



Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

**Midweek Lenten Service #1
Wednesday, March 12th, 2025
Vespers Service**



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

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Welcome and Announcements As We Gather

- P** Our theme for this Midweek Lenten Sermon Series is "Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis". Last week at our Ash Wednesday Service we focused on Adam and Eve's reaction to their fall into sin, to hide from the LORD when He came to them because they were naked. The devil had led them astray by suggesting that the LORD had been holding out on them knowledge that would make them just like Him. That was a lie, since they were created in the image of God, created to have a perfect relationship with Him. We learned that nakedness was more than physical, they were spiritually exposed because their disobedience had corrupted the perfect image of God in which they created. With sinful hearts exposed they could no longer stand in the presence of the sinless Holy God. But the LORD God sacrificed animals to provide for their physical nakedness. This looked forward to the sacrifice to come that is the sinless Lamb of God who would cover over their sinful nature with His robe of righteousness He earned for them with His perfectly obedient life.

Tonight we head back to the Garden of Eden to focus on the consequences and punishment the LORD would enact because of the Fall. For Adam Eve, the consequences were that life would now be painful and hard, and Creation would no longer work in unison with them. For Satan, the serpent, war had been declared between him and the offspring of Eve, and with One particular Offspring who would crush his head, and the power he held over all mankind.

Salutation

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C And also with you.

*Please share the Peace of
your hand*



Christ with a wave of

Please stand as you are able

562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

Sung to the tune from #616 "Baptismal Waters Cover Me"

- 1 All mankind fell in Adam's fall;
One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends,
And over all God's wrath impends.
- 2 Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps
And us in dreadful bondage keeps;

In guilt we draw our infant breath
And reap its fruits of woe and death.

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Service of the Word

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Lent Versicles

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 8

- P** ¹O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
- C** You have set your glory above the heavens.
- P** ²Out of the mouth of babes and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
- C** to still the enemy and the avenger.
- P** ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

C the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

P ⁴what is man that you are mindful of him,

C and the son of man that you care for him?

P ⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

C and crowned him with glory and honor.

P ⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

C you have put all things under his feet,

P ⁷all sheep and oxen,

C and also the beasts of the field,

P ⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,

C whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

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

P ⁹O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C You have set your glory above the heavens.

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Sung to the tune from #616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me"

3 From hearts depraved, to evil prone,
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;

God's image lost, the darkened soul
Seeks not nor finds its heav'nly goal.

- 4 But Christ, the second Adam, came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way,
Our only hope, our only stay.

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Please be seated

Service of the Word

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 3:14-24

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;

and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face

you shall eat bread,

till you return to the ground,

for out of it you were taken;

for you are dust,

and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

²²Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” ²³therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.

²⁴He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 2:5-15

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?”

⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned him with glory and honor,
⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

¹³And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴Since 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, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:14-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th Chapter,

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls.

¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ

Responsory (Lent) *LSB 231*

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

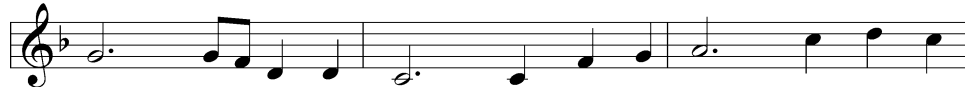
C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

Please be seated

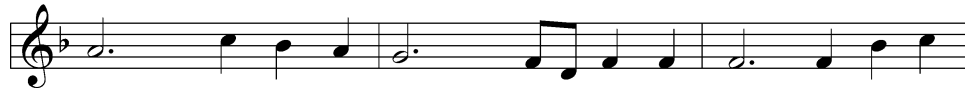
Video Hymn: 561 The Tree of Life



1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's
 2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,
 3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -



ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and
 as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
 res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
 ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this
 guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of
 seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a
 lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
 sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
 tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would
 fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to



knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
 eat, To find with - in this cross of

dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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Sermon: Genesis 3:14-15 "The Good News of a Savior Who Conquers Evil"

Best of the Best #205 "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

Verse 1

In heavenly armor
 We'll enter the land,
 The battle belongs to the Lord!
 No weapon that's fashioned
 Against us will stand,
 The battle belongs to the Lord!

Chorus

We sing glory, honor,
 Power and strength to the Lord!
 We sing glory, honor,
 Power and strength to the Lord!

Verse 2

When the power of darkness
 Comes in like a flood,
 The battle belongs to the Lord!
 He's raised up a standard,
 The pow'r of His blood,
 The battle belongs to the Lord!

Chorus

We sing glory, honor,
Power and strength to the Lord!
We sing glory, honor,
Power and strength to the Lord!

Verse 3

When your enemy presses
In hard do not fear
The battle belongs to the Lord!
Take courage my friend
Your deliverance is near
The battle belongs to the Lord!

Chorus

We sing glory, honor,
Power and strength to the Lord!
We sing glory, honor,
Power and strength to the Lord!

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Catechetical Instruction on the Lord's Prayer: The First Petition

- P** Together we say the First Petition
- C** **Hallowed be Your name.**

- P** What does this mean?
- C** **God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.**

- P** How is God's name kept holy?
- C** **God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the**

children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Offering

Offering Statement

P We do not pass the offering plate here at Lamb of God. If you are a visitor, we don't want you to feel obligated to give an offering, we are just glad that you have joined us for worship this day. Those who would like to give an offering may drop it off in the Offering Box in the Narthex, mail their Offering Envelope in, or use our online giving portal from our website.

Please stand as you are able

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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Please be seated

Prayers

Prayer requests are collected from the Congregation

Kyrie

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- P** Lord, have mercy;
- C** **Christ, have mercy;**
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

Prayers of the Church

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **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**let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** 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.**

Please stand as you are able

Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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.

Lord's Prayer

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 Service

562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

Sung to the tune from #616 "Baptismal Waters Cover Me"

- 5 As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.
- 6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.

This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.

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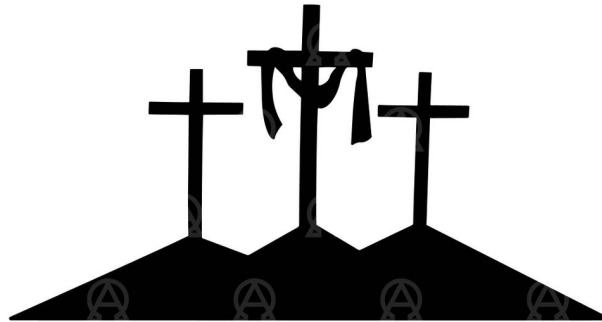
Closing Blessing

P O LORD, our God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that Your Holy Spirit is leading us, and Your hand is supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be and
abide
with you
all

C



Amen

Sermon Notes

Closing

P Go

C



Peace

in peace,
serve the
Lord

Thanks be to God

"Due to slow ticket sales, and the ongoing Lenten Dinners in March, feeling that they may be the cause of the slow ticket sales, we are rescheduling the Angel Dinner for a Saturday in May. More details to come." Tickets already purchased will be honored on the new date. Ticket refunds available. Contact our Church Office.



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Midweek Lenten Service #2

Wednesday March 19th, 2025

Dinner: 5pm

Beef Stew

Worship: 7pm

Genesis 6

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Who Gives Us a New Beginning**



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Our Easter Plant Sale is here!

Easter Lily-6" Pot single stem-----\$10.75

Tulip-6" Pot-----\$8.00

Daffodil-6" Pot-----\$8.00

Hyacinth-6" Pot-----\$8.00

Easter Egg Mum-6" Pot-----\$9.25

Mum Solid Color-6" Pot-----\$9.25

Sign-Up Sheet in the Fellowship Hall!

(Please remember when taking/placing an

order for the 6" mums, tulips, and

hyacinths you will not

be able to order a specific color.

Please place your orders so we can get

them ordered by April 1st, 2025)

Midweek Lenten Sermon Series:

Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis

- Midweek #2 March 19th: The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Us a New Beginning (Genesis 6)
- Midweek #3 March 26th: The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Himself in Our Place (Genesis 22:1-18)
- Midweek #4: April 2nd: The Good News of a Savior Who Unites Heaven and Earth (Genesis 28:10-22)
- Midweek #5: April 9th: The Good News of a Savior Who Brings Good from Evil (Genesis 50:15-21)

Lenten Dinners will be at 5pm starting Ash Wednesday. Worship begins at 7pm. There will be the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday (*only*).



Lenten Dinner Menu

- March 19th-Beef Stew w/ Salad & Bread
- March 26th- French Onion Soup w/ Salad & Bread
- April 2nd- Vegetable Beef Soup w/ Salad & Bread
- April 9th- Pot Luck (There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board)

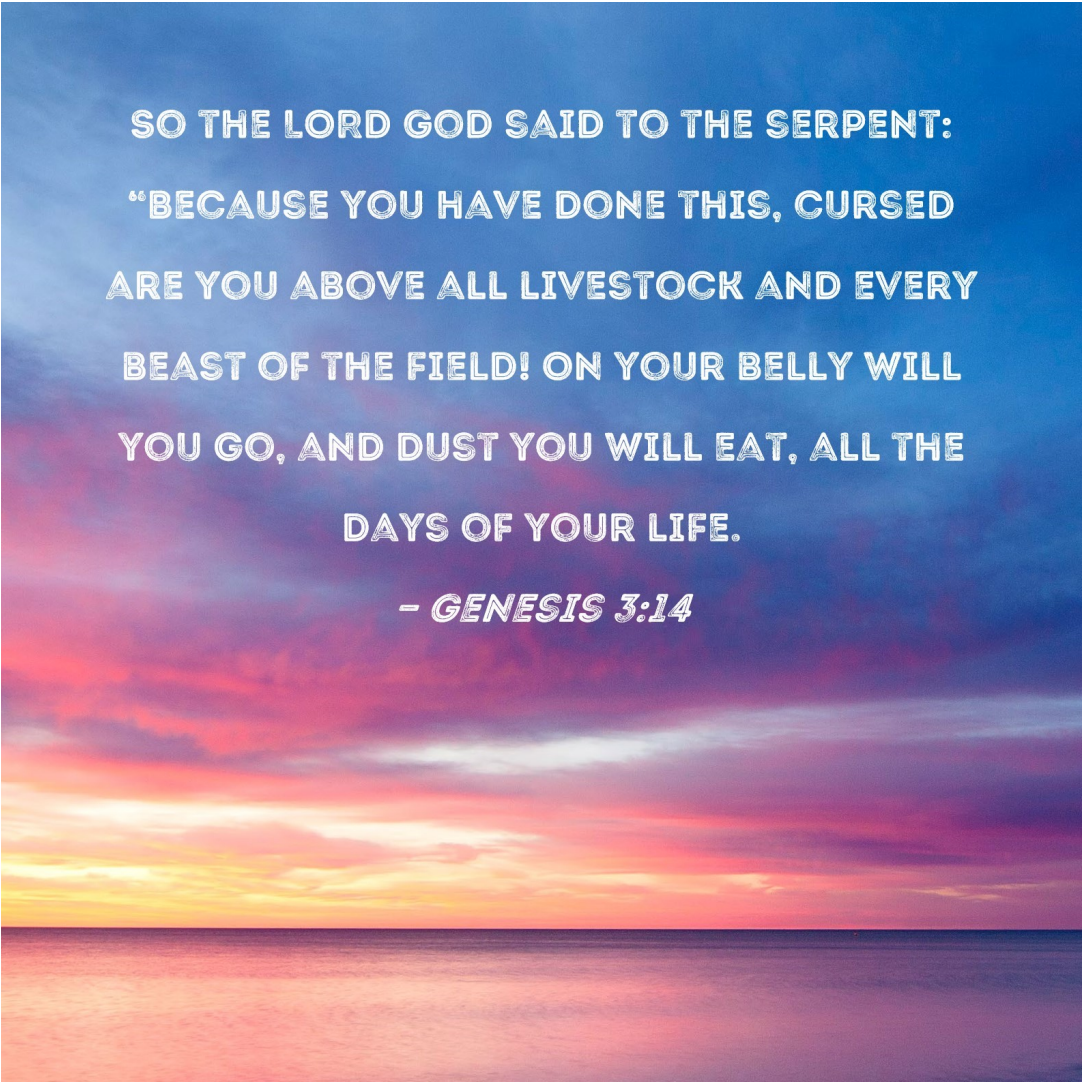


Congregational Meeting
Sunday March 30th, 2025!
All are welcome to attend our
congregational meeting
Sunday March 30th, 2025
after service!



LWML is having a
Build a Hot Dog Luncheon
Sunday, March 23rd
Fellowship Hour

Come and enjoy a luncheon after service to build a hot dog to help the LWML to support our SEM students they are sponsoring! There will be plenty of condiments and several type of hot dog recipes that we know you'll love! We will have Flint Style Coney Dog's, Detroit Style Coney Dog's, German Style Dog's, etc.



SO THE LORD GOD SAID TO THE SERPENT:
“BECAUSE YOU HAVE DONE THIS, CURSED
ARE YOU ABOVE ALL LIVESTOCK AND EVERY
BEAST OF THE FIELD! ON YOUR BELLY WILL
YOU GO, AND DUST YOU WILL EAT, ALL THE
DAYS OF YOUR LIFE.

- GENESIS 3:14