



# Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

**Midweek Lenten Service #4  
Wednesday March 18th, 2026,  
Vespers Service**



*Midweek*  
**Lenten**  
*Service*

**Lamb of God Lutheran  
Church Midweek Lenten  
Sermon Series #5**

**Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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

*Sponsored by Pastor Mark & Susan Pretznaw,  
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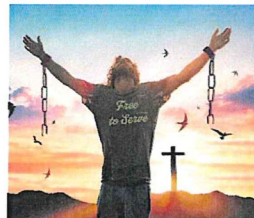
***Worship: 7:00 pm***

*Sermon Series for Lent:*

*Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus*

*Exodus 16:1-18, 35*

**Good News of the God Who Sustains Us  
on Our Journey.**



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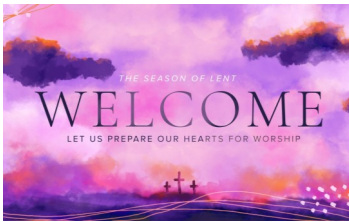
*Empowered by Christ's Sacraments to be His witness in  
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## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **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 final 10th Plague the LORD brought upon Egypt to show them that He alone is God, and that Pharaoh better honor His command to let His people go. The Plague was the death of all the firstborn male children and the firstborn of their animals. But the LORD provided protection from this for the Children of Israel telling them to apply the blood of a slaughtered lamb to the doorposts and lintel of their homes. This blood, forming the shape of a cross, protected all who were inside. This was the institution of the Passover Festival. Jesus took this Passover celebration and fulfilled it with His institution of the Lord's Supper, where His blood, the blood of the Lamb of God sacrificed on the wooden cross, protects all who believe in Him from eternal damnation.

Tonight, we focus on what happens as Israel tries to leave Egypt. They find themselves cornered at the Red Sea. But the LORD, who is mighty to save, will provide the way of salvation.

## 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 worshippers*

## 877 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven



- 1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:
- 2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,
- 3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,
- △ 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your  
May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the  
May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,  
pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,  
last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,  
grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.  
Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.  
But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.  
And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

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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 121

- P** I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?
- C** **My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heav'n and earth.**
- P** He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- C** **Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- P** The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- C** **The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**
- P** The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.
- C** **The LORD will keep your going out and your  
coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
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.**

## 601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;  
 2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.  
 Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re - demp - tion they shall stand A - mong the glo - rious,  
 Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
 ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

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*Please be seated*



## Service of the Word

### Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 14:5-31

<sup>5</sup>When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, “What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?” <sup>6</sup>So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, <sup>7</sup>and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly. <sup>9</sup>The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

<sup>10</sup>When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

<sup>15</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup>Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground.

<sup>17</sup>And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

<sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup>clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

<sup>26</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.  
<sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

**C** Thanks be to God

*Please stand as you are able*

## Holy Gospel: John 14:1-6

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th, chapter

**C** Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>1</sup>“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**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*



## 487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

*Sung to the tune from LSB # 374 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"*

1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought His Israel  
Into joy from sadness,  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters,  
Led them with unmoistened foot  
Through the Red Sea waters.

2 'Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ has burst His prison  
And from three days' sleep in death  
As a sun has risen;  
All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From His light, to whom is giv'n  
Laud and praise undying.

3 Now the queen of seasons, bright  
With the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts  
Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to gladden faithful hearts  
Which with true affection  
Welcome in unwearied strain  
Jesus' resurrection!

4 For today among His own  
Christ appeared, bestowing  
His deep peace, which evermore  
Passes human knowing.  
Neither could the gates of death  
Nor the tomb's dark portal  
Nor the watchers nor the seal  
Hold Him as a mortal.

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# Sermon: Exodus 14:13-14

## "The Good News of the God Who Makes a Way for Us"

Video Worship Hymn "Mighty to Save" *Performed by Hillsong Worship*

### Verse 1

Well, everyone needs compassion  
A love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Well, everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

### Chorus

Savior, He can move the mountains  
And my God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of Salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

### Verse 2

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
And fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
And now I surrender, I surrender

### Chorus

Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of Salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

### **Bridge**

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

### **Chorus**

Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of Salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave  
*[Repeat]*

### **Outro**

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

*Written by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan*

## **Catechetical Instruction: The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Sixth Petition**

**P** Together, let us say the Sixth Petition

**C** **And lead us not into temptation.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

## The Seventh Petition

**P** Together, Let us say the Seventh Petition

**C** **But deliver us from evil.**

**P** What does this mean?

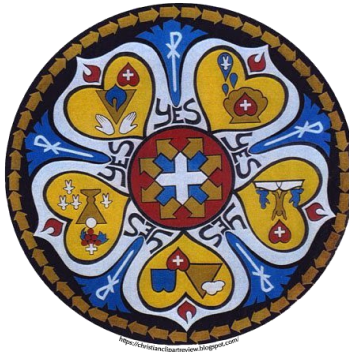
**C** **We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.**

## 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.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711  
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois  
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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

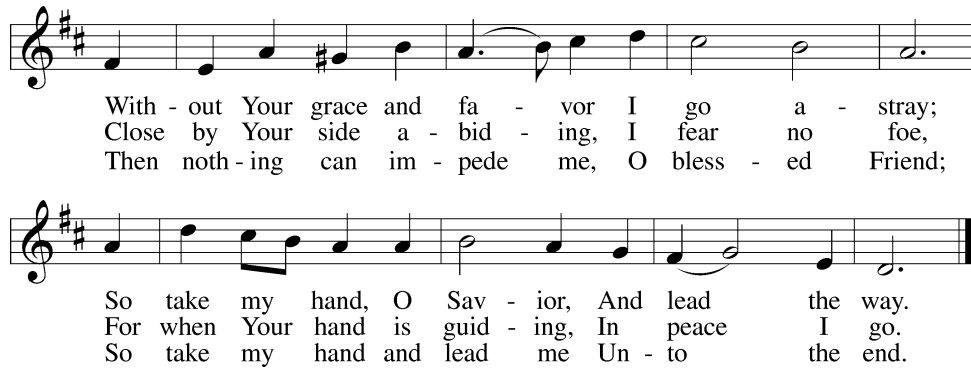
### 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.  
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.  
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;  
 So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.  
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the 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

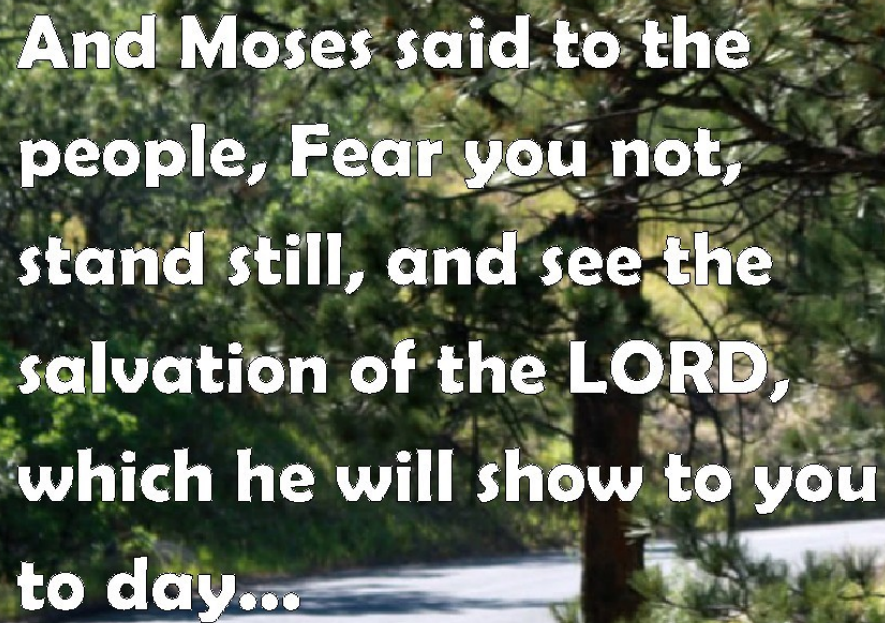
## Closing Peace

**P** Go in peace, serve the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

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**And Moses said to the  
people, Fear you not,  
stand still, and see the  
salvation of the LORD,  
which he will show to you  
to day...**

**—Exodus 14:13**