

Lamb of God Lutheran Church

The Fourth Sunday After Trinity
Sunday, July 5, 2020

Pastor: Carl Noble

Our Mission Statement

Lamb of God shares God's love in Jesus with each other,
for our community, and throughout the world.

*Jesus:
Know Him! Follow Him! Share Him!*

Helping with the Service

Organist: Louis Mayer

Soloist: Amy Trosclair

Ushers: 8:00 AM

John Remond

Brian Remond

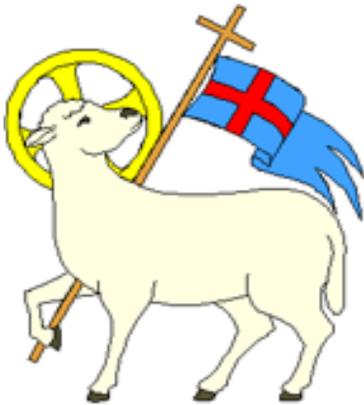
Justin Remond

10:30 AM

Michelle Bonin

Jackie Kennedy

Greeter: Cathy Henderson



WELCOME GUESTS!

We are blessed to have you worship with us today! If you are searching for a church home, we would love to have you consider Lamb of God. Please leave your contact information on the *Welcome* form found in your worship folder and we will try to contact you this week.

HOLY COMMUNION

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, also called the Lord's Supper. We believe Jesus makes a wonderful promise to us in this meal. He promises that he is here with his Body and Blood, "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;" in, with, and under the bread and wine. *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; Corinthians 11:23-26*. This is a mystery we receive by faith. Many of us have found it helpful to reflect on these questions as we prepare our hearts to receive this gift.

As a baptized Christian:

- Do I believe I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?
- Do I believe my heavenly Father sent his Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and rise again for the forgiveness of my sins”?
- Do I trust Jesus’ promise “this is my body...this is my blood...given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins”?
- Do I seek strength from Jesus to pattern my life more and more after him and his calling to me?

As the Holy Spirit leads you to answer “yes” to all these questions, Jesus is inviting you to receive this precious gift. Young children and those who prefer to receive a blessing are welcome to come forward and cross their arms as they kneel.

IN THE BIBLE READINGS FOR TODAY’S SERVICE ...

Christ’s Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others

“Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful” (Luke 6:36–42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, *“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay”* (Rom. 12:14–21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15–21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8–13).

Prelude

WELCOME

A HYMN OF PRAISE: The Star Spangled Banner

Verses 1 & 4

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land Praise the
power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation! Then conquer we
must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto - "In God is our trust,"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Please stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Worshippers: Amen

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

EXHORTATION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins
unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to
grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Worshippers: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

Worshippers: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

All Worshipers: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Worshippers: Amen.

Please be seated

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD:

The First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

Worshippers: Thanks be to God!

"God Bless Our Native Land"

soloist – Amy Trosclair

The Second Reading

Acts 17:1-9

¹Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ²And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer

and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.” ⁴And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, ⁷and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.” ⁸And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. ⁹And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

Worshippers: Thanks be to God!

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Verses 1 & 4

Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage
Where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning
Of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

Chorus

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.*

In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom
That transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy,
Let us die to make men free;
While God is marching on.

Chorus

Please stand for the reading from the life of Christ

Reading from the Life of Christ

Luke 6:36-42

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

Worshippers: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶[Jesus said:] “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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THE SERMON:

Luke 6:36-42

THE GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Worshippers: Lord, have mercy.

WE PREPARE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Worshippers: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Worshippers: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

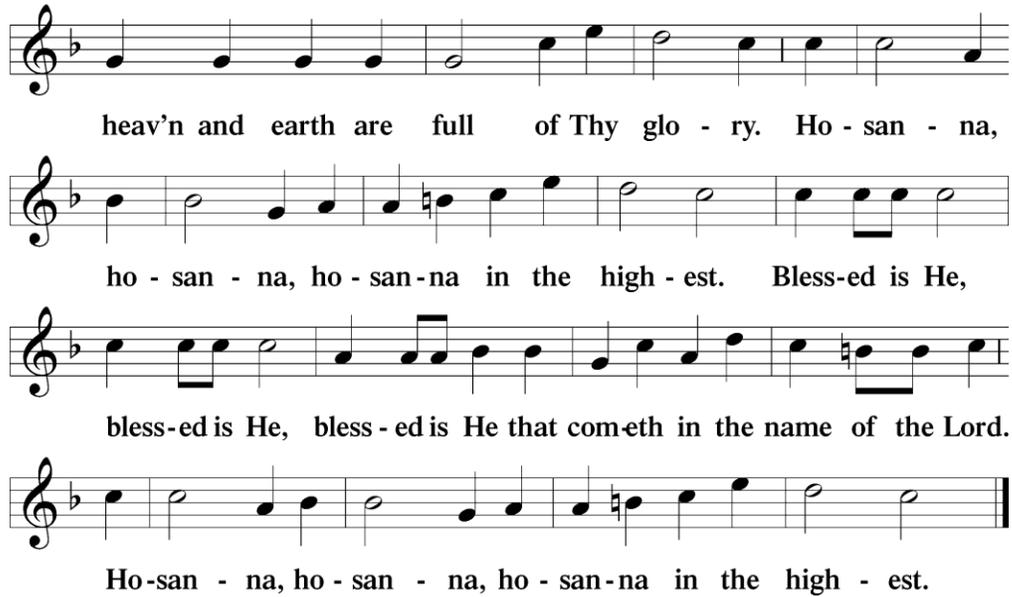
Worshippers: It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



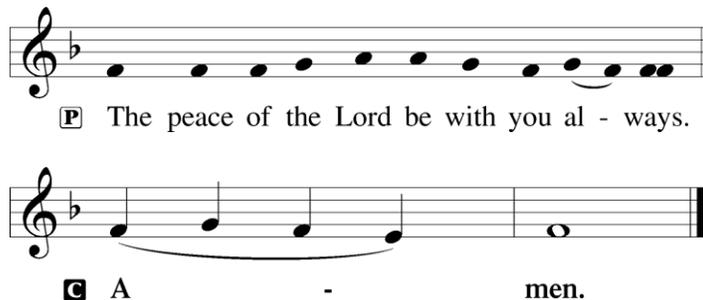
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Worshippers: 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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

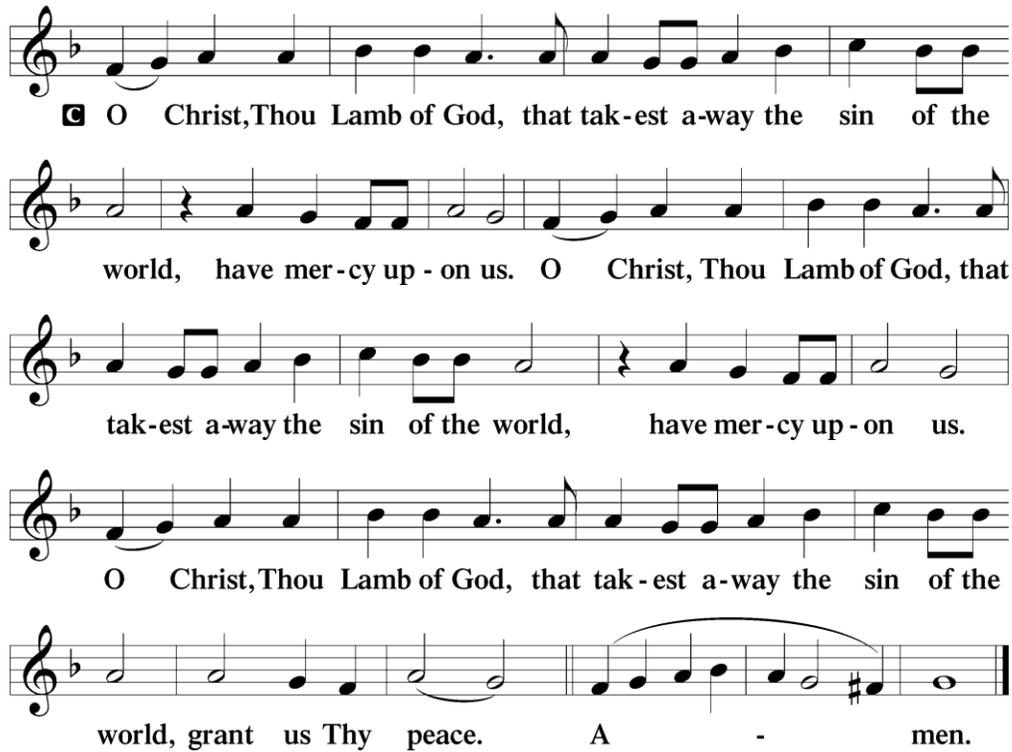
THE PEACE OF THE LORD



The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
 A - men.

THE LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

My Country 'Tis of Thee

Verses 1 & 4

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside
Let freedom ring!

Our fathers' God to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God our King.

America, the Beautiful

Verses 1 & 4

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

SONG OF SIMEON



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray,

Worshippers: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

Worshippers: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Worshippers: Amen.

Please be seated

DEPARTING HYMN: **Onward, Christian Soldiers**

LSB 662 Stanzas 1 & 3

1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;

For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.

Refrain

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,
 With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Postlude

Announcement: *Our Lamb of God Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 19th immediately following the 10:30 AM service.*