

Victory of the Lamb Lutheran Church

Proclaiming the Victory of Jesus to All



Seek the LORD!

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The Opening Hymn

By Grace I'm Saved
Red hymnal #384 vs. 1,3,5

**1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why waver at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
So then this word must true remain:
By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.**

**3. By grace! O mark this word of promise
When you are by your sins oppressed,
When Satan plagues your troubled conscience,
And when your heart is seeking rest.
What reason cannot comprehend
God by his grace to you did send.**

**5. By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown,
Since I am saved by grace alone.**

The Invocation

The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

L(eader): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C(ongregation): And also with you.

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

Christians openly admit their sin and guilt in the presence of an all-knowing, holy God. But Christ gives this gift to his church on earth: the authority to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me, according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen!

L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

The Song of Thanks

Oh, Taste and See

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -
tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray:

L: 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.

The First Lesson

1 Corinthians 3:5-11

Seek the LORD! As you tell others of the LORD, remember the LORD does all the work in someone's heart. You, like Paul, are simply the messenger of the best news ever.

⁵What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

The Alleluia

C: A - 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!

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics 'A - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! These words are'. The second staff continues with 'writ - ten that we may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the'. The third staff concludes with 'Son of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The time signature changes from common time to 6/4 and then back to common time throughout the piece.

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Seek the LORD! Continually seek the LORD in his Word. Strengthen your faith and produce an abundant crop like the seed on good soil.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear."

¹⁸"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. ²²The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. ²³But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

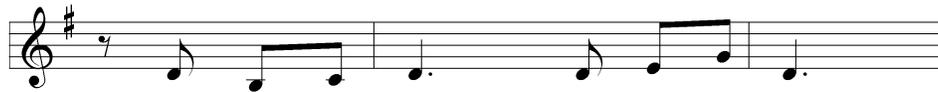
The Children's Message

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

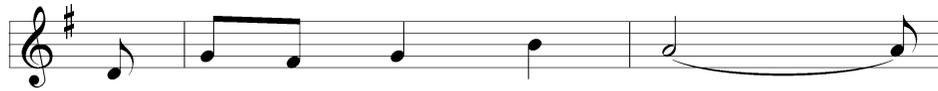
The Hymn of the Day

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

vs. 1,3,5



1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
2 We may not touch his hands and side
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief,
4 For you, O res - sur - rec - ted Lord,
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,



No gra - cious words we hear
Nor fol - low where he trod,
And may our faith a - bound
Are found in means di - vine:
In realms of clear - er light,



From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But in his prom - ise we re - jice
To call on you when you are near
Be - neath the wa - ter and the Word,
We may be - hold you as you are



But we be - lieve him near.
And cry, "My Lord and God!"
And seek where you are found.
Be - neath the bread and wine.
With full and end - less sight.

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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 Keys, Klitzman and Kotzebue 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

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage
Red hymnal #293

**God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.**

Announcements

Connect with one of our Summer Bible Studies!

Topic	Day and Time	Location
The Ten Commandments	Sundays 11:00-11:45a	Zoom
Grace Alone! Studying Paul's Letter to the Galatians	Fridays 9:30-10:30a	Zoom

Pantry Pounding for Vicar Micah Schoeneck and his wife Sarah! Help us welcome them to Texas in August. We are collecting paper products (toilet paper, paper towel, tissues), cleaning products and grocery store gift cards. **Please bring items to church by Sunday, August 16.** Questions? Please talk to Kurt and Amy Verhulst.

The Week Ahead

Sun	8/2	9:30am 11:00am	Worship online Sunday School on Zoom for all ages
Wed	8/5	7:00-8:15pm	Bible 201
Fri	8/7	9:30-10:30am	"Selected Psalms" Bible Class on Zoom
Sat	8/8	4:00pm	Worship
Sun	8/9	9:30am 11:00am	Worship online Sunday School on Zoom for all ages

Our Gifts for Jesus

General Fund Expected (Jul '19 - Jun '20).....\$288,480 General Fund Received (Jul '19 - Jun '20).....\$327,764 Building Fund thru 6/30/20.....\$450,168

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