

# Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

March 31, 2019 Baptism  
*Leap of Faith*



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

Hebrews 3:4



Fourth Sunday In Lent



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# *Lamb of God Lutheran Church*

*Who witness, have fellowship & show compassion.*

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Sunday Worship

*Service of Prayer & Preaching*

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*  
*March 31, 2019*

*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*

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

**C** **And also with you.**

*(The Peace of the Lord is given and received)*

*Opening Hymn + LSB 596 vs 1-3*

**All Christians Who Have Been Baptized**



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of  
2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-  
3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-mersed and drowned for-



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of  
cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-  
ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The  
out-ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned  
gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-stroyed And



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!  
in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.  
all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.



*Baptism of  
Marsha Lee Rodgers*

Sponsors: Thomas & Sharon Hansen



**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son  
of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.” The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**P** How are you named?

**Marsha: Marsha Lee Rodgers**

**P** *Marsha Lee Rodgers* receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your † forehead and upon your † heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to

be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold *Marsha* according to Your boundless mercy and bless *her* with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in *her*, which has been inherited from Adam and which *she herself has* committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that *she* be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, *she* would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**P** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

**P** Is it your intention to serve *Marsha Lee Rodgers* as sponsors in the Christian faith?

**Sponsors: Yes, with the help of God.**

**P** God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**All: Amen.**

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.  
They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to

you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will be no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**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.**

**P** The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even † forevermore.

**All: Amen.**

**P** *Marsha Lee Rodgers* do you renounce the devil?

**Marsha: Yes, I renounce him.**

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**Marsha: Yes, I renounce them.**

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**Marsha: Yes, I renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**All: Yes, I believe.**

**P** Do you believe 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?

**Marsha: Yes, I believe.**

**P** Do you 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?

**All: Yes, I believe.**

**P** *Marsha Lee Rodgers* do you desire to be baptized?

**Marsha: Yes, I do.**

**P** *Marsha Lee Rodgers* I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**All: Amen.**

**P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb of His kingdom, which shall have no end.

**All: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.**

**Amen.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and

enlarge Your family and have granted *Marsha* the new birth in Holy Baptism and made *her a member* of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and *an heir* of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as *she has* now become Your *child*, You would keep *her* in *her* baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure *she* may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**P** Peace † be with you.

**All: Amen.**

*Hymn + LSB 596 vs 4-6*

## All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful - ly  
cov - ered With all that He once sac - ri - ficed And free - ly  
for us suf - fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now  
makes us ho - ly, right, and good Be - fore our heav'n-ly Fa - ther.



5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift  
In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul,  
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—  
In Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do  
Within your own vocation,  
Until that day when you possess  
His glorious robe of righteousness  
Bestowed on you forever!

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*Please stand, as able.*

*Opening Versicles*

- 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** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,  
**C** **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**
- P** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,  
**C** **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**
- P** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

- C** He was bruised for our iniquities.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** The name of the Lord is to be praised.
- 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.

*Responsive Reading of Psalm 32*

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
- C** whose sin is covered.
- P** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
- C** and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- P** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
- C** through my groaning all day long.
- P** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
- C** my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- P** I acknowledged my sin to you,
- C** and I did not cover my iniquity;
- P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- C** and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P** Therefore let everyone who is godly
- C** offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
- P** surely in the rush of great waters,
- C** they shall not reach him.
- P** You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
- C** you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**P** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

**C** **I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

**P** Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

**C** **which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.**

**P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

**C** **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

**P** Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

**C** **and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

*Please be seated.*



### *Readings from Holy Scripture*

#### *Old Testament Reading + Isaiah 12:1-6*

You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. <sup>2</sup>“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” <sup>3</sup>With joy you<sup>[c]</sup> will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that

day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.<sup>5</sup> “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.<sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion’ for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Epistle Lesson + 2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;<sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.<sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God’

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as able.*

*Holy Gospel + Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

**C** **Glory be to You oh Lord.**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: and he said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.’ <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called

one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him’ <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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

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

*Please be seated*  
*Hymn of the Day + LSB 915*  
**Today Your Mercy Calls Us**



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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### *Message + Luke 15:21-24*

#### *The Tithes & Offerings*

#### *Offering Verse + Isaiah 12:4*

*And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.*

#### *Offertory + Handbells*

#### *"Be Thou My Vision"*

#### *Prayer of the Church*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

*Collect of the Day*

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Luther's 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. Amen.

*Blessing*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.



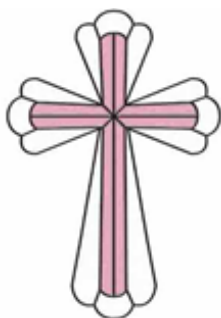
*Closing Hymn + LSB 725*  
**Children of the Heavenly Father**

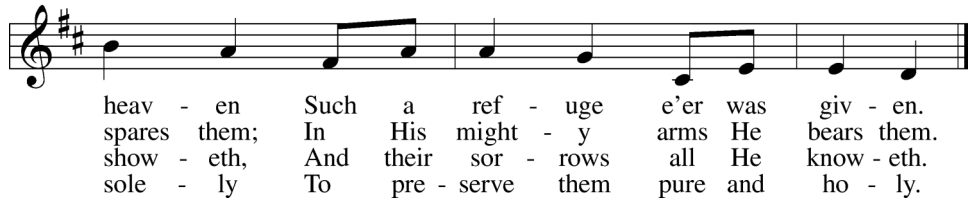


1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose





heav - en    Such a ref - uge    e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them;    In His might - y arms    He bears them.  
 show - eth,    And their sor - rows    all He know - eth.  
 sole - ly    To pre - serve them    pure and ho - ly.

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*Congregational Meeting  
 To follow Worship Service*

*Easter Schedule*

*Easter Sunday  
 April 28<sup>th</sup>*

*Sunrise Service + 7:00 am*

*Easter Breakfast  
 8:30–10:00 am*

*Festival Service + 10:30 am*



***Father, I have  
sinned against  
heaven and  
before you ...***

***Luke 15:21, NRSV***

