



Lamb of God

Lutheran Church



"Planted in the house of the LORD,
they will flourish in the courts of our God." Psalm 92:13

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Members: If you're a Lamb of God member, **welcome** to you! If you're attending online, would you please check-in by texting "Family" to 614-860-5806 or by sending pastor an email.

Guests: We are so glad you are here! **Welcomel** Would you please take a moment to fill that out a digital connect card so we can continue to stay in touch with you? **Text "Hello" to 614-860-5806.** If you have questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to ask. **And do let us know how we can pray for you! We want to stay connected to Jesus and each other. Here you are family.** God bless your worship with us and God bless you!

Parents: Thank you for bringing your children to worship today! Jesus welcomes all to come to him for blessing. Help your children learn when it is time to sing and pray and when it is time to be quiet and listen to God's Word. And don't be too hard on them or yourself. Talk with them about what we're doing and why. Help them understand and apply God's Word to their lives. We're in this together with you. God bless your worship *and* your godly calling as a parent!

Seasonal Color: Green, this color signifies spiritual life, growth and fulfillment (foliage and ripening fruit—Jesus is the vine and we are the branches vitally connected to Him).

Today's Service Theme: The work of the gospel is invisible, but real. It is hidden, but with results that can be seen—even if the power behind those visible results remains a mystery. That is true of the kingdom of God, the Church. It is also true of the kingdom of God hidden within the individual member of the church. Faith that is the result of the living seed of the Word is alive and gives evidence of its life.

Holy Communion: Lamb of God confesses and practices the Biblical teaching of *Closed Communion*. We ask that only members of the Wisconsin Synod [WELS] or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS] join us at the Lord's Table. If you have questions concerning this Biblical communion practice, or would like to inquire about how you can commune at the Lord's Table here, please speak with Pastor.



SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
CW 255 v. 1, 4-5

- 1) Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there, Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for him who answers prayer. Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 4) Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep thy gift divine, Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May

thy Word still o'er me shine As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.

- 5) Speak, O God, and I will hear thee; Let thy will be done indeed. May I undisturbed draw near thee While thou dost thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

Minister: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**

M: The LORD is upright;
C: **he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.**

(Psalm 92:15)

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: **Amen.**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise!



C: **O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.**

Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our life
 with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;
 you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare
 your on-ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo-rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of
 God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther, you came to live with us;
 you made your Fa-ther known; you washed us from our sins in
 your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!
 O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:1-10

3 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³ Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴ Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

⁶ When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷ This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

"By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸ But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 92, CW p.101

Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

How great are your | works, O LORD,*
how pro | found your thoughts!

The senseless man | does not know,*
fools do not | understand,

that though the wicked spring | up like grass,*
and all evildoers | flourish,

they will be forever | destroyed.*
But you, O LORD, are exalted for | ever.

Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The righteous will flourish like a | palm tree,*
they will flourish in the courts | of our God.

They will still bear fruit | in old age,*
they will stay | fresh and green,

proclaiming, "The LORD is | upright;*
he is my rock, and there is no wicked | ness in him."

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
As it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND LESSON

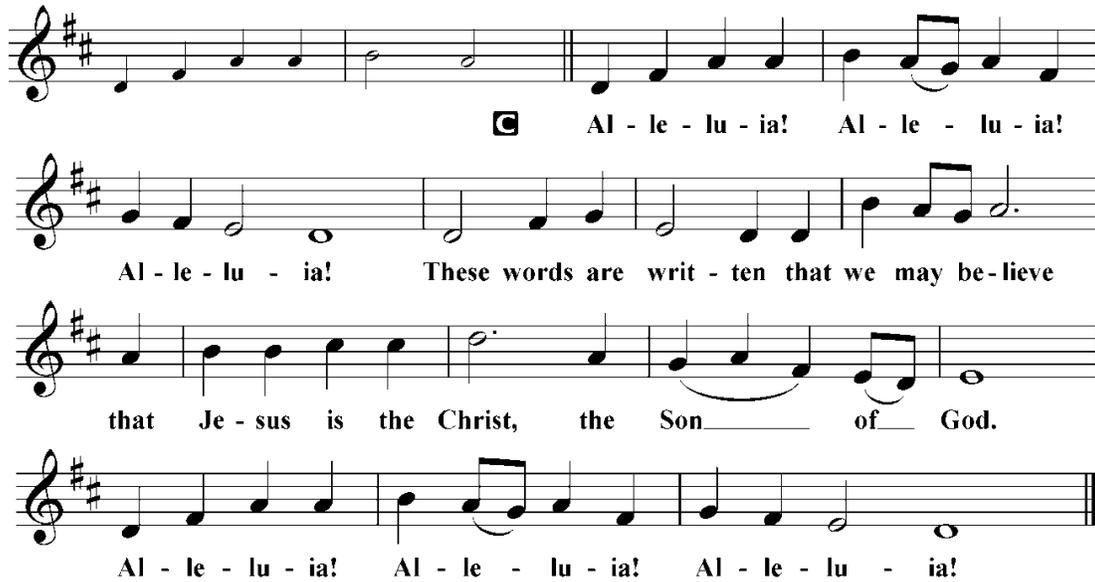
Colossians 1:3-8

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has

come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with your righteousness; may your faithful people sing for joy. Alleluia. (Psalm 132:9, NIV)



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve

that Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PLEASE STAND FOR THE WORDS AND WORKS OF JESUS

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord!



☐ Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN of the Day

Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit
CW 181

1) Come, oh, come, life-giving Spirit, God from all eternity! May your power never fail us; Dwell within

us constantly. Then shall truth and life and light Banish all the gloom of night.

- 2) Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; When we trespass on our way, Cast, O Lord, our sins behind you And be with us day by day. Should we stray, O Lord, recall; Work repentance when we fall.
- 3) With our spirit, Lord, bear witness That we are the saints of God Who rely upon him solely When we're chastened by the rod; For we know, as children should, That the cross is for our good.
- 4) Prompt us, Lord, to come before him With a childlike heart to pray; Sigh for us, O Holy Spirit, When we know not what to say. Then our prayer is not in vain, And our faith new strength shall gain.
- 5) Grant our hearts in fullest measure Wisdom, counsel, purity, That we always strive to please you, Working for you willingly. Let the gospel spread and grow, Bringing Satan's overthrow.

SERMON

Psalm 92

*Guest Preacher: Vicar Collin Wenzel
from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Findlay, OH*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING

Our members have joined together in faith and love to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry. To give online, scan the QR code to the right with your phone, or use the link on the top menu bar of the church webpage.



As the Lord leads us all to respond to his Gospel we invite you to pray: Thank you, Lord, for sending your Son and for bringing us into your kingdom. Teach us to live by faith in Christ, and gladly serve you with all that we are and all that we have. Amen.

And remember:

“God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Most High, we give thanks to you that you have planted your Holy Word among us. Give healthy growth to your Church, that she may weather the storm-winds of this world steadfast in Christ, ever bearing the fruits of love and singing praises to your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, your Holy Spirit plants your Word and causes it to sprout and grow as it pleases you. Bless the preaching and teaching of your Word, that your kingdom may be extended, and give us thankful hearts to marvel at your work. Send faithful laborers into your fields to scatter your seed here and abroad, that in due time a harvest may be gathered in for your glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, the great I AM, what you have spoken you will surely do. We implore you for the sake of Christ and your many precious promises to bless and defend our homes, to make the efforts of parents fruitful in the teaching of their children, and to preserve them in the saving faith of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Lord, Ruler of all, graciously regard those who have been set in positions of authority among us especially the President, Governor and Mayor. Guide them by your Spirit to be high in purpose, wise in counsel, firm in good resolution and unwavering in duty, that under them we may be governed quietly and peaceably. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, we groan under many burdens in this earthly tent and long to be clothed with your eternal life, which will swallow up all mortal sorrow. Give good courage to your servants to walk by faith and not sight, to mourn our dead in the hope of the resurrection, and to make it our aim to please you while here in the body, until at last we are at home with Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, from Israel you have taken a tender sprig, your chosen Messiah, Jesus, and planted Him on the mountain for our salvation. By His death on a tree, you reversed the curse of sin and brought life again to dry, dusty souls. Do not let us despise your Christ, His humility or His suffering, but bring us with all your people into the shade of His eternal rest; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 LORD'S SUPPER

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is good to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole
earth is full of your glo - ry. You are my God, and
I will ex - alt you. I will give you thanks, for you have be - come
my sal - va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - - - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Bible describes Holy Communion as something to be shared among those who are completely united in their beliefs. If you are our guest today, we simply ask that you refrain from coming forward and instead talk to our pastor after the service. He would love to sit down and study with you what God’s Word says about this and many other teachings in the Bible, so that we might receive Communion together in the future. Peace be with you!



Those who will be receiving Holy Communion today may wish to read *Personal Preparation for Holy Communion* on page 156 in the front section of the hymnal. This page helps us put into practice what the Bible encourages: “Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup” (1 Corinthians 11:28).

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
CW 234

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| <p>1) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!</p> <p>2) Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by his gracious ordaining?</p> <p>3) Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you, Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you. What need or</p> | <p>grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of his mercy did shade you.</p> <p>4) Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with his love he befriends you.</p> <p>5) Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the Amen Sound from his people again; Gladly forever adore him!</p> |
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SONG OF THANKS

Thank the Lord



Thank the Lord and sing his praise.
 Tell ev-'ry - one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord
 re - jice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - news his
 prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

On My Heart Imprint Your Image
CW 319

1) On my heart imprint your image, Blessed Jesus,
 King of grace, That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
 Have no pow'r to hide your face. This the

superscription be: Jesus, crucified for me, Is my life,
 my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation.

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Serving at Lamb of God leading up to today

June 19-25

Accompanist: David Chen

Bulletin Assembly: Fran Woodruff

Cleaning: Chen

Counters: Chuck Sigrist & Alexandra Wintrich

Lawn Care: Brian Burrows

Live-Stream Camera: Andy Hensler

Refreshments: *before & after*, Salzwedel

Ushers: David Chen & Chuck Sigrist

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Our Mission:

Rooted in Christ's love, we are devoted to growing together in God's Word and to proclaiming Christ in our community and world.

COMING UP NEXT SUNDAY: AUGUST 1

9:15 am – Family Bible Hour (in-person or online]

10:30 am - Divine Service,

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16 This is (y)our life - Focused



THIS WEEK AT LAMB OF GOD

Sunday 7/25/21	9:15am	Family Bible Hour
	10:30am	Divine Service with Communion
Monday 7/26/21		
Tuesday 7/27/21		(Pastor Meissner's back from vacation)
Wednesday 7/28/21	10:00am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Thursday 7/29/21		
Friday 7/30/21		
Saturday 7/31/21	11:00am	Basic Bible Christianity – New Member Class
Sunday 8/1/21	9:15am	Family Bible Hour
	10:30am	Divine Service

“The Word is very near you...” God encourages reading and meditation upon his Word. Jesus wants you to grow by means of it. If you find it helpful to use pen or pencil to do so, here is some space for that. Younger worshippers especially are encouraged to draw and then talk about it.

NOTES:

Law: How does this Word of God condemn my heart and make me tremble?

Gospel: How does this Word of God make me glad? What specific mercy does it offer me?

Something for the Journey: What am I going to take with me into my callings this week?

Something to share: What am I going to share from today's Word of God, and with whom?

Something to pray: What does this Word of God lead me to pray?

Catechism Corner – The Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Your kingdom come.

What does this mean?

God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and lead a godly life now on earth and forever in heaven.



Weekly Bible Study Notes

Write down key ideas and excerpts from the readings:

Old Testament Lesson:

Epistle Lesson:

Gospel Lesson:

Sketch imagery from the section or symbols that can help you remember the topic:

What themes do you see that connect these readings together?



Bible Study Worksheet

1 - What is God teaching me here?

2 - What does this lead me to repent of?

3 - What does this lead me to give thanks for?

4 - What does this lead me to pray about?

Today I'm reading through:

Sketch imagery from the section or symbols that can help you remember the topic:

Additional notes & thoughts
