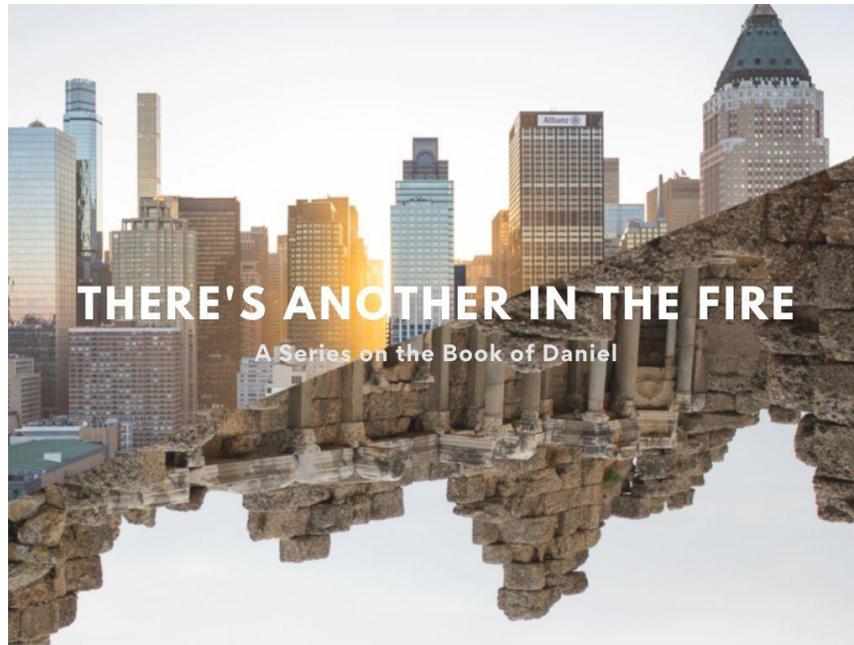


# Victory of the Lamb Lutheran Church

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*Proclaiming the Victory of Jesus to All*



Need Understanding?

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## The Opening Hymn

## Jesus, Lead Us On

*Red hymnal #422*

1. **Jesus, lead us on  
Till our rest is won;  
And although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow, calm and fearless.  
Guide us by your hand  
To our fatherland.**
2. **If the way be drear,  
If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o'er-take us;  
Let not faith and hope forsake us,  
For through many a woe  
To our home we go.**
3. **When we seek relief  
From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring,  
Make us patient and enduring;  
Show us that bright shore  
Where we weep no more.**
4. **Jesus, still lead on  
Till our rest is won.  
Heav'nly Leader, still direct us;  
Still support, console, protect us  
Till we safely stand  
In our fatherland.**

## 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, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## The First Lesson

Daniel 2:1-16

**Need Understanding? There's Another in the Fire!** King Nebuchadnezzar gave his wise men an impossible task. Faced with impending death the wise men feared. But Daniel, the man of God, knew right where to turn for help.

In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. <sup>2</sup> So the king summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king, <sup>3</sup> he said to them, "I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means."

<sup>4</sup> Then the astrologers answered the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it."

<sup>5</sup> The king replied to the astrologers, "This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble. <sup>6</sup> But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So tell me the dream and interpret it for me."

<sup>7</sup> Once more they replied, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will interpret it."

<sup>8</sup> Then the king answered, "I am certain that you are trying to gain time, because you realize that this is what I have firmly decided: <sup>9</sup> If you do not tell me the dream, there is just one penalty for you. You have conspired to tell me

misleading and wicked things, hoping the situation will change. So then, tell me the dream, and I will know that you can interpret it for me.”

<sup>10</sup> The astrologers answered the king, “There is not a man on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer. <sup>11</sup> What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among men.”

<sup>12</sup> This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. <sup>13</sup> So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death.

<sup>14</sup> When Arioch, the commander of the king’s guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact. <sup>15</sup> He asked the king’s officer, “Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?” Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. <sup>16</sup> At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him.

## 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 7:15-29

**Need Understanding? There's Another in the Fire!** Jesus warns his listeners that there will be false teachers in the world. But they aren't to fear because these false teachers will be evident by not putting God's Word into practice.

<sup>15</sup> “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

<sup>28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

## 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

### Be Still, My Soul

*Red hymnal #415*

1. **Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
2. **Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
To guide the future as he has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he lived below.**
3. **Be still, my soul: though dearest friends depart,  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
Then you will better know his love, his heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.  
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay  
From his own fullness all he takes away.**
4. **Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

“Need Understanding? There's Another in the Fire”

<sup>17</sup> Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. <sup>18</sup> He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. <sup>19</sup> During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven <sup>20</sup> and said:

“Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;  
wisdom and power are his.

<sup>21</sup> He changes times and seasons;  
he sets up kings and deposes them.  
He gives wisdom to the wise  
and knowledge to the discerning.

<sup>22</sup> He reveals deep and hidden things;  
he knows what lies in darkness,  
and light dwells with him.

<sup>23</sup> I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers:  
You have given me wisdom and power,  
you have made known to me what we asked of you,  
you have made known to us the dream of the king.”

**As you listen to the sermon message, see if you can answer the following questions.**

1. What sin do these Scripture verses point out to me?
2. Where in these Scripture verses do I see God’s plan of forgiveness through Jesus?
3. What is one attitude adjustment these Scripture verses help me to have?

## The Nicene Creed

*Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.*

**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.**

## 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 Ferguson, French and Garcia 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.



1. **You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
Who abide in his shadow for life  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"**  
*Refrain*  
**And he will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**
  
2. **Snares of the fowler will never capture you  
And famine will bring you no fear  
Under his wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.**  
*Refrain*
  
3. **For to his angels he's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.**  
*Refrain*

## Announcements

Connect with one of our Summer Bible Studies!

Topic	Day and Time	First Session	Location
<b>The Ten Commandments</b>	<b>Sundays 11:00-11:45a</b>	<b>TODAY, June 21</b>	<b>Zoom</b>
<b>Bible 101*</b>	Mondays 7:00-8:15p	Mon, June 1	Zoom
<b>Jesus' Parables in the Gospel of Luke</b>	Tuesdays 6:30-7:30p	Tue, June 2	Zoom
<b>Grace Alone! Studying Paul's Letter to the Galatians</b>	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.***

**Ready, set, Taste and See: This Saturday, June 27, 11:00 am**, the opening service of Taste and See will kick off two weeks of opportunities to learn more about mission opportunities. This online event is sponsored by the WELS Mission office and Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). The LWMS Texas Gulf Coast circuit has arranged a watch party for this service at Victory of the Lamb, 23051 Cinco Ranch Blvd, Katy. Proper social distancing will be observed. Can't make the watch party? Watch online at home: [welstasteandsee.com](http://welstasteandsee.com)

# The Week Ahead

Sun	6/21	8:00 & 9:30am 11:00am	Worship with communion Sunday School on Zoom for all ages
Mon	6/22	7:00-8:15pm	Bible 101
Tues	6/23	6:30-7:30pm	“Jesus’ Parables” Bible Class on Zoom
Fri	6/26	9:30-10:30am	“Grace Alone! Studying Galatians” Bible Class on Zoom
Sat	6/27	11:00am  4:00pm	WELS Missions “Taste and See” Opening Service Watch Party at VOTL Worship
Sun	6/28	8:00 & 9:30am 11:00am	Worship 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.*