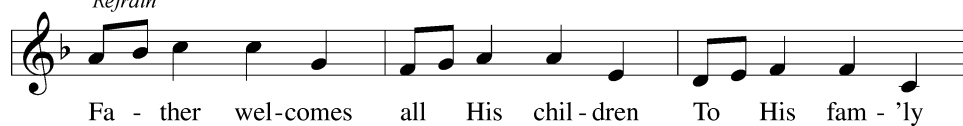
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 Tune: St. Denio *Welsh folk tune*

Please be seated

Children's Message

605 Father Welcomes

Refrain



Refrain



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Sermon: Mark 10:14-16
"Who Belongs in the Kingdom of God?"

588 Jesus Loves Me
A Lamb of God Favorite

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1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.

Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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Offering and Prayers

Offering Statement

P We do not pass the offering plate here at Lamb of God. If you are a visitor, we don't want you to feel obligated to give an offering, we are just glad that you have joined us for worship this day. Those who would like to give an offering may drop it off in the Offering Box in the Narthex, the box across from the Church Office, mail their Offering Envelope in, or use our online giving portal from our website.

Offering Verses: Ephesians 1:3-4

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Offertory: 809 Great is Thy Faithfulness A Lamb of God Favorite



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see;

All I have need-ed Thy hand hath pro-vid-ed;

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

- 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 all those on our Prayer List. as well as these for whom special prayers have been requested [Prayer Book] let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those celebrating birthdays this week including: Brian Tretheway, Jeffery Pear. Jean Baird, Jeanine Libka, Madelyn Grim, Aimee Rodabaugh, and William Carpenter, that they would be kept safe body and soul unto eternal life to come, 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.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even through we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation, grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Luther's Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

[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.**

Close of the Service

Closing Blessing

[P] Let us pray:
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

Closing Video Anthem BOB #198 "Shout to the Lord"

Closing Peace

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God

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Congregational Meeting directly
following
our
worship
service.*



