

# LAMB OF GOD

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**Today's theme:**  
**Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One**

**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.

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**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.

**Identity Revealed: Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One** - "Christ" is not the family name of Jesus. It is a title. The Greek word "Christ" and the Hebrew word "Messiah" both mean the same thing: "The Anointed One." Anointing was the practice of pouring liquid over the head of someone to signify selection for some special task. When the Lord had someone anointed, he also poured his Spirit over them. It was the fulfillment of promises made over centuries.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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## Invocation

[We invoke, that is, call up on the name of the Triune God, to be present with us through Word and Sacrament. The sign of the cross is made to remind believers of their baptism in the name of the Triune God.]

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

**Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

## CW384 | Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him and gold and in - cense bring;  
4 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong,  
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.  
from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,  
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light  
To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend,  
The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.  
his king - dom still in - crea - sing, a king - dom with - out end.  
his name shall stand for - ev - er - that name to us is Love.

## Confession

CW 189

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

## Absolution

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)

CW 190

[*Kyrie* is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.]

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 Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

receive our prayer. For

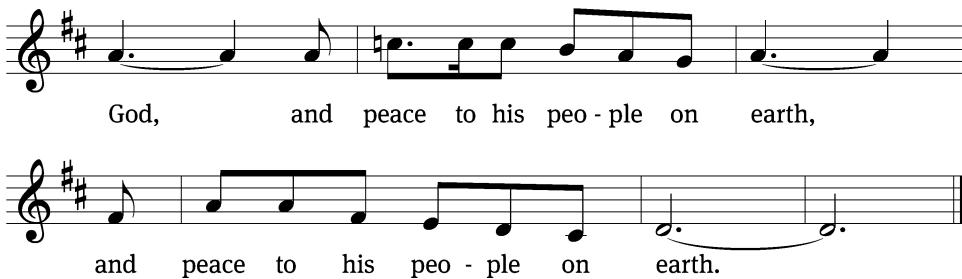
you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit in the glo - ry of God the Father.

A - men.

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



## The Word

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

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; 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

[The Lord promises to put his Spirit on the Messiah.]

Isaiah 42:1-7

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight;  
I will put my Spirit on him,  
and he will bring justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not shout or cry out,  
or raise his voice in the streets.

<sup>3</sup>A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.  
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;  
<sup>4</sup>he will not falter or be discouraged  
till he establishes justice on earth.  
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

<sup>5</sup>This is what God the LORD says—  
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,  
who gives breath to its people,  
and life to those who walk on it:

<sup>6</sup>“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;  
I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you  
to be a covenant for the people  
and a light for the Gentiles,  
<sup>7</sup>to open eyes that are blind,  
to free captives from prison  
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 45B | Great Are the Works of the Lord

\*The soloist will lead the congregation on the refrain and verses.

### Refrain

Great are the works of the LORD. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

### Tone

My heart is stirred by a / noble theme

as I recite my verses / for the king.

You are the most excel- / lent of men

and your lips have been anoint- / ed with grace.

Gird your sword on your side, you / mighty one;

clothe yourself with splendor and / majesty. Refrain

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and / ever;

a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your / kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate / wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has set you above your com- / panions.

I will perpetuate your memory through all gener- / ations;

therefore the nations will praise you for ever and / ever.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

## Second Reading

Acts 10:34-38

[The Holy Spirit was poured out onto Peter's listeners as he told them how God anointed Jesus.]

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup>but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup>You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

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.]

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:11

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



*Refrain*



You are my Son, whom I love;  
With you I am well pleased. *Refrain*

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

[In the waters of the Jordan River, Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.]

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup>But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup>Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup>As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

<sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

## Children's Sermon

[Children are invited to sit in the front of the church.]

## Hymn of the Day

## CW 377 | To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, the Christ, whom  
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of  
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -  
4 Then from God's throne with thun - drous sound came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, the God from God, the  
God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the  
tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
voice with words pro - found: "This is my Son," was



Light from Light, the Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.  
heav'n - ly dove, de - scand - ed on him from a - bove.  
his de - cree, "the one I love, who pleas - es me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
anointed Christ in glorious sight  
as God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
to save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

## Sermon

based on Matthew 3:13-17

### Baptism is God's Word

## **Remembrance of Baptism**

Holy Baptism is the priceless means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. The apostle Paul wrote: “All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” Again Paul wrote: “All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”

In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives us new life. We reject the devil and confess that we believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

**Yes, 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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, 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.**

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus, to value the Word and sacraments, and to live a life that pleases God?

**Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

May the eternal God, who saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

Loving Father, lead us to rejoice every day as we remember our baptism. When we sin against you and others, give us power to put down the sinful nature that was drowned in the water of baptism. When we doubt your love, cause us to remember the promises you made when we came to the font. When we feel weak, invigorate us with the hope of eternal life that awaits all who are baptized and believe in you.

Keep in your care all our brothers and sisters who are suffering in sickness, enduring hardship, carrying a cross, or mourning the death of someone they love. Let them also return to their baptism and remember the blessings you bestowed on them through the water and the Word. Keep all the baptized in your care and bring us at last to the river of the water of life in heaven. **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.**

## Offering

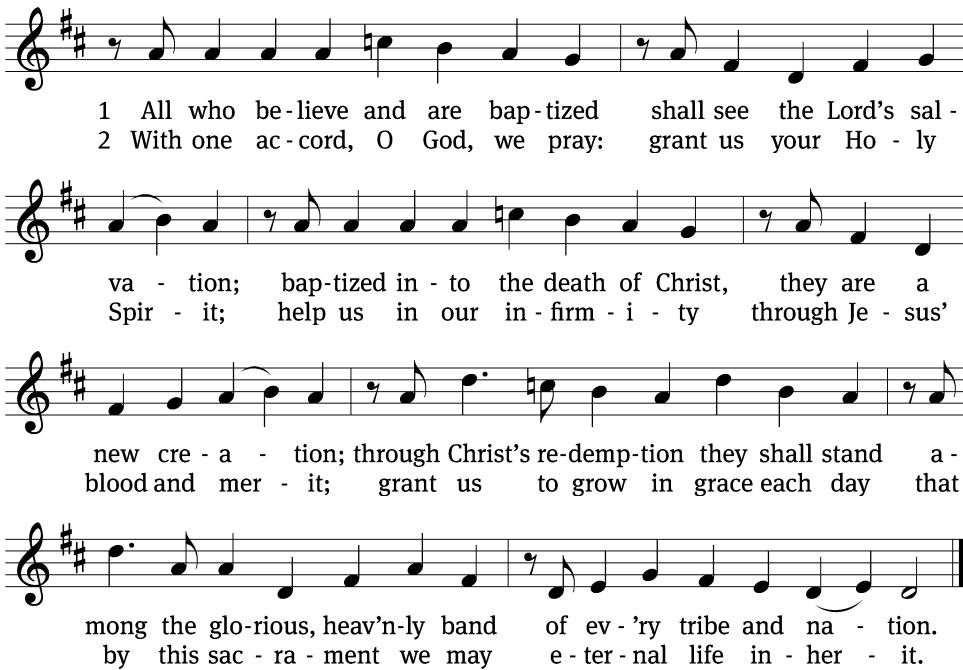
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- place it in the offering plate
- scan this QR code
- text any dollar amount to **84321**
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- go to the church website [www.lambofgodlafayette.com](http://www.lambofgodlafayette.com) and click **GIVE** in the upper right corner



## Hymn

### CW 692| All Who Believe and Are Baptized



1 All who be-lieve and are bap-tized shall see the Lord's sal -  
2 With one ac-cord, O God, we pray: grant us your Ho-ly

va - tion; bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a  
Spir - it; help us in our in - firm - i - ty through Je - sus'

new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand a -  
blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day that

mong the glo-ri-ous, heav'n-ly band of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
by this sac - ra - ment we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

## Closing Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 <sup>h</sup>give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **Closing Remarks**

### **Acknowledgments**

Setting Three from Christian Worship

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### **Serving at Worship (1/11)**

Pastor: Andrew Ewings

Pianist: Liz Schmidt

Usher/Greeter: Hartzell family

Acolyte: Kaylee Bednarski

### **Serving Next Week (1/18)**

Pastor: Andrew Ewings

Pianist: Liz Schmidt

Usher/Greeter: Becker family

Acolyte: Dax Graves

Livestream: Volunteer needed

Refreshments: Volunteer needed

## **This Week's Activities**

Sun, Jan 11 • Sunday School and Adult Bible Study – 9:15am  
• Worship service – 10:30am

Tue, Jan 13 • Exercise Night at LoG – 6pm

Wed, Jan 14 • Online Bible Study with Pastor – 7pm

Thu, Jan 15 • Mornings with Mommy – 9:45-11am  
• Exercise Night at LoG – 6pm  
• Purdue Campus Ministry – Held weekly at HAMP 2123 at 8pm

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

Fri, Jan 30 • Women's Bunco night – 6pm at Cheryl's

Thu, Feb 5 • Mornings with Mommy – 9:45-11am

Sat, Feb 21 • Chili Cook-off – 5pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **Mornings with Mommy (MwM)** will be on **Thursday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>** from **9:45-11am**. To register, scan the QR code or visit the Lamb of God website at <https://lambogodlafayette.com/ministry/mornings-with-mommy/>.



- Jan 15 – Winter Days: Snowflakes, Hats and Mittens
- Feb 5 – Red, Hearts and Valentines
- Feb 19 – All About Me!

**New Years, New Opportunity** - What's your New Year's resolution? While many resolve to lose weight or quit bad habits, perhaps spending more time in the Bible isn't too far from that list. At Lamb of God, we are getting into our Bible even more. Join us Wednesday nights online as we go through the book of Romans. Learn everything you can from the book Martin Luther suggested every Christian ought to memorize, and bring your hard questions with you. You can join us **each Wednesday at 7pm** on Zoom. A link will be provided in the weekly newsletter.

Meeting ID: 813 7991 3300

Passcode: 384569

**Ladies Bunco Night – Friday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** at the home of Cheryl Arvanitis. Scan the QR code to register.



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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

For all those in our midst who continue to deal with physical ailments or are home bound, including Bryant and Linda Monk, Mike Beights, Jim Holmes, Joan Bonnet, and Chelsea (Dawn's friend diagnosed with breast cancer).

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.

## Notes