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Today's theme:

Unexpected Truths: I Am My Brother's Keeper

Welcome, guests! God's love welcomes you—no matter who you are or where you come from— and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection he saves all sinners even without our help. Jesus Christ makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God's authentic message of grace and guidance for us. Whether you are a first-time guest or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share our worship with you.

If you would like to know more about Lamb of God or want to livestream a service, visit our website www.lambofgodlafayette.com, like us on Facebook, Instagram and/or YouTube. Lamb of God is a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod WELS (www.wels.net) est.1850. WELS is a group of nearly 360,000 men, women, and children in nearly 1,300 congregations united by a common faith in Christ's saving love.

Parents with little ones: If your child becomes restless during the service, that's okay... we're glad they're here, and Jesus is pleased when they are brought to hear his Word, "Let the little children come to me." If your child becomes distracting to other worshipers, you may take your child to our fellowship hall which is located to the right at the back of the sanctuary and through the doors.

Children's "My Worship Notes" are included in another document. They can be used by children of any age to keep notes during the service.

Unexpected Truths: I Am My Brother's Keeper - When danger strikes, most people instinctively move away from it. Fire, violence, accidents, and disasters trigger a natural desire to find protection and safety. Yet first responders do the opposite. Firefighters, police officers, and paramedics run toward the very scenes others are fleeing. They enter burning buildings, approach violent situations, and kneel beside the injured in chaotic moments. This response is unexpected because it goes against basic human instinct.

Today God calls us to be spiritual first responders when we see people in trouble because of sin. Instead of self-preservation and comfort, we choose service to them and to our Lord. Our motive is the grace of God and his desire for the salvation of all mankind.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

CW 570 | God Loved the World So That He Gave



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; his Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives the



Son the lost to save that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares that we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood; bap - tized, you are a child of God.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;
this is the anchor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise now and eternally!

Confession & Absolution

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Gloria

CW 176 | Glory to God in the Highest

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to his peo - ple on earth.

Last time only

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. *Refrain*

THE WORD

[Like Mary, we sit at the feet of Jesus to hear his Word (Luke 10:39).]

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

[The Lord told Ezekiel if he didn't warn the Israelites about their sin, he was going to hold Ezekiel accountable.]

⁷“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?” ’ ¹¹Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms of the Day

32B | How Blest Are Those



1 How blest are those the LORD for - gives; how
2 I si - lent - ly con - cealed my guilt, but
3 I then con - fessed my sin to you, my
4 Let all the faith - ful pray to you while
5 You hide me, LORD; you hold me fast in



glad they are to hear their sin is gone, their
then I groaned all day: your heav - y hand, like
griev - ous guilt and shame, and you for - gave my
you may still be found; you place them safe a -
all ad - ver - si - ty, sur - round - ing me with



guilt a - toned, their rec - ord clean and clear.
sum - mer heat, took all my strength a - way.
wick - ed - ness by your most gra - cious name.
bove the flood, se - cure on high - er ground.
faith - ful love and songs of vic - to - ry.

Second Reading

Galatians 2:11-16

[Paul wins his brother Cephas (Peter) over to the truth of the gospel.]

¹¹When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.
¹²For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

¹⁵“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[It has been a tradition in the Christian church to stand for the reading of the gospel for the past 2,000 years. Just as subjects rise when a king speaks, we rise out of respect for the words of our King.]

Gospel Acclamation

1 Timothy 2:4

* The congregation will sing the refrain. The soloist will sing the verse.



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

God wants all people to be saved
and come to a knowledge of the truth.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus teaches us how to practice Christian discipline lovingly.]

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children’s Sermon

Children are invited to sit in the front of the sanctuary.

Hymn of the Day

CW 654 | Jesus Sinners Does Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to you with a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 Lord for - sak - en; wea - ry souls who lost their way
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for
 here their ills have per - fect heal - ing who with hum - ble
 are by Christ, the Shep - herd, tak - en in his arms that
 grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 hearts be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

(continued)

- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know,
were as scarlet my transgression,
it shall be as white as snow
by your blood and bitter passion,
for these words I do believe:
Jesus sinners does receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace,
from the law I stand acquitted.
Christ has purchased my release
and my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners does receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners does receive,
even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave:
Jesus sinners does receive.

Sermon

based on Ezekiel 33:7-11

“The LORD Wants You to Live”

Nicene Creed

**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 truly 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.

Prayer of the Church

Merciful God and Father, mindful of your great compassion, we implore you to turn the hearts of all who have forsaken the faith they once embraced, have wandered from it, or are in doubt about your truth. Let them hear and believe that you have wiped out all their sins, that they might enjoy times of refreshing from your hand. Restore them that they may once again take great pleasure in your Word, which alone can make them wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Offering

If you wish to give an offering:

- place it in the offering plate
- scan this QR code
- text any dollar amount to **84321**
- mail a check to the church—1893 E 600 North, West Lafayette, IN 47906
- go to the church website <https://lambogodlafayette.com/> and click **GIVE** in the upper right corner.



THE SACRAMENT

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sanctus

CW 184 | Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might. Heav-en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my $\frac{1}{2}$ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my $\frac{1}{2}$ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

CW 186 | Jesus, Lamb of God

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

CW558 | Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and
2 What God did in his law de - mand and none to him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream that God his law had
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and
ren - der caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand for man, the
giv - en that sin - ners could them-selves re-deem and by their
ceas - ing; the task was use - less and in vain, our guilt was



save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who
vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those pure de - sires the
works gain heav - en. The law is but a mir - ror bright to
e'er in - creas - ing. None can re-move sin's poi - soned dart or



did for all the world a - tone; he is our one Re - deem - er.
spir - it of the law re - quires, and lost is our con - di - tion.
bring the in - bred sin to light that lurks with - in our na - ture.
pu - ri - fy our wick - ed heart, so deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5 Yet as the law must be fulfilled
or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed
and thus the Father's vengeance stayed
which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
and brought to us salvation,
each Christian therefore may be glad
and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
your death is now my life indeed,
for you have paid my ransom.

7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
your Word cannot be broken;
your call rings out, “Come unto me!”
No falsehood have you spoken.
Baptized into your precious name,
my faith cannot be put to shame,
and I shall never perish.

9 Faith clings to Jesus’ cross alone
and rests in him unceasing;
and by its fruits true faith is known,
with love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
works serve our neighbor and supply
the proof that faith is living.

8 The law reveals the guilt of sin
and makes us conscience-stricken;
but then the gospel enters in
the sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
the law no peace can ever give,
no comfort and no blessing.

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
to Father, Son, and Spirit,
the God who saved us by his grace;
all glory to his merit!
O triune God in heav’n above,
you have revealed your saving love;
your blessed name be hallowed!

Prayer

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and $\mathbf{\text{†}}$ give you peace.

Amen.

Acknowledgments

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Serving at Worship (9/6)

Pastor: Andrew Ewings

Pianist: Aaron Hartzell

Usher/Greeter: Dawn Sanders / Diane Brady

Acolyte: Kaylee Bednarski

Livestream: Kaylee Bednarski

Serving Next Sunday (9/13)

Pastor: Andrew Ewings

Pianist: Liz Schmidt

Usher/Greeter: Schoonmaker family

Acolyte: Dax Graves

Livestream: Graves family

Refreshments: Volunteer needed

This Week's Activities

Sun, Sep 6 • Worship Service – 10:30am

Tue, Sep 8 • Breath Led Body Flow – 6pm

Wed, Sep 9 • Purdue Campus Ministry – Held weekly at HAMP 2110 at 8pm

Thu, Sep 10 • Online Bible Study – 6:30pm (Meeting ID: 813 7991 3300; Passcode: 384569)

Fri, Sep 11 • Breath Led Body Flow – 10am

Sat, Sep 12 • Tailgate at Purdue football game. Check the e-newsletter for details.

Save the Date (More info in 'Announcement' section or via the weekly e-newsletter)

Sun, Sep 13 • Children and Adult Bible Study resumes – 9:15am

Thu, Sep 17 • Mornings with Mommy – 10-11:15am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exercise Nights @ LoG – Join us for light yoga and breathing exercises **Tuesday's at 6pm** and **Friday's at 10am**. No cost. All are welcome. See Ivy for more details.

Join us Thursday nights at 7pm as we study Exodus. Learn who our God is, what it means to be his people, and how he interacts with us and with the world around us. See also the pattern of redemption and marvel at God's master plan for our salvation! You can join us on Zoom using the link in the LoG weekly newsletter or scanning the QR code. * Meeting ID: 813 7991 3300 * Passcode: 384569



Purdue Football Tailgate – Join us for a fun day of fellowship and football on **Saturday, Sep 12, at 8am**. We'll be gathering in Lot D to tailgate before the noon Purdue football kickoff. The church will provide meat to grill and some snacks and drinks. You can bring other food or drinks to share if you would like. We'll have breakfast food in the morning, followed by burgers and brats for lunch for those who would like to stay and enjoy the tailgate. Not attending the game in the stadium? No problem! We'll have the game available to **watch or listen to** while we cheer on the Boilermakers together. **Maps and parking information are available in the back of the sanctuary.**

Special Bible Study Presentation - Come and join us **Sunday, September 13 at 9am** for Christianity in Coinage, where Christian heritage comes alive with scripture, authentic coins and their vivid history. The journey includes biblical and historical accounts of 14 coins from the time of Jesus' birth to the decades after his death. See and hold the Widow's Mite, Tribute Penny, coins of the Herodians, Pontius Pilate, and a coin from the Revelation city of Philadelphia, the church that remained faithful in the face of trial. There is even a coin celebrating a bizarre Roman naval victory over Judea on the Sea of Galilee. Join guest presenter Steve Johns as he guides us through, but please come early; we will start at 9am to give him enough time to make it through his presentation.

The next **Mornings with Mommy (MwM)** will be **Thursday, Sep 17th** from **10-11:15am**. MwM meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. All children from birth to age 5 are welcome even if they don't attend Lamb of God. To register, scan the QR code or visit the Lamb of God website at <https://lambogodlafayette.com/ministry/mornings-with-mommy/>.



- Sep 17 – Under the Sea
- Oct 1 – Monkey's, Zebras and the Zoo
- Oct 15 – Fall Fun: Pumpkins and Leaves

Exploring Luther's Large Catechism – Beginning **Sunday, September 20 at 9:15am**, join us this fall as we dive deeper into the core truths of the Christian faith in Martin Luther's *Large Catechism*, a cornerstone of the Reformation with wisdom for pastors, parents, and all students of God's Word today. Together, we will explore the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, learning how these teachings guide our daily life and deepen our understanding of God's Word. Come ready to read, reflect, and discuss how the timeless wisdom of the *Large Catechism* can inspire our walk with Christ today.

Lamb of God communicates with its members and friends through a weekly e-newsletter and via the **GroupMe** phone app. If you're not already receiving these communications, add your contact information in the red friendship register located in your row or contact the church office at loginlafayette@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For all those in our midst who continue to deal with physical ailments or are home bound, including: Bryant and Linda Monk, Linda's aunt and her family, Mike and Bev Beights, Jim Holmes, Joan Bonnet, Pastor Paul Jansen, Carrie May, and Dustin Humphrey.

For all those who are suffering from abuse in the home that they might seek help.

For teachers and students returning to their respective classrooms.