



# **Lamb Of God Lutheran Church**

**Midweek Lenten Service #2  
Wednesday March 4th, 2026,  
Vespers Service**



**Lamb of God Lutheran  
Church Midweek Lenten  
Sermon Series #3**

**Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

***Dinner: 5:00 pm***

*Sponsored by Melissa Metcalf, David & Judy  
Dawson: Chicken Noodle Soup, Biscuits & Fixings*

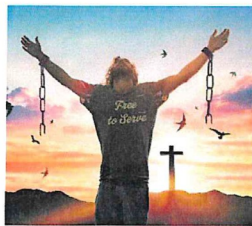
***Worship: 7:00 pm***

*Serman Series for Lent:*

*Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus*

*Exodus 12:1-14*

**Good News of the God Who Passes Over  
Us in Mercy.**



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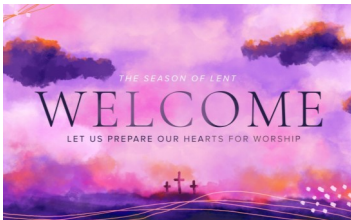
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## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **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 we focused on the account of Moses' who was called from shepherding the flock of his father-in-law Jethro to Shepherd Israel, God's flock. God the Son appeared to him from the midst of a burning bush and revealed Himself to be I AM WHO I AM, or as can also be translated I WILL BE WHO I WILL BE. He is the God of Moses' ancestors who foretold Israel's slavery in Egypt and promised long ago that He would come and redeem them. He is the God who is beyond our understanding, but we can know Him best through His loving acts of salvation.

Tonight, we focus on Moses as God's man and means through which He will deliver His people. Moses is a reluctant deliverer who of himself is lacking what it takes. We will compare and contrast Moses to our perfect Deliverer to whom Moses points.

## Salutation

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

*Please share the Peace of Christ with your fellow worshipers*

### **355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide**

*Sung to the tune from #405 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"*

- 1 O Savior, rend the heavens wide;  
Come down, come down with mighty stride;  
Unlock the gates, the doors break down;  
Unbar the way to heaven's crown.
  
- 2 O Father, light from heaven send;  
As morning dew, O Son, descend.  
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:  
To Jacob's line rain down the King.

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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 25:1-10

**P** <sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

**C** <sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust;

**P** let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.

**C** <sup>3</sup> Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**P** <sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.

**C** <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.

**P** <sup>6</sup> Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

**C** <sup>7</sup> **Remember not the sins of my youth or my  
transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

**P** <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD;

**C** **therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

**P** <sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**C** <sup>10</sup> **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and  
faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his  
testimonies.**

**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.**

### 355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

*Sung to the tune from #405 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"*

3 O earth, in flow'ring bud be seen;  
Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.  
Bring forth, O earth, a blossom rare,  
Our Savior, sprung from meadow fair.

4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?  
When will You come with comfort strong?  
O come, O come, Your throne forego;  
Console us in our vale of woe.

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*Please be seated*

## Service of the Word

### Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 4:1-20

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses answered, “But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you.’” <sup>2</sup>The LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?” He said, “A staff.” <sup>3</sup>And he said, “Throw it on the ground.” So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. <sup>4</sup>But the LORD said to Moses, “Put out your hand and catch it by the tail”—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand— <sup>5</sup>“that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.” <sup>6</sup>Again, the LORD said to him, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. <sup>7</sup>Then God said, “Put your hand back inside your cloak.” So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. <sup>8</sup>“If they will not believe you,” God said, “or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. <sup>9</sup>If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground.”

<sup>10</sup>But Moses said to the LORD, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.” <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? <sup>12</sup>Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.” <sup>13</sup>But he said, “Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.”

<sup>14</sup>Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, “Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. <sup>15</sup>You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do. <sup>16</sup>He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him. <sup>17</sup>And take in your hand this staff, with which you shall do the signs.”

<sup>18</sup>Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, “Please let me go back to my brothers in Egypt to see whether they are still alive.” And Jethro said to Moses, “Go in peace.” <sup>19</sup>And the LORD said to Moses in Midian, “Go back to Egypt, for all the men who were seeking your life are dead.” <sup>20</sup>So Moses took his wife and his sons and had them ride on a donkey, and went back to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand.

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

**G** Thanks be to God

## Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup>who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house. <sup>3</sup>For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup>(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) <sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup>but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord  
**C** Thanks be to God

*Please stand as you are able*

## Holy Gospel: John 8:30-38

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th Chapter  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>30</sup>As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. <sup>37</sup>I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. <sup>38</sup>I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

- 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*

### **398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

*Sung to the tune from #915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"*

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity.
  
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy  
To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in His sight.

- 3 He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall fall down before Him  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him,  
His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.
- 5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,  
He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever—  
That name to us is Love.

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## **Sermon: Exodus 4:10-17 "The God Who Sends a Deliverer"**

**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

He will come and save you lyrics © Integrity's Hosanna! Music, Paintbrush Music

# Catechetical Instruction: The Lord's Prayer

## The Second Petition

**P** Together we say the Second Petition

**C** **Thy kingdom come.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.**

**P** How does God's kingdom come?

**C** **God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.**

## The Third Petition

**P** Together we say the Third Petition

**C** **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

**P** How is God's will done?

**C** **God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**

# Offering

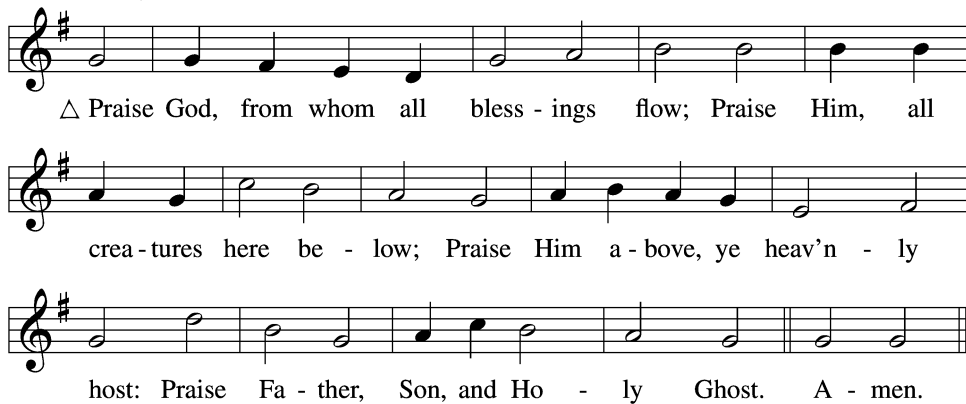
## Offering Statement

**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

*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.

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*Please be seated*

# Prayers

*Prayer requests are collected from the Congregation*

## Kyrie

*LSB 233*

- 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

### 729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

*A Lamb of God Favorite*



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;  
2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,  
3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;  
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.  
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.  
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.  
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

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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*

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**And Moses said to the  
LORD, O my LORD, I am  
not eloquent, neither  
heretofore, nor since you  
have spoken to your  
servant...**

**—Exodus 4:10**