# Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

February 2, 2020



Purification of Mary Presentation of Our Lord



#### 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) There is gluten free wafers.

#### Lamb of God Lutheran Church

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

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WORSHIP 10:00 am

Divine Service IV

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## 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

Please stand, as able.



The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

С

And also with you.

(The Peace of the Lord is given and received) Congregation may be seated after Sharing the Peace. 3



## **Confession and Absolution**

Please Stand, as able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **C** Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
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- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Image P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### C Amen.

## Service of the Word

#### **Responsive Reading: Psalm 84**

P How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**G** My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;

- **P** my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
- P where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- Blessèd are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!
- P Blessèd are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.
- P They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.
- O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!
- P Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!
- G For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
- **P** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- G For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
- P No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

• O LORD of hosts, blessèd is the one who trusts in you!



Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

#### Kyrie LSB 204

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean



hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### **C** Amen.

#### Please be seated

#### Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 1:21-28

<sup>21</sup>The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. <sup>22</sup>But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever." <sup>23</sup>Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup>And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. <sup>25</sup>Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. <sup>28</sup>Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **G** Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle Hebrews 2:14-18

<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

<sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.



Please stand, as able.

Alleluia and Verse

#### Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **Apostles' Creed**

**C** 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.

Please be seated LSB 519 In His Temple Now Behold Him



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#### Sermon Luke 2:22-23; 26-32

#### Offering

#### Offering Verse: Hebrews 2:16-18

<sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

#### Anthem: Hallelujah Ringers: "Rock of Ages"

#### Prayer of the Church

From birth to old age, You are our gracious Father, You hear the prayers of Your people, and You answer us with grace sufficient for all our needs.

> Brief silence (each petition will conclude:)

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,



hear our prayer.

P When tempted, remind us that our Lord came in our flesh, grew from infancy into manhood, and suffered temptation so that we may be helped in trouble, comforted in life and death, and pray to You with confidence that You will supply all that we need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### C Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

Please stand, as able.



- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

 P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus LSB 208





P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### 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

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 210

Please be seated.

## + Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament +

LSB 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table A Lamb of God Favorite Hymn Accompanied by The Hallelujah Ringers



#### 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



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The hymn continues on next page.

- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed, He bore the shameful cross and death; For us He gave His dying breath.
- 6 For us He rose from death again;For us He went on high to reign;For us He sent His Spirit hereTo guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- △ 7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad; The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

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#### **Table Prayer**

#### Nunc Dimittis LSB 211



**P** 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