

Lamb of God Lutheran Church

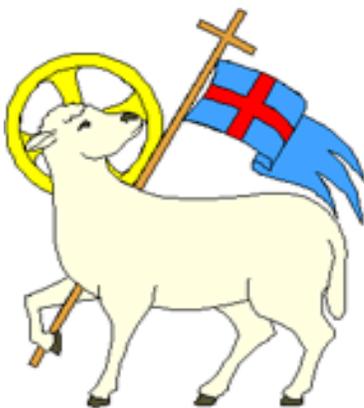
The Eighth Sunday After Trinity
Sunday, August 2, 2020

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

Greeters: 8:00 AM

Kathy Jones

10:30 AM

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 ...

Beware of False Prophets

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matt. 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer. 23:16–29). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. *"You will recognize them by their fruits"* (Matt. 7:20). The "*fruits*" of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father's adopted ones (Rom. 8:12–17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27–38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Prelude

WELCOME

A HYMN OF PRAISE: With the Lord Begin Your Task

LSB 869 Stanzas 1 & 2



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.

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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

Jeremiah 23:16-29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word,

or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,

a whirling tempest;

it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back

until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets,

yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,

yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council,

then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,

and they would have turned them from their evil way,

and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

Worshippers: Thanks be to God!

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

soloist – Amy Trosclair

The Second Reading

Acts 20:27-38

²⁷[Paul said:] “For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

³⁶And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

Worshippers: Thanks be to God!

Please stand for the reading from the life of Christ

Reading from the Life of Christ

Matthew 7:15-23

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

Worshippers: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Worshippers: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH:

Pastor: God has given us a great message to take to His world. Let us remind ourselves and one another of what that message is:

Pastor: I believe in God the Father, Almighty.

Worshippers: Maker of heaven and earth

Pastor: And in His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Worshippers: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

Pastor: Born of the Virgin Mary

Worshippers: Suffered under Pontius Pilate

Pastor: Was crucified, died and was buried.

Worshippers: He descended into hell.

Pastor: On the third day He rose again from the dead,

Worshippers: And ascended into heaven

Pastor: And sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty

Worshippers: From there He will come to judge the living and the dead

Pastor: I believe in the Holy Spirit,

Worshippers: The Holy Christian Church,

All: the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Please be seated

THE SERMON HYMN:

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

LSB 707 Stanzas 1 & 2



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!
2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin-cere;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.

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THE SERMON:

Matthew 7:15-23

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

**Worshipers: 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

P 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:

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637 Stanzas 1 & 2



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.

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Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636 Stanzas 1 & 2



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.

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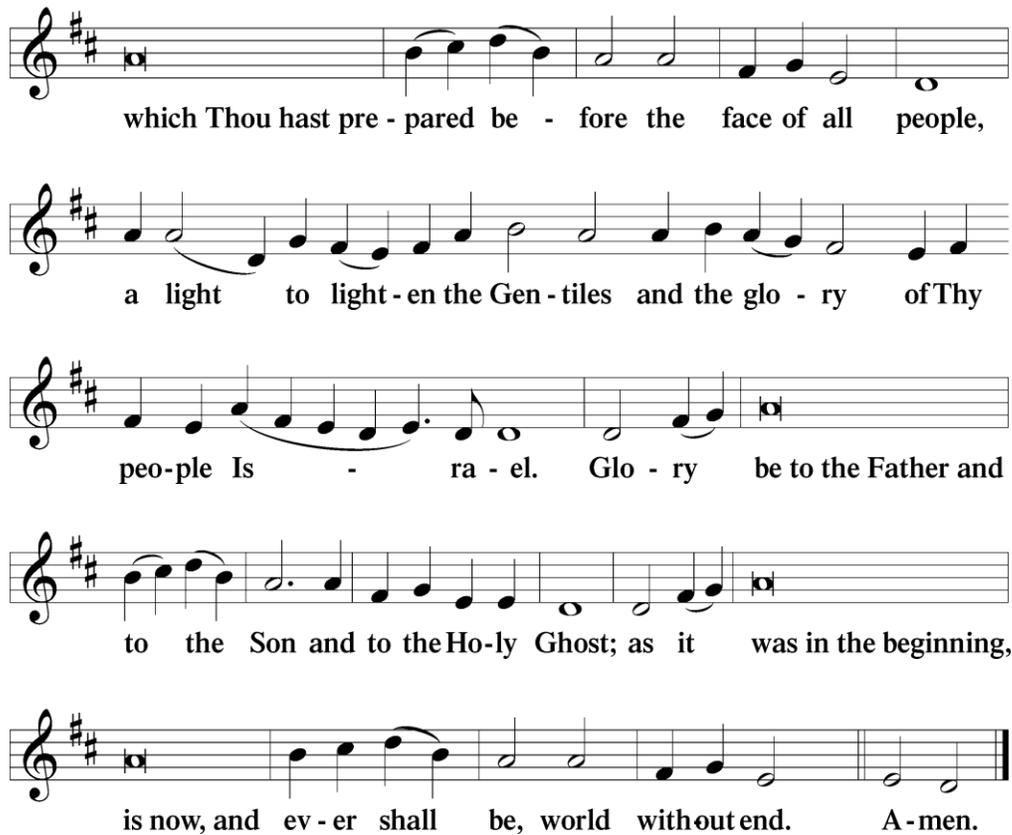
SONG OF SIMEON



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.

Psalms 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: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

LSB 660 Stanzas 1 & 2



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Postlude

