

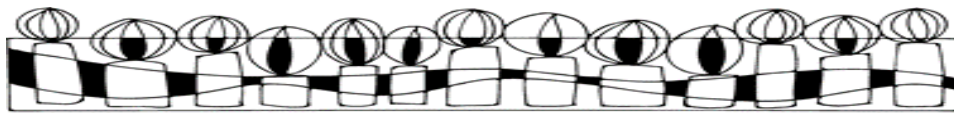
# Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

December 30, 2018

## *Leap of Faith*



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



First Sunday After Christmas



### *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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**10:00 AM  
HOLY COMMUNION**

*First Sunday after Christmas  
December 30, 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*

## *Sharing of the Peace*


☐ 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 367*  
**Angels from the Realms of Glory**



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,




all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
 Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing




Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
 Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
 Ye have seen His na - tal star.  
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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- ☐ In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ **Amen.**

- ☐ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

☞ **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

- ☐ 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**


- ☐ Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.


☞ **Amen.**


### *Psalm Psalm III*


- ☐ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,


 in the company of the upright, in the congregation.


☐ Great are the works of the LORD,  
 **studied by all who delight in them.**


☐ Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
 **and his righteousness endures forever.**

☐ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
 **the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

☐ He provides food for those who fear him;  
 **he remembers his covenant forever.**

☐ He has shown his people the power of his works,  
 **in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

☐ The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
 **all his precepts are trustworthy;**

☐ they are established forever and ever,  
 **to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

☐ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

 **Holy and awesome is his name!**

☐ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.


 **His praise endures forever!**

**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.**

*Kyrie + LSB 152*

☐ In peace let us pray to the Lord.



 Lord, have mer - cy.

- ☐ For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- ☐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the



Lord.



☐ For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



- ☐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*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,**



O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Old Testament Reading + Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Consecrate to me all the firstborn.

Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . .

<sup>11</sup>“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup>you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. <sup>13</sup>Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup>And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup>For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

□ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

### *Epistle + Colossians 3:12-17*

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of

Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

□ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as able.*

*Holy Gospel + Luke 2:22-40*

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

☩ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the

presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.


☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☪ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

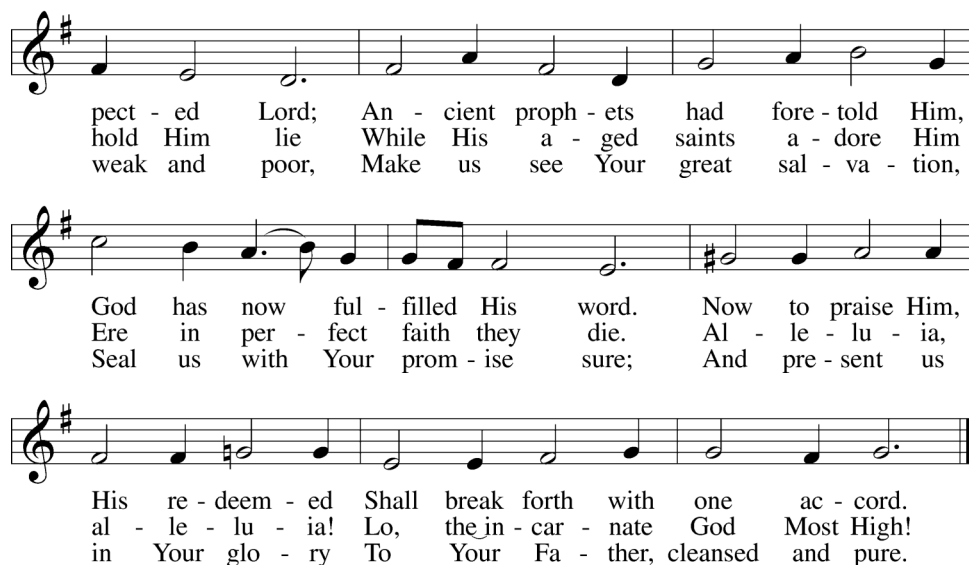
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*Hymn of the Day + LSB 519*

## In His Temple Now Behold Him



1 In His tem - ple now be - hold Him, See the long - ex -  
 2 In the arms of her who bore Him, Vir - gin pure, be -  
 3 Je - sus, by Your pre - sen - ta - tion, When they blessed You,



pect - ed Lord; An - cient proph - ets had fore - told Him,  
hold Him lie While His a - ged saints a - dore Him,  
weak and poor, Make us see Your great sal - va - tion,  
God has now ful - filled His word. Now to praise Him,  
Ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia,  
Seal us with Your prom - ise sure; And pre - sent us  
His re - deem - ed Shall break forth with one ac - cord.  
al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!  
in Your glo - ry To Your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.

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## *Sermon + Luke 2:29-32* *"Song of Simeon"*

*Please stand, as able.*

### *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.**

*Offering*

*Verse: Psalm 111:10*



The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it  
have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

*Please stand, as able.*

*Offertory + Laura Rink*

*"Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring"*

*Prayer of the Church + (each petition will conclude:)*

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

*Please stand, as able.*

*Preface + LSB 160*

- ☐ The Lord be with you.



- ☐ Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*Proper*

*Preface + Pastor*

It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

*Sanctus + LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

- ☐ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

*The Lord's Prayer*

**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**

*The Words of Our Lord*

*Pax Domini + LSB 163*

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



*Agnus Dei + LSB 163*





**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

*+ Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament +*

*Distribution Hymn + LSB*  
**Now Sing We,**



**386**  
**Now Rejoice**



1 Now sing we, now re - joice,      Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
2 Come from on high to me;      I can - not rise to Thee.  
3 Now through His Son doth shine      The Fa-ther's grace di - vine.  
4 Oh, where shall joy be found?      Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth      Poor in a man-ger lies;  
Cheer my wea-ried spir - it,      O pure and ho - ly Child;  
Death was reign-ing o'er us      Through sin and van - i - ty  
Where the an - gels sing - ing      With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth      The sun in yon - der skies.  
Through Thy grace and mer - it,      Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,  
Till He o - pened for us      A bright e - ter - ni - ty.  
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing      In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art!      Thou my Sav - ior art!  
Draw me un - to Thee!      Draw me un - to Thee!  
May we praise Him there!      May we praise Him there!  
Oh, that we were there!      Oh, that we were there!

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*Distribution Hymn +*  
**It Came upon**



*LSB 366*  
**the Midnight Clear**



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un - furled,  
 3 All you, be-neath your heav - y load, By care and guilt bent low,  
 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
 And still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.  
 Who toil a - long a drea - ry way With pain - ful steps and slow:  
 When down in - to the cir - cling years Came Christ as was fore - told.



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
 A - bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
 Look up, for gold - en is the hour, Come swift - ly on the wing,  
 His word of peace shall to the earth God's an - cient prom - ise bring,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.  
 And ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an - gels sing.  
 And all who take this gift will hear The song the an - gels sing.

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*Distribution Hymn +*  
**Away in a Man-**



*LSB 364*  
**ger**

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay.

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.  
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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*Please stand, as able.*

*Post Communion Canticle + LSB 165*

*Post-Communion Collect*

□ O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -  
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

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 heart 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.**

### *Benediction*


- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.




**Amen**

*Closing Hymn + LSB 388*  
**Go Tell It on the Mountain**


*Refrain*




Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



*Refrain*

Be - hold, through - out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

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Go in peace. Serve the Lord



**Thanks be to God.**



THE CHILD GREW...  
AND  THE  
**FAVOR OF**  
**GOD**  
WAS UPON HIM.  
LUKE 2:40

*... for my  
eyes have  
seen your  
salvation,...*

*Luke 2:30, NRSV*

