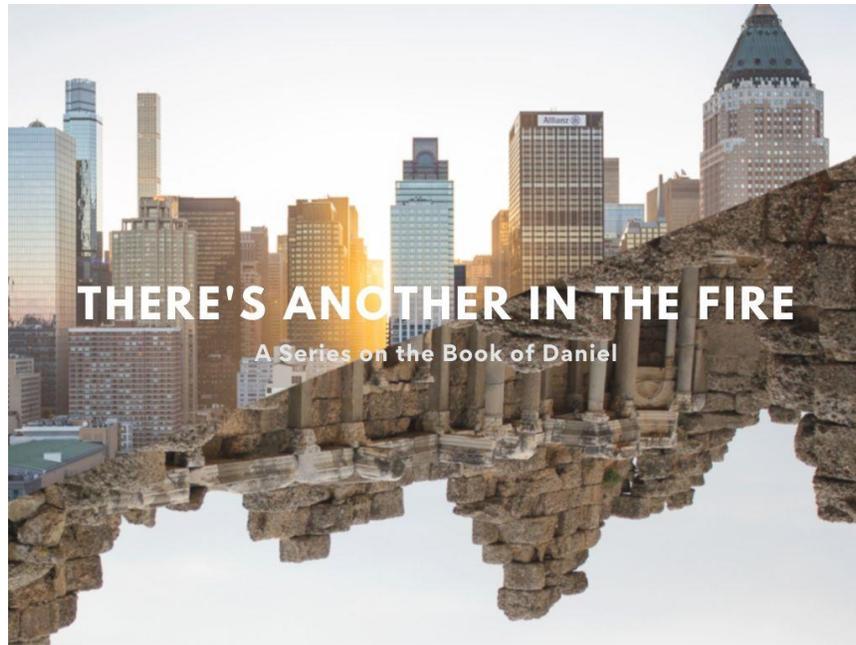


Victory of the Lamb Lutheran Church

Proclaiming the Victory of Jesus to All



When We're Far Away from Normal

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The Opening Hymn

I'm But a Stranger Here

Red hymnal #417

1. I'm but a stranger here,
Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear;
Heav'n is my home:
Danger and sorrow stand
Round me on every hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.
2. What though the tempest rage,
Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage,
Heav'n is my home:
And time's wild wintry blast
Soon shall be over-past;
I shall reach home at last,
Heav'n is my home.
3. There at my Savior's side,
Heav'n is my home;
I shall be glorified,
Heav'n is my home.
There are the good and blest,
Those I love most and best;
And there I, too, shall rest,
Heav'n is my home.
4. Therefore I murmur not,
Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot,
Heav'n is my home:
And I shall surely stand
There at my Lord's right hand:
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.

The Confession of Sins

L(eader): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C(ongregation): Amen.

L: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

The Absolution of Sins

The use of the keys (the power to forgive sins) is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

L: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Song of Thanks

Gloria in Excelsis

Tune: Old Hundredth

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.

The Prayer of the Day

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word and sacrament sections of the service. The Prayer of the Day asks God to help us in an area that is tied to the theme of our worship service today.

L: Let us pray:

L: O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Lesson

Daniel 1:1-7

Far Away from Normal? There's Another in the Fire! When life is changing fast, often not by choice, this never changes: the LORD is with you wherever you go.

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ² And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god.

³ Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring in some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— ⁴ young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. ⁵ The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

⁶ Among these were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. ⁷ The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Beltshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

Hymn Response

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Red hymnal #236 vs. 1-3

These words are a paraphrase of Psalm 34

1. All praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love,
The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills,
The God who ev'ry sorrow stills,—
To God all praise and glory!

2. I cried to him in time of need:
Lord God, oh, hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed
And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
Oh, thank Him, thank our God, with me,—
To God all praise and glory!

3. The Lord will not forsake his flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
He leads his own, his chosen band,—
To God all praise and glory!

The Second Lesson

Philippians 4:8-13

Far Away from Normal? There's Another in the Fire! When you're dealing with a new normal, the LORD gives you strength! Think about him most of all. And you can be content in any and every situation.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

The Alleluia



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



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



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

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:24-34

Far Away from Normal? There's Another in the Fire! New normal?

You cannot serve both God and Money. Ever. Instead, seek first God's kingdom!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

The Children’s Message

The Hymn of the Day is assigned because of its rich content and connection to the Scriptures that the sermon is based upon.

The Hymn of the Day

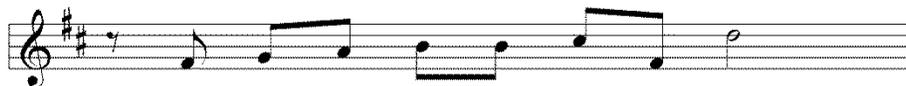
Consider How the Birds Above



1 Con - si - der how the birds a - bove
2 The li - lies grow; they do not toil.
3 Set not your heart on food or drink,
4 Be on your guard a - gainst all greed,
5 Be not a - fraid to suf - fer loss
6 Seek first God's reign, his bound - less grace,



Feed day by day with care - free ease—
How fair is their fra - gil - i - ty—
Nor be weighed down by world - ly care;
For life is more than what we own.
Of all the things for which you pray;
His ho - ly name in all you do:



Does God not keep them in his love?
If God clothes these, which quick - ly spoil,
A - bout such things the god - less think,
Our Fa - ther knows our ev - 'ry need
For he who faced for you the cross
Christ first and last in ev - 'ry place;



Are we not worth much more than these?
Will he not clothe both you and me?
Yet nev - er thank the Lord in prayer.
Be - fore our needs to us are known.
Will give you strength to live each day.
All else will then be giv - en you.

This paraphrase of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount reminds Christians of God's daily providence and encourages us to pursue his eternal treasures.

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The Prayer of the Church

The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances. Each week we'll regularly include a few from our church family in this prayer. Today, that's the Conolly, Daniels and Donewald families, and all our guests worshipping with us this morning.

- L: *Pastor speaks the prayer of the church, ending with...* Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake, for it is in his name that we join 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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

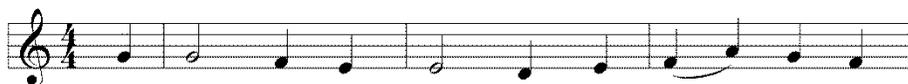
The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on (them), and I will bless them"(Numbers 6:27).

- L: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor, and give you peace.



The Closing Hymn

When Peace Like a River



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my
 2 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be



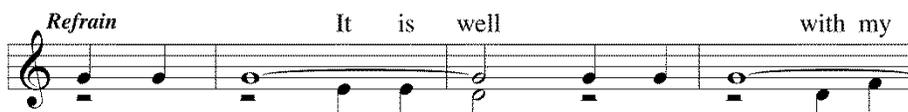
way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— What -
 thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The



ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 nailed to the cross, and I bear it no
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de -



say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.



Refrain It is well with my
 It is well with my soul.



soul.
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888, alt.
 Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE (11 8 11 9 and Refrain) Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

Announcements

NEW Bible Studies started last WEEK!

Topic	Day and Time	First Session	Location
Luther and the Lord's Prayer, one phrase at a time	Sundays 11:00-11:45a	(continued from May)	Zoom
Bible 101*	Mondays 7:00-8:15p	Mon, June 1	Zoom
Jesus' Parables in the Gospel of Luke	Tuesdays 6:30-7:30p	Tue, June 2	Zoom
Grace Alone! Studying Paul's Letter to the Galatians	Fridays 9:30-10:30a	Fri, June 5	Zoom

** Bible 101 is a basic overview of the Bible's teachings. It is for all who are interested in joining Victory of the Lamb or just looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. Bible 101 will be followed by Bible 201 (5 wks) and Bible 301 (5 wks). **If you are unable to make the scheduled day and time listed above, alternate options are available – please speak with Pastor Buege.***

WELS Missions – “Taste and See” Online Event! The WELS Missions office and the Lutheran Women's Mission Society (LWMS) have joined together in an online event that you won't want to miss! It all begins on **Saturday, June 27 at 11:00am** with the Opening Service, and closes on Saturday, July 11 at 6:00pm with the commissioning of three new world missionaries and one home missionary. The LWMS Texas Gulf Coast Circuit has arranged watch parties for these two services. The first will be held at our church, Victory of the Lamb. Proper social distancing will be observed. Find out more at www.welstasteandsee.com

The Week Ahead

Sun	6/14	8:00 & 9:30am 11:00am	Worship Sunday School on Zoom for all ages
Mon	6/15	8:00-9:15pm	Bible 101
Tues	6/16	6:30-7:30pm	“Jesus’ Parables” Bible Class on Zoom
Fri	6/19	9:30-10:30am	“Grace Alone! Studying Galatians” Bible Class on Zoom
Sat	6/20	4:00pm	Worship with communion
Sun	6/21	8:00 & 9:30am 11:00am	Worship with communion Sunday School on Zoom for all ages

Our Gifts for Jesus

General Fund Expected (Jul '19 - May '20).....\$264,440 General Fund Received (Jul '19 - May '20).....\$306,183 Building Fund thru
5/31/20.....\$446,342

Take God at his Word! Trust him, and give generously to him, as he has given to you.