

## *The Lamb*



*“The Unblemished Lamb”*

**Midweek VI**

## Midweek Lent VI

### 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 Unblemished Lamb”

*Unblemished. Perfect. Without spot. Holy. These are concepts we accept by faith to be true because we have never seen them with our eyes. Man’s sin has left literally everyone and everything in creation marred and stained. We are all ruined. But not Christ. He is the Perfect One, the Unblemished Lamb of God. On Him alone, therefore, do we place all our hopes for life eternal life. All praise to Christ, the Holy One of God!*

#### + Service of Vespers+

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#### Prelude

#### Bell

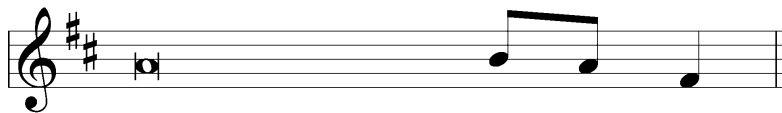
#### Welcome

#### We Greet Each Other

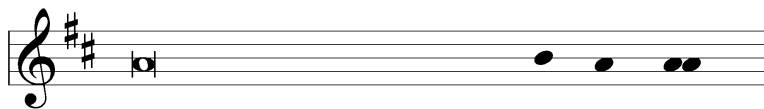
stand



**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 130

**P** Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

**C** O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

**P** If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

**P** I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

**C** my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

P O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.

C **And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

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*

## Hymn

### 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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## Old Testament Reading

## Leviticus 22:17-22

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron and his sons and all the people of Israel and say to them, When any one of the house of Israel or of the sojourners in Israel presents a burnt offering as his offering, for any of their vows or freewill offerings that they offer to the LORD, if it is to be accepted for you it shall be a male without blemish, of the bulls or the sheep or the goats. You shall not offer anything that has a blemish, for it will not be acceptable for you. And when anyone offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering from the herd or from the flock, to be accepted it must be perfect; there shall be no blemish in it. Animals blind or disabled or mutilated or having a discharge or an itch or scabs you shall not offer to the LORD or give them to the LORD as a food offering on the altar.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## New Testament Reading

## 1 Peter 1:13-21

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory



- 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.



- 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.



- Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



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

## Sermon

## “The Unblemished Lamb

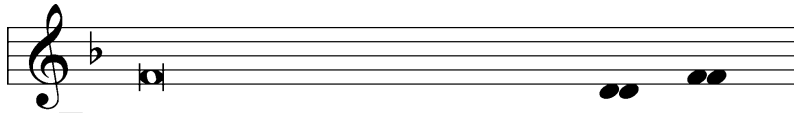
1 Peter 1:18-19

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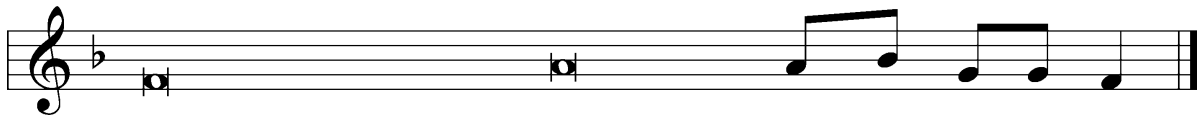
## Children’s Message

*stand*

## 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.



# "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

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1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!  
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of His name!  
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of His might!  
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of His Word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;  
 Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;  
 Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
 Firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;  
 His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.  
 His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!


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*sit*  
**Offering**  
*stand*

**Kyrie**



 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 Purity

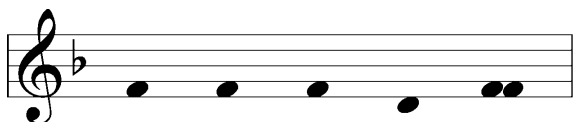
**P** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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



**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spirit - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

*sit*



## Hymn

### 880 Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow



1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,  
2 The ra - dant sun has van - ished, Its gold - en  
3 Now all the heav'n - ly splen - dor Breaks forth in  
4 Lord Je - sus, since You love me, Now spread Your  
5 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this



field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber lies.  
rays are ban - ished From dark - 'ning skies of night;  
star - light ten - der From myr - iad worlds un - known;  
wings a - bove me And shield me from a - larm.  
night will sure - ly From per - il guard your heads.



But you, my heart, a - wak - ing And prayer and mu - sic  
But Christ, the Sun of glad - ness, Dis - pel - ling all our  
And we, this mar - vel see - ing, For - get our self - ish  
Though Sa - tan would de - vour me, Let an - gel guards sing  
Sweet slum - bers may He send you And bid His hosts at -



mak - ing, Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.  
sad - ness, Shines down on us in warm - est light.  
be - ing For joy of beau - ty not our own.  
o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.  
tend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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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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