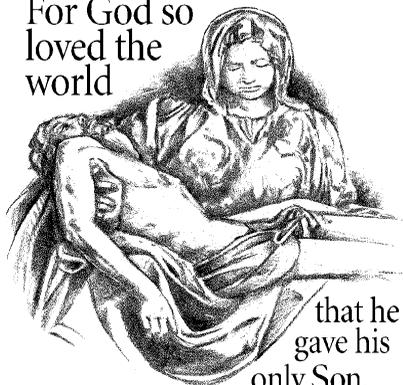


4th Midweek in Lent
*“The Good News of a Savior
Who Gives Himself in Our Place”*
March 26, 2025

For God so
loved the
world



that he
gave his
only Son.
John 3:16

For the convenience of all worshipers at St. John, we have:

- **Large-Print Bulletins and Hymnals**
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Please return books, crayons, and bags to “Ginny”.

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AS WE GATHER

One of the newest jobs on offer today is being a “tasker.” A tasker does jobs that people do not have the time or the inclination to do—like holding a place in line for a concert, sports event, or any kind of sale. Websites and apps invite potential customers to describe their task, choose their tasker from the list provided, and thus get their job done. They list locations where taskers can be hired across the United States and even internationally. Then, taskers can choose from a list of jobs where they might take the customer’s place. Throughout the season of Lent, we tell and retell how Jesus, the very Son of God, took our place and became the Sacrifice to pay the price of our sins. This Greatest of All Tasks He did not for any material payment, but to provide a place in Heaven itself for us by paying the Price of Salvation, as He took the Punishment of Divine Justice for our sin, and provided complete Forgiveness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

LSB 702

- 1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine.
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day, be wholly Thine!

- 2 May Thy rich Grace impart,
strength to my fainting heart; my zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to Thee,
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

- 3 While life’s dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread, be Thou my Guide.
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow’s tears away,
nor let me ever stray, from Thee aside.

- 4 When ends life’s transient dream,
when death’s cold, sullen stream, shall o’er me roll.
Blest Savior, then, in Love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe Above, a Ransomed soul!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

PSALM 32

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

All: Blessed is the one 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.

All: 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.

All: 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.

All: 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.

All: 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!

All: 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.

All: 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.

All: Amen.

HYMN INTRODUCTION

Pastor: 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 to be sung by 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

- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the Sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes, God will provide the Lamb of Price! *Refrain*

*Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb Whose Death makes me His own!
The Lamb is Reigning on His Throne!*

- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one Perfect final Offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, let Earth join Heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*

*Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb Whose Death makes me His own!
The Lamb is Reigning on His Throne!*

- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their Shepherd kill,
so still, His Will, on our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*

- 4 He sighs, He Dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He Lives, Forgives, He gives me His Own Righteousness. *Refrain*

Text: Gerald P. Coleman, 1953–2023

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING *Genesis 22:1-18*

ESV 19

¹After these things, God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the Angel of the LORD called to him from Heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And

Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD Will Provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

¹⁵And the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from Heaven ¹⁶and said, “By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the Earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My Voice.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **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 took upon Himself our guilt that our sins may be washed away covered in His Redeeming Blood, help us to find our peace in Him, Who gave Himself for us, for in Him we stand Victorious and Empowered under all circumstances; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

SECOND READING *Galatians 3:7–14*

ESV 1155

⁷Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the Gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. ¹⁰For all who rely on works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” ¹¹Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the Law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹²But the Law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ¹³Christ Redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— ¹⁴so that in Christ Jesus the Blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the Promised Spirit through faith.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶“For God so Loved the World, that He gave His Only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have Eternal Life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the World to condemn the World, but in order that the World might be saved through Him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

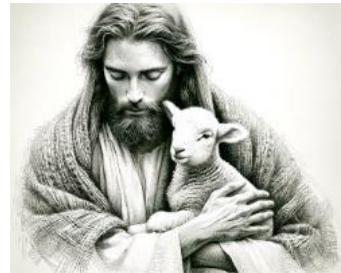
HYMN

LSB 438

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” Vs 1,2

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
 the Guilt of sinners bearing.
 And, laden with the Wins of Earth,
 none else the burden sharing;
 goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
 to slaughter led without complaint,
 that Spotless Life to offer,
 He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
 the mockery, and yet replies,
 “All this I gladly suffer.”

- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul’s Great Friend,
 the Lamb of God, our Savior,
 Whom God the Father chose to send,
 to gain for us His Favor.
 “Go forth, My Son,” the Father said,
 “and free My Children from their dread,
 of guilt and condemnation.
 The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
 but by Your Passion they will share,
 the Fruit of Your Salvation.”



SERMON

HYMN

LSB 438

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” Vs 3,4

- 3 “Yes, Father, yes, most willingly,
I’ll bear what You Command Me.
My Will conforms to Your Decree,
I’ll do what You have asked Me.”
O Wondrous Love, what have You done!
The Father offers up His Son,
desiring our Salvation.
O Love, how Strong You are to save!
You lay the One into the Grave,
Who built the Earth’s Foundation.
- 4 Lord, when Your Glory I shall see,
and taste Your Kingdom’s pleasure,
Your Blood my Royal Robe shall be,
my Joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before Your Throne,
Your Righteousness shall be my Crown;
with these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
as Your own bride shall we be brought,
to stand in joy beside You.

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OFFERING (*received and brought to the Altar*)

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

**All: What shall I render to the Lord for all His Benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the Name of the Lord.
I will take the Cup of Salvation
and will call on the Name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord
now in the presence of all His people,
in the Courts of the Lord’s House,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

APOSTLES CREED

All: 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.

PASSION READING *John 18:28–32*

ESV 1075

²⁸Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the Governor's Headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the Governor's Headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" ³⁰They answered him, "If this Man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." ³²This was to fulfill the Word that Jesus had Spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

All: Let our cry come to You.

Pastor: Gracious God, Heavenly Father, as You did not withhold Your Son, Your Only Son,

All: but gave Him up for us,

Pastor: grant us peace and assurance

All: in the knowledge of Your Saving Love.

Pastor: For this is Love—not that we have loved You but that You have Loved us

All: 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,

All: that whoever believes in Him shall 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

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to Everlasting Life.

All: Amen. Amen. Amen *(sung)*

LSB 202

HYMN *"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"*

LSB 740

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;
for my Shepherd gently guides me,
knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
even calls me by my name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
into pleasant pastures leads me;
when I thirst, He bids me go,
where the quiet waters flow.
- 3 Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
by His Angel Host attended,
He shall fold me to His Breast,
there within His Arms to rest.



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Scott Lucas

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Dale Brigger

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Kristi DeVries

Altar Guild:

2025 MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES UPCOMING:

will be held at **6:30pm**,

April 2 & April 9

Dinners will be served at **5:15pm before the services.**

LENTEN DINNERS

Take a break from cooking and join your family and friends for dinner prior to the Wednesday Lenten Worship Services. Sign-up sheets for the desserts are located in the Narthex. Dinner will be served starting at 5:15pm. Watch the weekly bulletin for menus and updates. A big thank you goes out to the groups who have graciously offered to sponsor the dinners!

The upcoming schedule and sponsors are:

Apr. 02: Pulled Pork & Chicken Sandwiches with sides

Apr. 09: Buttke Family: Spaghetti from That's Amore



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UPCOMING HOLY WEEK SERVICES

At the **April 12 (3pm)** and **April 13 (9am)**
Palm Crosses will be shared at both Worship Services.

April 12: Palm Saturday

- Worship Service at 3:00pm



April 13: Palm Sunday – Sunday of the Passion

- Worship Service at 9:00am

April 17: Maundy Thursday

- Worship Service at 6:30
 - Bell Choir will play
 - Traditional Communion Liturgy
 - The Stripping of the Altar

April 18: Good Friday

- Worship Service at 6:30pm
 - The full Scripture report of Jesus' Condemnation, Suffering and Death

April 19: Easter Saturday – Easter Vigil Service

- Worship Service at 3:00pm

April 20: Easter Sunday – Alleluia!! He Is Risen!!

- Easter Breakfast 8:30am
(Registration for breakfast is appreciated)
- **Easter Worship Service at 10:00am**

