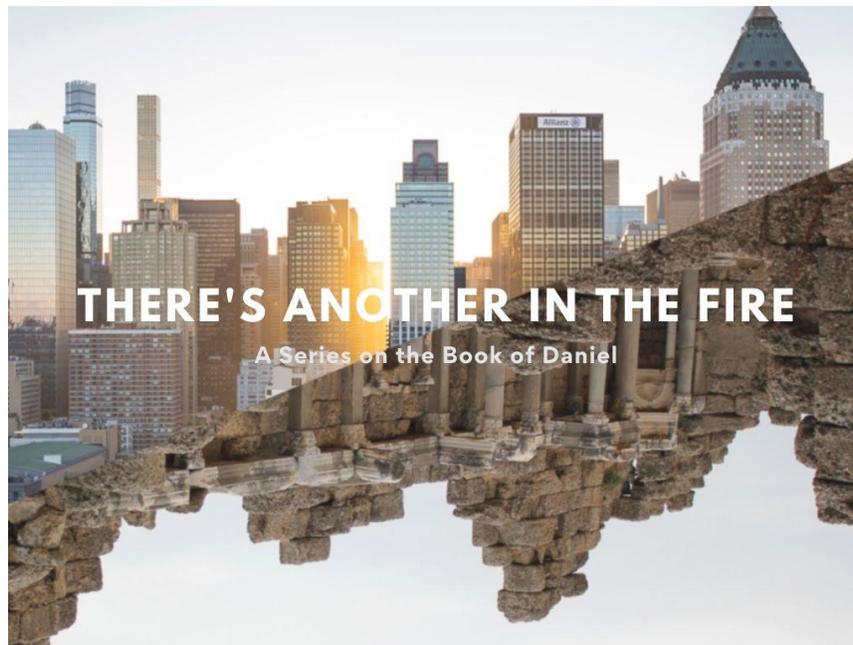


Victory of the Lamb Lutheran Church

Proclaiming the Victory of Jesus to All



Pressured to Deny God's Truth?

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The Opening Hymn

Speak, O Lord



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
 grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - - - - - ness That the
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos - es for your
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
 un - be - lief.
 glo - ry.

Last time

Tune: SPEAK, O LORD (8 10 8 10 10 8 10)

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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: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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 6:1-15

Pressured to Deny God's Truth? There's Another in the Fire! Daniel faced the ultimate peer pressure: give up praying to your Savior, or give up your life. But he refused to wilt into sinful activity! The LORD blessed him.

It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. ³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. ⁵ Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

⁶ So the administrators and the satraps went as a group to the king and said: "O King Darius, live forever! ⁷ The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or man during the next thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the lions' den. ⁸ Now, O king, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed." ⁹ So King Darius put the decree in writing.

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or man except to you, O king, would be thrown into the lions' den?"

The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."

¹³ Then they said to the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day." ¹⁴ When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him. ¹⁵ Then the men went as a group to the king and said to him, "Remember, O king, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed."

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 10:34-42

Pressured to Deny God's Truth? There's Another in the Fire! Jesus makes it abundantly clear: he is always the most important, and he is always with you. Never let anything wedge its way between you and your Savior!

³⁴ “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn

“ ‘a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

³⁶ a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

³⁷ “Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ “He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.”

The Children’s Message

The Hymn of the Day

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Red hymnal #108

1. **Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Oh, how oft your eyes, offended,
Gaze upon a sinner's fall;
Yet, upon the cross extended,
You endured the pain of all.**
2. **Dare we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
As we see you wounded, bleeding,
See your thorn-encircled brow?
Since your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what your grace hath taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.**
3. **Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for you!
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold your cross a-new
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified!**

The Sermon Message

Daniel 6:16-24

“Pressured to Deny God's Truth? There's Another in the Fire!”

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

²¹ Daniel answered, “O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king.”

²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

²⁴ At the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

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?

Apostles' Creed

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word, Christians composed the Apostles' Creed as a simple confession of what the Apostles taught. It has been in use since the second century.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father, almighty. From there
he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. 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 Hewitt, Hileman and Hodges 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

Abide with Me

Red hymnal # 588 vs. 1,3,7

1. **Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.**
 The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide.
 When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
 Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

3. **Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,**
 But kind and good, with healing in thy wings.
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea;
 Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me!

7. **Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;**
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Announcements

Connect with one of our Summer Bible Studies!

Topic	Day and Time	Location
The Ten Commandments	Sundays 11:00-11:45a	Zoom
Bible 101*	Mondays 7:00-8:15p	Zoom
Jesus' Parables in the Gospel of Luke	Tuesdays 8:00-9:00p	Zoom
Grace Alone! Studying Paul's Letter to the Galatians	Fridays 9:30-10:30a	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.**

Save the date!

Sun, July 26 – Sun, August 2 Farewell Drop-Off Baby Shower for Vicar Erich and Alana

Sun, August 16 9:30am Installation/Pantry Pounding for Micah & Sarah Schoeneck, Our New Vicar and Wife for 2020-21

The Week Ahead

Sun	7/19	9:30am	Worship online
		11:00am	Sunday School on Zoom for all ages
Mon	7/20	7:00-8:15pm	Bible 101
Tues	7/21	6:30-7:30pm	“Jesus’ Parables” Bible Class on Zoom
Fri	7/24	9:30-10:30am	“Grace Alone! Studying Galatians” Bible Class on Zoom
Sat	7/25	4:00pm	Worship
Sun	7/26	8:00 & 9:30am	Worship
		11:00am	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.