

# *Lamb Of God Lutheran Church*

December 23, 2018



## *Leap of Faith*

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



FOURTH 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)*

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*Who witness, have fellowship & show compassion.*

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**WORSHIP**  
10:00 AM  
**HOLY COMMUNION**

Divine Service Five

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*  
*December 23, 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 357 vs 1-3*  
**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest all things  
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 And teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
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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 + Psalm 80:1-7*

□ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

☩ **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

- Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
 ☩ **stir up your might and come to save us!**
- Restore us, O God;  
 ☩ **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**
- O LORD God of hosts,  
 ☩ **how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**
- You have fed them with the bread of tears  
 ☩ **and given them tears to drink in full measure.**
- You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,  
 ☩ **and our enemies laugh among themselves.**
- Restore us, O God of hosts;  
 ☩ **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**  
**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.**

*Salutation and Collect of the Day*

- The Lord be with you.  
 ☩ **And also with you.**
- Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☩ **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



*Old Testament Reading + Micah 5:2-5a*

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. <sup>5</sup>And he shall be their peace.

□ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

*Special Music + Handbells*  
*"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"*

*Epistle Reading + Hebrews 10:1-10*

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. <sup>2</sup>Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been

cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? <sup>3</sup> But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. <sup>4</sup> For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. <sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’” <sup>8</sup> When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

□ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand, as able.*

*Holy Gospel + Luke 1:39-45*

□ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

☩ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud

cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

□ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Hymn of the Day + LSB 431*

**Not All the Blood of Beasts**



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain  
 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;  
 3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,  
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear  
 5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.  
 A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.  
 While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.  
 When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.  
 We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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*Sermon + Hebrews 10*  
*"How Precious Is His Gift"*

*The Tithes & Offerings*

*And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrews 10:10*

*Special Music + James Gates*  
*"Still, Still, Still"*

*The Prayers of the Church*

Lord, in Your mercy,  
 **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for - ever.

 **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.

     **Amen.**

*Agnus Dei + LSB 198*

*Please be seated.*

*Distribution Hymn + LSB 975*

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

□ 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.

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

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual  
 4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer  
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we

Chris - tian love; The fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each  
 bit - ter pain; Yet, one in Christ and  
 shall be free And per - fect love and

kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.  
 friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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*Distribution Hymn + LSB 370*  
**What Child Is This**



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
 2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are  
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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*Distribution Hymn +*  
**We Praise  
 Acknowledge**



*LSB 941*  
**You and  
 You, O God**



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
 2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;  
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
 4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.  
 The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.  
 Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:  
 Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,  
 The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,  
 You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,  
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:  
 Sing with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song:  
 Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;  
 So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 “O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,  
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—  
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



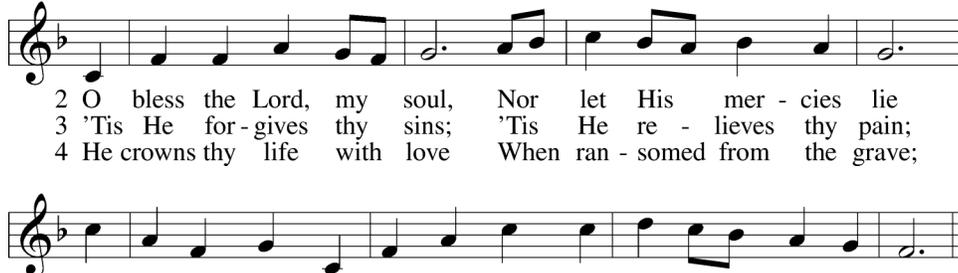
Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”  
 You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.  
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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*Table Prayer*

*Please stand, as able.*

*Post Communion Hymn + LSB 814 vs 2-4*  
**O Bless the Lord, My Soul**



2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie  
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;  
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;

For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!  
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.  
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

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*Post Communion Collect*

- Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 357 vs 4-7*  
**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**



4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's  
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,  
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,



And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re-joyce!  
And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re-joyce!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The hymn continues on next page.*

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

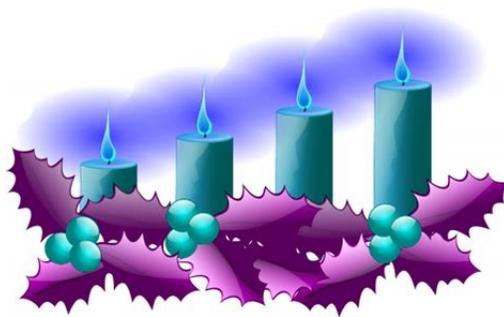
*Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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☐ Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
✠ **Thanks be to God**



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??

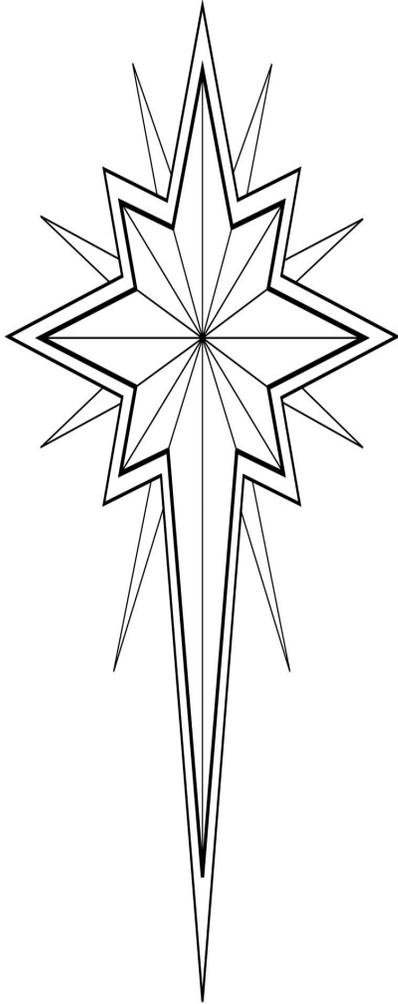
Then please join us for  
*Crafty Christians*

December 26 at 2:00 pm

For a fun filled time of crafts and fellowship.



*Christmas Eve Schedule*



*Worship Services*

*With Communion*

*3:00 pm*

*&*

*10:00 pm*

*NO Christmas Day*

*service*

*Merry Christmas to all.*