



# Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

**Midweek Lenten Service #5  
Wednesday March 25th, 2026,  
Vespers Service**





SUNDAY, MARCH 29th @ 10:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY + DIVINE SERVICE

*With Procession of the Palms*

THURSDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> @ 7:00 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY + DIVINE SERVICE

*Stripping of the Altar*

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD @ 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY + TENEBRAE SERVICE

*Darkening of the Sanctuary as we read  
the accounts of Christ's Passion*

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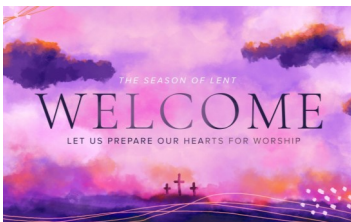
*Empowered by Christ's Sacraments to be His witness in  
Friendship/Fellowship/and Faith.*

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## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **As We Gather**

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.

So far, we have seen the LORD come and appear in a bush that is burning, yet not being consumed, in order to call a reluctant Moses, who exiled himself out fears over past sins. Moses tries to resist, but the LORD insists, telling Moses that He will be the power and the message behind Moses' service.

Moses, as the LORD's prophet, pronounces 10 plagues upon Egypt, each aimed at showing them and the Israelites that there is no God but the LORD. The final plague is the death of all first born males and animals. But the Children of Israel are spared by the blood of a sacrificed lamb on the doorposts of their houses. This blood finds its power pointing forward to the blood of the Lamb of Sacrifice, Jesus Christ, who saves all who believe from eternal death.

Then, on their way out of Egypt, they find themselves cornered at the Red Sea. They cry out and the LORD responds with a miracle, by opening the way of escape through the Sea and using those same waters crashing back down to eliminate these Egyptians forever.

Tonight, we look at what happens when Israel finds themselves in wilderness with no food. Even though they respond by whining and complaining instead of petitioning the LORD in prayer, He responds in a miraculous way to sustain them throughout their journey to the Promised Land.

## 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*

## 750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in  
2 What can these anx - ious cares a - void thee, These nev - er -



Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what-e'er be -  
ceas - ing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou be -



side thee, And bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
wail thee O'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and



God's un - chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.  
tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.

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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 103:1-12

**P** <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,

**C** and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

**P** <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,

**C** and forget not all his benefits,

**P** <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity,

**C** who heals all your diseases,

**P** <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit,

**C** who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

**P** <sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good

**C** so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**P** <sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness

**C** and justice for all who are oppressed.

**P** <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses,

**C** his acts to the people of Israel.

**P** <sup>8</sup> The LORD is merciful and gracious,

**C** slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**P** <sup>9</sup> He will not always chide,

**C** nor will he keep his anger forever.

**P** <sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins,

**C** nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**P** <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

**C** so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**P** <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,

**C** so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**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.

*Please be seated*



## 750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee



3 Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure In cheer-ful  
4 God knows full well when times of glad-ness Shall be the  
5 Nor think a - mid the fi - ery tri - al That God hath



hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's  
need - ful thing for thee. When He has tried thy soul with  
cast thee off un - heard, That he whose hopes meet no de -



plea - sure And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our  
sad - ness And from all guile has found thee free, He comes to  
ni - al Must sure - ly be of God pre - ferred. Time pass - es



in - most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.  
thee all un - a - ware And makes thee own His lov - ing care.  
and much change doth bring And sets a bound to ev - 'ry - thing.

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## Service of the Word

### Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 16:1-24, 35

<sup>1</sup>They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them,

“Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” <sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

<sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” <sup>17</sup>And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup>But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. <sup>19</sup>And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” <sup>20</sup>But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup>Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

<sup>22</sup>On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers each. And when all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses, <sup>23</sup>he said to them, “This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD; bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over lay aside to be kept till the morning.’” <sup>24</sup>So they laid it aside till the morning, as Moses commanded them, and it did not stink, and there were no worms in it.

<sup>35</sup>The people of Israel ate the manna forty years, till they came to a habitable land. They ate the manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

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

**G** Thanks be to God

*Please stand as you are able*

## Holy Gospel: John 6:25-35

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

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”

<sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” <sup>31</sup>Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

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

**G** **Praise be 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*

### 754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens




1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing  
2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -  
3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -  
4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for




hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The  
cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That  
mayed; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And  
you In ways to rouse your won - der At



sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the  
your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no  
makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with  
all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise


  
 tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will  
 wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can  
 pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -  
 keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow'rs Will


  
 find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.  
 win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.  
 til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.  
 ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.

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## Sermon: Exodus 16:4-6, 35 "The Good News of the God Who Sustains Us on Our Journey"



**Audio Recorded Hymn 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer**  
*Performed by Elevation Worship*



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more;  
 shield;  
 Thee;  
 Feed me till I want no more.  
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717–91, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722–96, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. William Williams, 1717–91  
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## Catechetical Instruction: The Lord's Prayer

### The Conclusion

- P** Let us recite together the Conclusion of the Lord's Prayer
- G** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

- P** What does this mean?
- C** **This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”**
- P** Since these words were not originally a part of the Prayer our Lord taught His disciples to pray, why do we include them?
- C** **They are drawn from the prayer offered by King David to the LORD on behalf of the assembly of all God's people in 1 Chronicles 29:11 "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all." Amen**

## 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.**

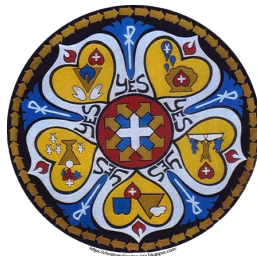
**P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**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

### 750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee



6 All are a - like be - fore the High - est; 'Tis eas - y  
7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways un - swerv - ing, Per - form thy



for our God, we know, To raise thee up, though low thou  
du - ties faith - ful - ly, And trust His Word; though un - de -



li - est, To make the rich man poor and low. True won - ders  
serv - ing, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee. God nev - er



still by Him are wrought Who set - teth up and brings to naught.  
yet for - sook in need The soul that trust - ed Him in - deed.

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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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## **Lamb of God Easter Schedule**

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**7:30 AM:** Bagels &  
Pastries

**8:00 AM:** Early Divine  
Service

**9:00 AM-10:30 AM**  
Easter Breakfast

**11:00 AM:** Divine  
Festival Service

*Fellowship Hour  
following*

*11 AM Worship*