


Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

January 31, 2021



4th Sunday after
Epiphany



But if
anyone loves
God,
he is known
by God.

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

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WORSHIP

10:00 am

Service of Prayer and
Preaching

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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*

696 O God, My Faithful God [sts 1-3]



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
 What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.

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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.

C Amen.

Opening Versicles

Common 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 Reading of Psalm 111

P ¹ Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

C ² **Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

P ³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

C ⁴ **He has caused his wondrous works to be
remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

- [P]** ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
- [C]** ⁶ **He has shown his people the power of his
works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
- [P]** ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
- [C]** ⁸ **they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and
uprightness.**
- [P]** ⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
- [C]** ¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good under-
standing.
His praise endures forever!**
- [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


Video Anthem/Hymn: “Only By Grace”
[Congregation encouraged to sing]

ONLY BY GRACE

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TAFSON

Moderately



On - ly by grace - can we en - deav - or, stand -

Not by our hu - man en - deav - or, but by the blood - of the Lamb. In - to Your pres - ence You call -

us, You call us to come. In - to Your pres - ence You draw us and now by Your grace we come, now by Your grace we come.

To Coda

Lord, if You mark our trans-gres - sions, who would stand? Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.

CODA

Now by Your grace we come, now by Your grace we come.

Service of the Word

Children's Message

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but

one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

P The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the 1st chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out,

²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”
²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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.

Please be seated

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
 Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew-ards
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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Sermon: 1 Corinthians 8

Please stand as you are able

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In God We Believe



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.

Offering and Prayers

Offering Statement:

- P** Please fulfill your obligation as a member to support the ministry that is still on-going despite the Pandemic restrictions. Please mail in your offering, give on-line at our website, or drop your offering envelope off in the lobby in the offering box across from the Church Office Monday – Friday 9 am-1 PM

Offering Verses: Psalm 111:4-8 *Psalm 111:4-8*

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Please be seated

Prayer

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

G 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 listed on our Prayer list and for these for whom special prayers have been requested [*Prayer Book*] For all these let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those celebrating birthdays this week including: **Madelyn Grim, Aimee Rodabaugh, William Carpenter, Austin Kindsvater, and Jeanne Elliot**, that they would be granted continued faith and health, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy

L 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 for the Pandemic

P Almighty God, You have been our help in ages past and you are our hope in the years to come. Be with our nation during this time of confusion and fear over the COVID-19 Pandemic. Be with our leaders and grant them godly wisdom to make good decisions on behalf of all. Be with the leaders of this congregation and grant us the discernment to make choices that reflect our faith in you and our love and concern for our members and our neighbors. Be with all those who worship with us through the blessing of social media. Grant to us all faith that replaces fear. Use this time of uncertainty and panic in our society as an opportunity for us to shine the light of your love and your mercy. Move us to confess with our mouths and our lives that you are the Rock to whom we cling, even though the earth gives way. Grant us continued grace to stand in faith toward

you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.**

Please stand as you are able

Lord's Prayer *LSB 241*

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

696 O God, My Faithful God [sts 4-6]



4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,
5 Let me de - part this life Con - fid - ing in my Sav - ior;
6 And on that fi - nal day When all the dead are wak - ing,





The "**Heartbeat Crib**" has been put up to gather baby items which will be given to Heartbeat, a crisis pregnancy center in Flint. We are asking for donations of new or gently used items. Suggested items would include:

Baby Sleepers
Baby Blankets
Diapers

Onesies
Any Baby Clothes
Formula & Food


Any other baby items you know a baby could use.

Maternity Clothes (any size)

***Yarn (given to nursing homes so that the residents
can make
booties, blankets, etc.)***

Clothing need not be new, but it should be in good condition. If you have any baby furniture- high chairs, cribs, etc., these will also be accepted.

This is one way in which we can show our strong **PRO-LIFE** support. Let's do what we can to make the crib overflow.



And I have many good friends For ever so long con-sec-ra-tion.
 That it may be for ever
 My death break-ing

6 me, as You have taught, To love both great and small
 my bod-y have A qui-et rest-ing place
 let me hear Your voice Re-ceive this earth-ly frame,

yet for us there is
 one God, the Father,
 from whom are all
 things and for whom
 we exist, and one
 Lord, Jesus Christ,
 through whom are all
 things and through
 whom we exist

Closing Blessing
[P] Let us pray:
 O LORD, our God, you have called your servants to
 ventures of which we cannot see the ending paths
 as yet untrodden, through perils unknown, lead us
 faithfully out with good courage, not knowing where
 we go, but only that Your Holy Spirit is with us,
 and who manfully supporting us, through all our
 our Lord.

[Amen]

[P] All glory to the Father, who created Jesus Christ,
 and the Holy Spirit, who is God, who is the Holy
 Spirit be at all times with us

[Amen]

Closing Peace

[P] Go in peace, serve the Lord

[C] Thanks be to God