

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

March 22, 2015

Don't Reject God's Son

Jesus went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. He sent another servant...He sent still a third...Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.' ... 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." (Luke 20:9-16)

God had shown tremendous love to his people in the past. He had given them the promise of a Savior from

sin. He had rescued them from slavery in Egypt. He had given them his very words in the Law, and even sent his messengers, the prophets, to warn the people of their sin and call them back to his love. But many behaved like the bad tenants in Jesus' parable. They rejected, mistreated, and even killed some of the prophets. They refused to return to God the praise and devotion he deserved, and now were about to kill his Son. Jesus could not give a stronger warning – those who reject God's Son will not escape judgment.

What's the most staggering thing about this parable? Isn't it the great lengths the owner took in dealing with his tenants? What father would send his son to such a violent and rotten group of people? Wouldn't we consider this risky, and even reckless? Yet this is a picture of God's great love for sinners. It goes far beyond our human imagination. Ponder God's Son walking to his death for



us. Here all the restraints on love are broken. He loves us, even though we are sinners.

God has shown tremendous love to us in the past. He has given his only Son to take away our sins. He has given us blessing after blessing in his Word and Sacraments. He forgives our sins, cares for us, and promises us a future with him in heaven. Don't reject God's Son! Instead welcome him joyfully as God's gift to you and return to him the devotion he deserves.

Prayer: Dear heavenly Father, continually send your Spirit into my heart so that I never stop marveling over your love for me. Keep me steadfast in the faith and focused on Jesus all the days of my life. Amen.

Devotion from

www.WhatAboutJesus.com

Contact Information

- **Church Office—**
4925 Sunbury Rd
Columbus, OH 43230
Phone: 614-471-5164
Email: LambofGodColumbus@gmail.com
- **Online—**
›LambofGodColumbus.org
›Facebook.com/
LambofGodColumbus
- **Pastor Tim Wagner—**
wagner.timothy@gmail.com;
Cell/Text: 614-702-5609

This Week at Lamb of God (March 23-29)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Johanna Wintrich
- Bulletins: Fran Woodruff
- Accompanist: Wed—Rhea Franks; Sun—Destinee Fiecko
- Ushers (Sun.): TBD
- Refreshments: Chen Family

Events

- *Monday, March 23*
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm—Church Council Meeting
- *Wednesday, March 25*
6:15 pm—Lenten Supper
7:00 pm—Midweek Lenten Worship
- *Thursday, March 26*
7:00 pm—Bible Basics: Faith Builders
- *Saturday, March 28*
9:15 am—Easter for Kids
- *Sunday, March 29*
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship

Mission Prayer: Campus Ministry

Dear Jesus, brother in the flesh, you know from experience the joys, hardships, and temptations of young adulthood. Through our WELS Campus Ministry programs, send your Holy Spirit to college students across our country in



order to preserve the faith of young Christian adults and to bring more into your church. Give congregations near college campuses an awareness of the opportunities and the desire and means to reach out with your Word and acts of love. Amen.

Easter Mailing

Our members who live in the Columbus area will all receive a postcard for our Easter services. This gives us the quantity required to mail at bulk rates, cutting our costs for

mailing to our prospect list in half.

Additional postcards are now available for you to take to invite others to our Easter for Kids and Easter services.

Easter Breakfast & Lilies

Join us for breakfast at 9:15 am on Easter Sunday, April 5. Sign up in the fellowship hall to bring food or drink to share!

You may also sign up in the fellowship hall to donate Easter lilies (\$8.00 each) to beautify our sanctuary to celebrate our Savior's resurrection.

Easter for Kids Update

Visit tinyurl.com/Easter4Kids to register your children/grandchildren, ages 2-10, for our Easter for Kids, which will be Saturday, March 28,

from 9:15-12:00. Also check out the board in the entryway to donate food or supplies for the event. To volunteer to help, see Elisabeth Wagner.

LWMS Spring Mission Day & Offering

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Heartland Circuit Spring Mission Day will be on Saturday, April 18 (NOT on April 25, as previously reported), from 9:00-

3:00, at Light of Life Lutheran Church in Greenwood, IN.

LWMS spring mission offerings should be given to Diane Jensen by March 22.

Red Cross Donor Days

One way we can give to others is by donating blood. Lamb of God is sponsoring Donor Days at the Red

Cross Stoneridge Donor Center this week, March 23-28. Schedule an appointment at 1-800-RED CROSS.

If you have news, upcoming events, or prayer requests that you would like published in the weekly newsletter, please contact Katie Chen (katiesl@hotmail.com).

Holy Week Worship

- **Maundy Thursday, April 2** – 7:00 pm...Worship w/ Communion
- **Good Friday, April 3** – 7:00 pm...Service of Darkness
- **Easter Sunday, April 5** – 9:15 am...Easter Breakfast
10:30 am...Festival Worship

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Shut-ins: Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick, Mike
- College students: Jason, Ian, Janet, Jessica
- Serving in the military (or reserves): Ross, Garrett, Dane
- Michael & Beth Telander, whose son, Tucker, was born March 17
- Katie Chen's niece, Amber, who is experiencing complications from premature birth
- Easter for Kids, this Saturday
- Church Council, meeting this week

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Attendance:	
Worship (3/15):	58
Worship (3/18):	45
Sunday School (w/teachers):	13
Sunday Bible Study:	19
Offerings:	
General Fund (3/11):	\$205.00
General Fund (3/15):	\$2285.15
<i>Year-to-Date Average:</i>	\$1948.47
<i>Weekly Budgeted Ministry:</i>	\$2274.33
Sunday School Offering:	\$11.00
Building Fund Offering:	\$225.00