



Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

**Midweek Lenten Service #1
Wednesday February 25th, 2026,
Vespers Service**



**Lamb of God Lutheran
Church Midweek Lenten
Sermon Series #2**

Wednesday March 4th, 2026

Dinner: 5:00 pm

Sponsored by the LWML Ladies

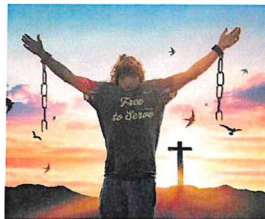
Worship: 7:00 pm

Serman Series for Lent:

Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus

Exodus 4:1-20

**Good News of the God Who Sends a
Deliverer.**



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Welcome and Announcements

As We Gather

Our theme for this Midweek Lenten Sermon Series is "Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus". Sometimes we can see the Old Testament as centered on and filled with the Law. And there is good reason for that. Israel itself referred to the first five books of the Bible as "The Law", and the remainder "The Prophets". But as we look at the historical account that begins the book of Exodus, we see that the "Gospel" (which means "Good News") abounds. The Gospel is what God was doing to save His Children, Israel, from slavery in Egypt. In this account we can see a foreshadowing of the salvation work accomplished for us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Last week on Ash Wednesday we looked at "The God Who Hears and Answers". He hears our cries as we struggle with slavery to sin and has answered by establishing and growing repentant faith in all who believe. Tonight, we will focus on the account of Moses' call to Shepherd Israel, God's flock, with the sermon from Exodus 3:1-15 "The God Who Reveals Himself to Us".

Salutation

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always
- C** And also with you.

Please share the Peace of Christ with your fellow worshipers

798 The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
 3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
 From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
 Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
 And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.

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Service of the Word

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.

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 124

- P** ¹ If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—
let Israel now say—
- C** ² if it had not been the LORD who was on our side
when people rose up against us,
- P** ³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
- C** ⁴ then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
- P** ⁵ then over us would have gone
the raging waters.
- C** ⁶ Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth!

P ⁷ We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;

C the snare is broken,
and we have escaped!

P ⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C who made heaven and earth.

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.

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4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.
5 Though na - ture's strength de - cay, And earth and hell with - stand,
6 The good - ly land I see, With peace and plen - ty blest:



I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.
To Ca - naan's bounds I urge my way At His com - mand.
A land of sa - cred lib - er - ty And end - less rest.



I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore
The wa - t'ry deep I pass, With Je - sus in my view,
There milk and hon - ey flow, And oil and wine a - bound,



And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.
And through the howl - ing wil - der - ness My way pur - sue.
And trees of life for - ev - er grow With mer - cy crowned.

Please be seated

Service of the Word

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

¹²He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”

¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 2:6-10

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

Holy Gospel: John 8:48-59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eight chapter

C **Glory to You, O Lord**

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord

C **Praise to You, O Christ**

Responsory (Lent)

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- 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

540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van-quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
There to share Your wedding feast.

△6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

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Sermon: Exodus 3:4-8a **“The God Who Reveals Himself to Us”**

Audio Hymn: Best of the Best Hymnal #81 "He Will Come and Save You"

Verse 1

Say to those who are fearful-hearted
Do not be afraid
The Lord your God is strong
And with His mighty arms
When you call out His name
He will come and save

Chorus

He will come and save you
He will come and save you
Say to the weary one
Your God will surely come
He will come and save you
He will come and save you
He will come and save you
He will come and save you
Lift up your eyes to Him
You will arise again
He will come and save you

Verse 2

Say to those who are broken-hearted
Do not lose your faith
The Lord your God is strong
And with his loving arms
When you call on His name
He will come and save

Chorus

He will come and save you
He will come and save you

Say to the weary one
Your God will surely come
He will come and save you
He will come and save you
He will come and save you
Lift up your eyes to Him
You will arise again
He will come and save you

Bridge

You'll be our refuge in the day of trouble
You'll be our shelter in the time of storm
You'll be our tower in the day of great sorrow
You'll be Our fortress in the time of war

Chorus

He will come and save you
He will come and save you
Say to the weary one
Your God will surely come
He will come and save you
He will come and save you
He will come and save you
Lift up your eyes to Him
You will arise again
He will come and save you

Final Refrain

Lift up your eyes to Him
You will arise again
He will come and save you
(Repeat)

Songwriters: Gary Sadler / Bob Fitts

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Catechetical Instruction: The Lord's Prayer

The Introduction

P Together we say the Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father who art in heaven.**

P What does this mean?

C **With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

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, the box across from the Church Office, 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

A Lamb of God Favorite

△ 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.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711
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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** 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**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

C 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

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7 There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righ - teous - ness,
8 The God who reigns on high The great arch - an - gels sing,
△ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.



Tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.
And "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry, "Al - might - y King!
"Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" They ev - er cry.



On Zi - on's sa - cred height His king - dom He main - tains
Who was and is the same And ev - er - more shall be:
Hail, A - br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:



And glo - rious with His saints in light For - ev - er reigns.
Je - ho - vah, Fa - ther, great I AM! We wor - ship Thee!"
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

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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

Closing Peace

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God

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Sermon Notes

GOD SAID TO MOSES, "I AM WHO I
AM. THIS IS WHAT YOU ARE TO SAY
TO THE ISRAELITES: 'I AM HAS SENT
ME TO YOU.'"

- EXODUS 3:14

