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Today's theme:

The Beginning of the End: Speak Truth to Power

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 330,000 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.

The Beginning of the End: Speak Truth to Power - Sometimes people get braver when they realize they are nearing the end. They speak things they couldn't or wouldn't say before, even to the powerful, because they realize they have nothing to lose.

The message of repentance and forgiveness of sins through Jesus' death on the cross has many powerful enemies. Sometimes those enemies are religious people, rebellious spirits and heretics. Sometimes those enemies are people of this world who worship their own personal desires and glory in their shame.

It doesn't matter how powerful the enemies are. God persists in speaking his truth and drawing our eyes to his Son, who will help us persevere to the end and speak truth to power.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn

CW 595 | Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
heav - en's love and joy and peace.

Confession and Absolution

CW 188

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 190

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 191 | Glory to God in the Highest

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

[The Lord pictures his patient love in a story about the owner of a vineyard.]

¹I will sing for the one I love
a song about his vineyard:
My loved one had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
²He dug it up and cleared it of stones
and planted it with the choicest vines.
He built a watchtower in it
and cut out a winepress as well.
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,
but it yielded only bad fruit.
³“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
⁴What more could have been done for my vineyard
than I have done for it?
When I looked for good grapes,
why did it yield only bad?
⁵Now I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge,
and it will be destroyed;

I will break down its wall,
and it will be trampled.

⁶I will make it a wasteland,
neither pruned nor cultivated,
and briers and thorns will grow there.

I will command the clouds
not to rain on it.”

⁷The vineyard of the LORD Almighty
is the nation of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

The Word of the Lord.

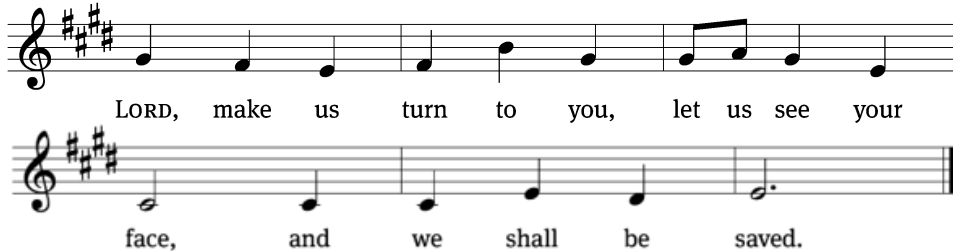
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 80B | LORD. Make Us Turn to You

**The soloist will introduce the refrain. Congregation will sing the refrain. The soloist will sing the verses.*

Refrain



Verse



1 Shep - herd of Is - ra - el, give ear in time of need.



Refrain

Pour your pow'r up - on us, and save us with your might.

Verse



2 Once a - gain, O LORD, look down from heav-en and see. We are the



Refrain

vine your right hand plant-ed; on-ly by your care we live.

Verse



3 May your right hand be on those you have cho - sen,



those whom you made strong. Then we will no more with - draw from



Refrain

you; give us new life, and we will call up-on your name.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:12-21

[God prompts us to respond to his grace by living differently from the enemies of the cross of Christ.]

¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

¹⁷Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 2:10

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



Refrain



For we are God's handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus to do good works.

Refrain

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

[Jesus tells the parable of the tenants to call leaders to repentance.]

³³“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

⁴³“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

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 862 | Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would seek to o - ver - throw your
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your Chris - ten - dom that
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son and to de - stroy what he has done.
we may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife and lead us out of death to life.

Sermon

based on Philippians 3:12-21

“Our Citizenship Is in Heaven”

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

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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 www.lambofgodlafayette.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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sanctus

CW 200 | Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

Agnus Dei

CW 202 | Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

CW853 | I'm But a Stranger Here



1 I'm but a stran - ger here, heav'n is my home;
2 What though the tem - pest rage, heav'n is my home;
3 There - fore I mur - mur not, heav'n is my home;

earth is a des - ert drear, heav'n is my home;
short is my pil - grim - age, heav'n is my home;
what - e'er my earth - ly lot, heav'n is my home;

dan - ger and sor - row stand round me on ev - 'ry hand;
and time's wild, win - try blast soon shall be o - ver - past;
and I shall sure - ly stand there at my Lord's right hand;

heav'n is my fa - ther - land, heav'n is my home.
I shall reach home at last, heav'n is my home.
heav'n is my fa - ther - land, heav'n is my home.

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.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

[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).]

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 ✚ give you peace.

Amen.

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Serving at Worship (10/4)

Pastor: Andrew Ewings

Pianist: Liz Schmidt

Usher/Greeter: Dawn Sanders / Diane Brady

Acolyte: Kaylee Bednarski

Livestream: Dax & Aiden Graves

Serving Next Week (10/11)

Pastor: Andrew Ewings

Pianist: Liz Schmidt

Usher/Greeter: Bednarski family

Acolyte: Mitchell Becker

Livestream: Dax & Aiden Graves

Refreshments: Alison Rosenblum

This Week's Activities

- Sun, Oct 4
- Sunday School and Adult Bible Study – 9:15am
 - Worship Service – 10:30am

- Tue, Oct 6
- Breath Led Body Flow – 6pm

- Wed, Oct 7
- Purdue Campus Ministry – Held weekly at HAMP 2110 at 8pm

- Thu, Oct 8
- Online Bible Study – 6:30pm (Meeting ID: 813 7991 3300; Passcode: 384569)

- Fri, Oct 9
- Breath Led Body Flow – 10am

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

- Sun, Oct 11 • Clay Shooting Outing in Kokomo after Service
- Thu, Oct 15 • Mornings with Mommy – 10-11:15am
- Sun, Oct 21 • Area Reformation Service and Oktoberfest
- Sun, Nov 1 • Hiking at Turkey Run – after service
- Thu, Nov 5 • Mornings with Mommy – 10-11:15am
- Fri, Nov 6 • Women's Bunco game night – 6pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exploring Luther's Large Catechism – 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.

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.

The next **Mornings with Mommy (MwM)** will be **Thursday, Oct 15th** 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://lambofgodlafayette.com/ministry/mornings-with-mommy/>.

- Oct 15 – Fall Fun: Pumpkins and Leaves
- Nov 5 – Flags, Parades and the USA: Thank you Veterans
- Nov 19 – Harvest Time: Apples, Corn and Gourds



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



Clay Shooting - Council is planning a clay shooting outing on **Sunday Oct 11th in Kokomo.** We would leave right after the church service. Course is 100 rounds. Talk to Eric Becker if someone would like to participate but doesn't have a gun. This event is weather dependent.

Area Reformation Service and Oktoberfest - Every year at the end of October, we remember the glorious grace of our God in preserving the good news of Jesus Christ. God has preserved his Word, and he continues using that Word to reform his Church one heart at a time.

We have two opportunities to celebrate this year, both on **October 25.** We will hold our regular **Sunday service at 10:30 am**, followed by some festivities as we prepare for the afternoon. Then we will host an **Area Reformation Service at 4:00 PM.** Come and celebrate the rich heritage of the grace of our God, the joy of Jesus, and the fellowship of neighboring congregations.

Following the service, **stay for our Oktoberfest Celebration!** Enjoy delicious food, lively fellowship, and fun for all ages.

Hiking at Turkey Run – Join us **Sunday, Nov 1st** as we go **hiking at Turkey Run State Park.** We plan to leave right after the service. This event is weather dependent.

Ladies Bunco Night – **Friday, Nov 6th at 6pm** at the home of Cheryl Arvanitis. More information in the weekly newsletter.

Would you like to receive the weekly e-newsletter? 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, staff and students and their respective classrooms.