

LENTEN MIDWEEK 4

March 26, 2025

HYMN *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” LSB #702*

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

PSALM *Psalm 32*

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: **Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Pastor: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

People: **For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

People: **Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

Pastor: You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

People: **I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.**

Pastor: Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

People: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

Pastor: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.



COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

God of love, You lifted up Your Son on the cross so that You could draw all people to Him. Fill us with thanksgiving for this incredible love that we dare to believe is ours. Help us to be faithful servants of Your new covenant, reaching out to all those whom You claim; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

HYMN INTRODUCTION

Although located in the “Redeemer” section of the hymnal, the contemporary hymn “The Lamb” is appropriate to the Lenten season as it highlights the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Recalling the story of Abraham’s sacrifice of a ram on the mountain in place of his son Isaac, the hymn’s refrain is an ascription of praise that echoes the heavenly praise of Christ the Lamb recorded in the book of Revelation: “Worthy are You to take the scroll

and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation” (Revelation 5:9). The praise of the Lamb is a never-ending song for His faithful people.

Although some hymns are written over a long period of time and are frequently revised, “The Lamb” was not. Author Gerald Coleman wrote the text during a three-hour summer school class at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in the mid-1980s. The author felt that the work should remain as he initially wrote it. The text has never been amended or changed. A gifted musician as well as an inspired writer, Coleman composed the tune for the text and named it Winter in honor of a Nebraska family who had shown him Christian hospitality.

HYMN *“The Lamb” LSB #547, verse 1-4*

FIRST READING *Genesis 22:1–18*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Father in heaven, in countless ways we have sinned against You, but You have been merciful to us and have forgiven our transgressions. As Your Son covered Himself in our guilt that our sins may be covered in His redeeming blood, help us to find our peace in Him, who gave Himself for us, for in Him we are protected from trouble, and Your grace is our hiding place; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

SECOND READING *Galatians 3:7–14*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE *Romans 10:17*

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing,

People: *and hearing through the word of Christ.*

HOLY GOSPEL *John 3:16–17*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

People: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to You, O Christ.*

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

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

***And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***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.***

Sit

HYMN *“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” LSB #438*

SERMON

Stand

HYMN *“On My Heart Imprint Your Image” LSB #422*

PASSION READING *John 18:28–32*

Pastor: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Pastor: *Hear our prayer, O Lord.*

People: ***Let our cry come to You.***

Pastor: *Gracious God, heavenly Father, as You did not withhold Your Son, Your only Son,*

People: ***but gave Him up for us,***

Pastor: *grant us peace and assurance*

People: ***in the knowledge of Your saving love.***

Pastor: *For this is love—not that we have loved You but that You have loved us*

People: ***and have given Your Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.***

Pastor: *Grant that this Good News spread throughout creation that more people in every place may know that You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son,*

People: ***that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.***

Pastor: Hear us, O Lord, as we silently bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer

Pastor: Trusting in Your mercy, we pray as Your Son taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: *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.*

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.

People: *Amen.*

HYMN *"Not All the Blood of Beasts" LSB #431*

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

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