

Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

December 16, 2018



Leap of Faith

*For every house is built by someone, but God
is the builder of everything.*
Hebrews 3:4



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Communion Statement

We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service

We consider this to be a family meal partaken in and with the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The term “Communion” describes the relationship between the participants, certainly between each person and our Savior whose meal it is, but also with all who come together to consume Christ’s body and blood in and with the bread and wine. To properly celebrate Communion all participants should be in communion, sharing the same confession of faith as is taught by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). **We welcome all those who regularly confess this faith as members or regular attenders of Lamb of God. Those who belong to another LCMS congregation and wish to join with us as fellow family members are asked to speak to an Elder prior to the beginning of service. Those who are visiting but not members of an LCMS congregation may approach the communion rail and receive a blessing with their arms folded in front of their chest, or remain seated.**

This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord’s Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please know that we are not judging you or your faith. We are not implying that you are not a Christian or worthy of the gifts Christ won for you on the cross. We are simply acknowledging that since you do not have the same confession as we do you are not “in communion” with us. If you still desire to participate in Holy Communion in the future at Lamb of God please speak with Pastor Mark after the service.

Thank you for honoring our celebration of Holy Communion.

*** Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water)*

Lamb of God Lutheran Church

Who witness, have fellowship & show compassion.

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WORSHIP
10:00 AM
HOLY COMMUNION

Divine Service Five

Third Sunday in Advent
December 16, 2018

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

☐ The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

 And also with you.

(The Peace of the Lord is given and received)

Opening Hymn + LSB 345
Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding




1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
 2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
 3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
 4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the

near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
 earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
 par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
 world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
 Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -

works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
 sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
 with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
 liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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Confession & Absolution + LSB 213

- ☐ In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
-  **Amen.**
- ☐ Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 ☩ **who made heaven and earth.**
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
 ☩ **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
 ☩ **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 ☩ **Amen.**

The Psalm + Ps. 146:5-8; antiphon: Phil. 4:4

- Rejoice in the Lord always;
 ☩ **again I will say, Rejoice.**
- Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
 ☩ **whose hope is in the LORD his God,**
 □ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
 ☩ **who keeps faith forever;**

- ☐ who executes justice for the oppressed,
- who gives food to the hungry.**
- ☐ The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
- The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**
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.
- ☐ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Hymn + LSB 338

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
 2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
 By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
 By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

☐ The Lord be with you.

☺ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☺ **Amen.**

Please be seated.



Old Testament Reading + Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading + Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God**

Please stand, as able.

Holy Gospel + Luke 7: 18-28

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 7th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

 Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his 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 us men and 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 at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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 Christian 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.

Hymn of the Day + Choral Anthem
"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

Sermon + Luke 7: 22-23
"Blessed is the One NOT Offended By Me"

The Tithes & Offerings

Philippians 4:4
"Rejoice in the Lord always;
Again I will say, rejoice."

Hymn + LSB 789
Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise

liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -

or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.
 with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.




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The Prayers of the Church

- ☐ Lord, in Your mercy,
 ☩ **hear our prayer.**
- ☐ Father, into Your hands we commend all for whom we
 pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your
 Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 ☩ **Amen.**

Please stand, as able.


Holy Communion
Preface + LSB 216

- ☐ The Lord be with you.
-  **And also with you.**
- ☐ Lift up your hearts.
-  **We lift them to the Lord.**
- ☐ Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
-  **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface + Pastor

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, ... To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer + LSB 217

- ☐ Taught by our Lord and trusting In His promises we are bold to pray
-  **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**

- ☐ In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

- ☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

u **Amen.**

Agnus Dei + LSB 198

Please be seated.

Distribution Hymn + LSB 849

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 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



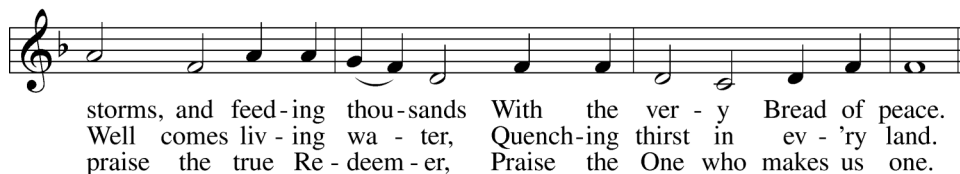
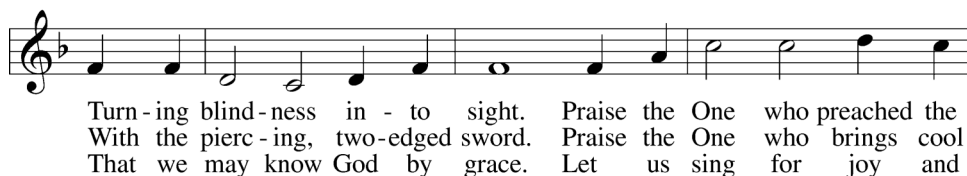
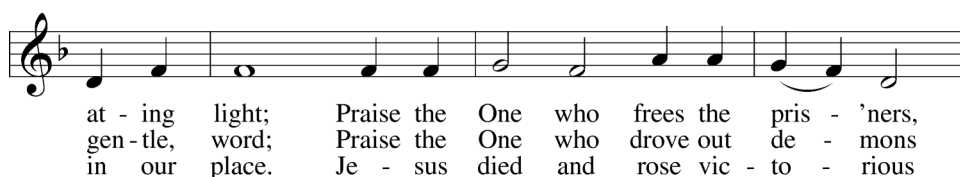
C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



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Distribution Hymn + LSB 515
Sung to the tune of LSB 527

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
 And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
 And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
 And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
 At midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain
 Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches
 With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
 The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
 The Bridegroom is at hand.

The hymn continues on next page.

- 3 The saints, who here in patience
 Their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
 When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
 The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him
 Their diadems of gold.

- 4 Our hope and expectation,
 O Jesus, now appear;
 Arise, O Sun so longed for,
 O'er this benighted sphere.
 With hearts and hands uplifted,
 We plead, O Lord, to see
 The day of earth's redemption
 That sets Your people free!

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Distribution Hymn + LSB 636
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom-y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day-light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price-less gifts of
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 bound-less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to

ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -

ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

The hymn continues on next page.

- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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Table Prayer

Please stand, as able.

Post Communion Hymn + LSB 643 **Sent Forth By God's Blessing**

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith
confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving To God ever living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead
us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Post Communion Collect

- ☐ Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

 **Amen.**

Benedicamus & Benediction


- ☐ Let us bless the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.†**


- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

 Amen.


Closing Hymn + LSB 354
Arise, O Christian People




1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -



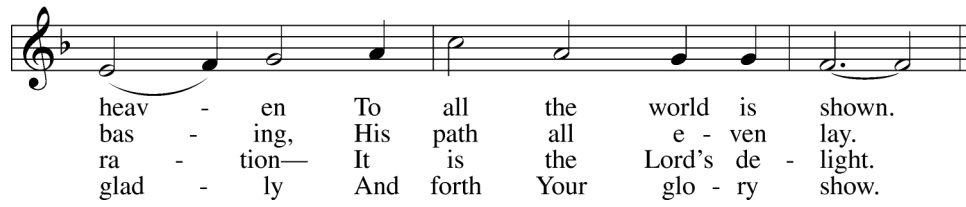
day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your
 best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this
 high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty
 side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The
 heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The
 soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That
 Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
 low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -
 heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -
 now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es



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☐ Go in peace, serve the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God**



LWML TOYS FOR TOTS



Our LWML is collecting toys to benefit the Toys For Tots program which is coordinated by the Marines. Boxes have been placed at the church and your help is needed to make Christmas a little merrier by children finding gifts under what otherwise might have been an empty tree or at least one with few presents.

In addition Thrivent Financial has again given our church a grant of \$250.00 to purchase toys. Thanks to this organization for assisting with our toy collection.



Do You Color?

Do you crochet?

Do you diamond paint?

Do you do Crafts?

Do you sew thing?

Do you have unfinished projects???

Do you just like to visit??

Then please join us for

Crafty Christians

December 26 at 2:00 pm

For a fun filled time of crafts and fellowship.





**REJOICE
IN THE
LORD
ALWAYS.
I WILL SAY
IT AGAIN:
REJOICE!**

PHILIPPIANS 4:4 NIV