

# *The Lamb*



*“The Lamb Led to Slaughter”*

**Midweek V**

## Midweek Lent V

### Series Theme

*“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29) That was John the Baptist’s powerful witness to Jesus at the Jordan River when the Savior came to be baptized by him. The image of a lamb is used frequently in both the Old and New Testaments to describe the Messiah as well as the sinful people He came to save. This Lenten season we gather to examine and to meditate on some of these Biblical pictures of...*

### The Lamb

#### As We Gather      “The Lamb Led to Slaughter”

*We can be grateful we live in the New Testament era. Can you imagine the Old Testament faithful climbing up, up, up to Jerusalem for the purpose of sacrificing one of their choicest animals to the LORD? It was a grizzly business, unpleasant to the eye, ear, nose, and throat. But it was necessary! Just so God sent His only-begotten and dearly loved Son to earth for one purpose: He came to die. He is the Lamb of God that was led to grizzly slaughter in our place. Truly, “Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus unto Thee.”*

**+ Service of Vespers+**

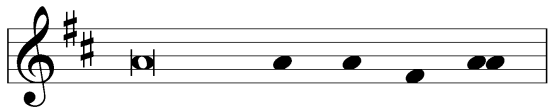
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**Bell**

**Welcome**

**We Greet Each Other**

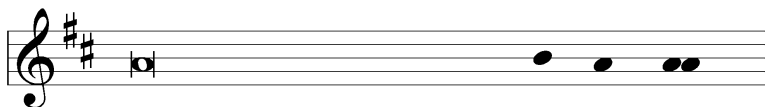
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



*Lent:* Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## **Psalm 44:8-26**

**P** In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever.

**C** **But you have rejected us and disgraced us and have not gone out with our armies.**

**P** You have made us turn back from the foe, and those who hate us have gotten spoil.

**C** **You have made us like sheep for slaughter and have scattered us among the nations.**

**P** You have sold your people for a trifle, demanding no high price for them.

**C** **You have made us the taunt of our neighbors, the derision and scorn**

**of those around us.**

**P** You have made us a byword among the nations, a laughingstock among the peoples.

**C** **All day long my disgrace is before me, and shame has covered my face at the sound of the taunter and reviler, at the sight of the enemy and the avenger.**

**P** All this has come upon us, though we have not forgotten you, and we have not been false to your covenant.

**C** **Our heart has not turned back, nor have our steps departed from your way;**

**P** yet you have broken us in the place of jackals and covered us with the shadow of death.

**C** **If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god, would not God discover this?**

**P** For he knows the secrets of the heart.

**C** **Yet for your sake we are killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.**

**P** Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

**C** **Why do you hide your face? Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?**

**P** For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly clings to the ground.

**C** **Rise up; come to our help! Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!**

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**C** **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*sit*

## 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."  
to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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## Old Testament Reading

## Isaiah 53:7-8

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is  
silent, so he opened not his mouth.

By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who  
considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people?

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.


**C Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory

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**L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.

*Refrain*



The Refrain is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a whole note chord consisting of F#4, A4, and C5. This is followed by a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4. The melody then continues with a half note D5, a quarter note C5, and a quarter note B4. The piece concludes with a final whole note chord of F#4, A4, and C5.

**C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

# Theme Hymn

## 547 The Lamb

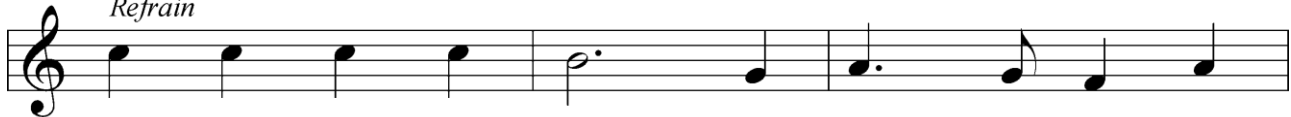


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

### *Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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## Sermon

## "The Lamb Led to Slaughter"

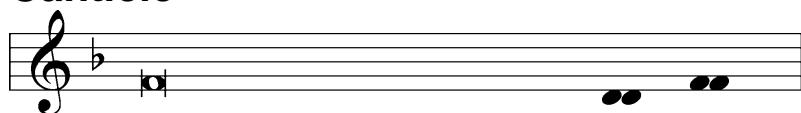
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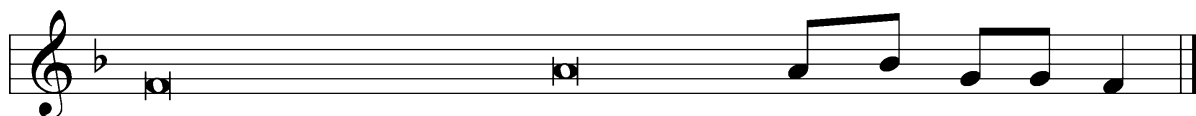
## Children's Message

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## Canticle



**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

## *“My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord”*

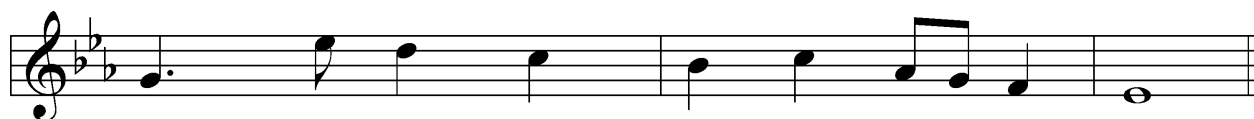
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1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it  
2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -  
3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters  
4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -  
maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like  
those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -  
leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



gard, And I am blest for time to come.  
light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.  
tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.  
el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

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*sit*

## Offering

*stand*



## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## Lord's Prayer

**All** 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; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and 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

## Collect for Persecuted Christians

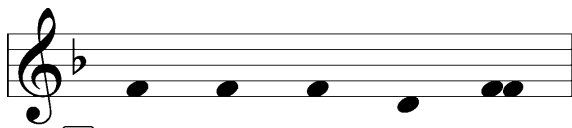
**P** Lord Jesus Christ, before whom all in heaven and earth shall bow, grant courage that Your children may confess Your saving name in the face of any opposition from a world hostile to the Gospel. Help them to remember Your faithful people who sacrificed much and even faced death rather than dishonor You when called upon to deny the faith. By Your Spirit, strengthen them to be faithful and to confess You boldly, knowing that You will confess Your own before the Father in heaven, with whom You and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

## Luther's Evening Prayer

**All** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Benedicamus



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction



# Hymn

## 878 Abide with Me



1 A - bid e with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bid e with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid e with me.  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bid e with me.  
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bid e with me.

5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6 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.

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## Announcements

## “The Lamb”

February 14	Ash Wednesday	Genesis 22:1-14	The Substitute Lamb
February 21	Midweek II	2 Samuel 12:1-7a	The Lamb We Have All Killed
February 28	Midweek III	Jn. 1:29; Lev.16:21-22	The Lamb That Takes Away Sin
March 6	Midweek IV	Isaiah 53:6	The Lambs That Are Lost
March 13	Midweek V	Isaiah 53:7	The Lamb Led to Slaughter
March 20	Midweek VI	Deuteronomy 17:1	The Unblemished Lamb
March 28	Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:21	The Passover Lamb
March 29	Good Friday	Exodus 29:38-39	The Lambs for Daily Sacrifice
March 31	Easter Sunday	Revelation 5:1-14	The Lamb That Was Slain

### **MIDWEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Ash Wednesday, Feb 14, 12:00PM & 7:00PM**

**Wednesdays, February 14- March 20**

Light Supper 6:00PM

Worship Service 7:00PM

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00PM

Good Friday, March 29, 12:00 & 7:00PM

Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:00 & 10:45 AM



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