

**March 11, 2026**

*Fourth Midweek  
in Lent*



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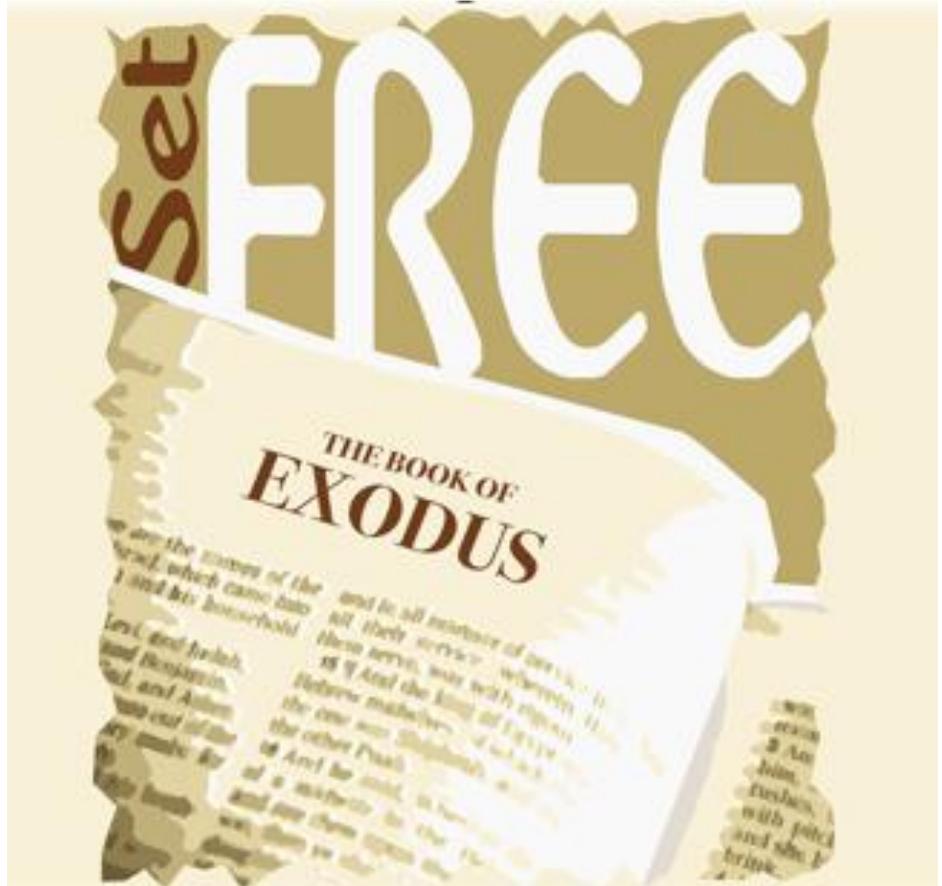
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8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am  
*Sundays*

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Sunday School:  
9:30 am

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

"The Old Rugged Cross"  
"Lamb of God"

arr. W. Barnett  
setting: J. Kohrs

WELCOME

*Stand*

HYMN

"Lamb of God"

**LSB 550**



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



*Refrain*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 32:1; Matthew 25:29; Exodus 12:13*

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
**C** **whose sin is covered.**
- P** For to everyone who has will more be given,  
**C** **and he will have an abundance.**
- P** I will pass over you,  
**C** **and no plague will befall you to destroy you.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 32*

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
**C** **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
**C** **For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
- P** I acknowledged my sin to You,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
**C** **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** 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.  
**C** **You are a hiding place for me;  
You preserve me from trouble;  
You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- P** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

**C** 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.

**P** Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

**C** but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

**P** Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

**C** and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

*Sit*

## FIRST READING

*Exodus 12:1–14*

**A** <sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. <sup>7</sup>"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to

the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

**A** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 5:6–8*

**A** <sup>6</sup>Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? <sup>7</sup>Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**A** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## THIRD READING

*Matthew 25:17–30*

**P** <sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. <sup>37</sup>I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. <sup>38</sup>I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HYMN

"What Prompted Christ"

*sts. 1–2*

1 What prompt - ed Christ, our Lord, to come  
2 Why did our heav'n - ly Fa - ther send  
down to the cross? What prompt - ed Him to die for my  
down His dear Son? Why did He send His Son down to  
soul? It was the Fa - ther's love That  
earth? It shows that God is love; We  
sent Him to the cross That in Christ's bound - less  
learn what is true love. He prom - is - es to  
love He would pay for all sin To  
nev - er us leave nor for - sake. The  
pay for ev - 'ry sin since the fall.  
Gos - pel strength - ens faith— our true birth.

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## PASSION READING

*Mark 14:66—15:11*

**P** <sup>66</sup>And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, <sup>67</sup>and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." <sup>71</sup>But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." <sup>72</sup>And immediately the rooster crowed a

second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

<sup>1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked.

<sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up.

<sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Sit*

**HYMN**

"Not All the Blood of Beasts"

**LSB 431**



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain  
 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;  
 3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,  
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear  
 5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.  
 A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.  
 While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.  
 When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.  
 We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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## SERMON

## OFFERING

## VOLUNTARY

"Jesus Calls Us"

arr. S. Keeney

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12, Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt., Text and tune: Public domain

## PRAYERS

- P** Let us pray for all people who are unsure of God's hearing their prayers.
- C** **Hear their cries, O Lord, grant them courage as You accompany, and answer them speedily.**
- A** Let us ask God to strengthen the faith of those who only recently have known Him.
- C** **Reveal Yourself gently to them, Lord Jesus, through the caring of Your church.**
- P** Let us pray for those who feel trapped by circumstances beyond their control.

- C** Assure them that You know their dilemma and that the deliverer has come: Jesus, our Savior and Lord.
- A** Let us pray for all who fear God's punishment.
- C** Show them mercy, O Lord, as You passed over Your Old Testament people. Grant them peace through Your presence.
- P** Let us pray for all who know no good ways to turn, are unsure of the truth, and await only their deaths.
- C** Tell them again, Lord Jesus, that You alone are the way, and the truth, and the life.
- A** Finally, let us pray for all who are tired from opposition in the world around them and from their own conflicts within themselves.
- C** Awaken in them a sense of Your accompanying them on their journey until that day when they and we join those who have gone before us at Your heavenly banquet hall.
- P** O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways
- C** and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- A** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,
- C** give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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

- P** The Lord, who has passed over you in mercy, bless you.  
 The Lord, who sent His Son to pay for your sins, bless you.  
 The Lord, who calls you His sons and daughters, bless you and keep you, now and forever.
- G** Amen.

## HYMN

"Glory Be to Jesus"

LSB 433



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
 Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
 Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

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*Sit*

## DISMISSAL

 Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand”

arr. A. Mason

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