

***“Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life;  
whoever comes to me shall not hunger,  
and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.” John 6:35***

*Hello, and welcome to worship! Today we will look at how Jesus is the “Bread of Life” for our lives. This is a great “Promised Treasure” for us as we walk through the “wilderness” of life.*

*Our sermon title is, “Bread of Life!”*



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4th Midweek Service in Lent  
6:30pm Service

Opening Hymn

"The Lamb"

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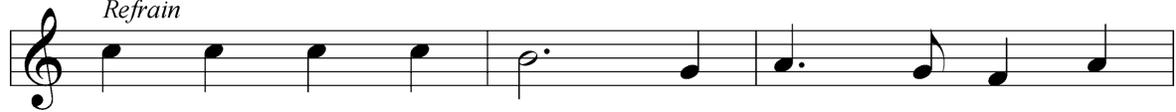


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.



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.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



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

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*Invocation & Opening Sentences*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: For our sake God made Jesus to be sin who knew no sin,

**C: So that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.**

P: But He was wounded for our transgressions;

**C: He was crushed for our iniquities;**

P: Upon Him was the punishment that brought us peace,

**C: And with His stripes we are healed.**

## *Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Lord Jesus, search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

*(We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.)*

P: With humble hearts, let us pray together:

**C: Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.**

P: Our souls are hungry and in need. We waste away without Your daily bread in our lives.

**C: Our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is why You died for us—**

P: To forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.

**C: With hearts that are humble and lives ever grateful, help us to receive Your grace, bow before You in worship, and confess that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

P: Almighty God our heavenly Father shows His mercy to us in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, the true bread from heaven who satisfies the hunger of our souls. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## *Lenten Prayer*

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You reveal Yourself as the bread of life who satisfies all the hungry souls that return to You in repentance and faith.

**C: Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the promised treasures of Your Word;**

P: For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: The Old Testament reading for the fourth midweek service in Lent is from Exodus, the sixteenth chapter.

<sup>2</sup> And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup> and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” . . .

<sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup> In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup> And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup> This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” <sup>17</sup> And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup> But when they measured it with an omer, whoever

gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*First Gospel*

*John 6:32-37*

P: The First Gospel lesson is from St. John, the sixth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to Him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never cast out.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Anthem*

*“I Am the Bread of Life”*

*Tom Jandt*

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*Passion Reading*

*Matthew 26:57-68*

P: The second Gospel lesson is from St. Matthew, the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup> And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. <sup>59</sup> Now the

chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death,<sup>60</sup> but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward<sup>61</sup> and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’”<sup>62</sup> And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?”<sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”<sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy.”<sup>66</sup> What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.”<sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him,<sup>68</sup> saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sermon Hymn*                      *“Go to Dark Gethsemane”*                      *LSB #436*

**Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.**

**Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.  
“It is finished!” hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

**Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.**

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*Sermon*

*"Bread of Life"*

*John 6:32-37*

*Offering*

*Prayers of the Church*

P: Lord, in Your Mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

*Benedicamus*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Blessing*

P: Go out into the world in peace. Have courage! Hold fast to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord. And may Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be and abide with you!

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn "All Praise to Thee, My God This Night" LSB #883



1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the  
2 For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that  
3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as  
4 Oh, may my soul in Thee re - pose, And may sweet



bles - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,  
I this day have done, That with the world, my -  
lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die that  
sleep mine eye - lids close, Sleep that shall me more



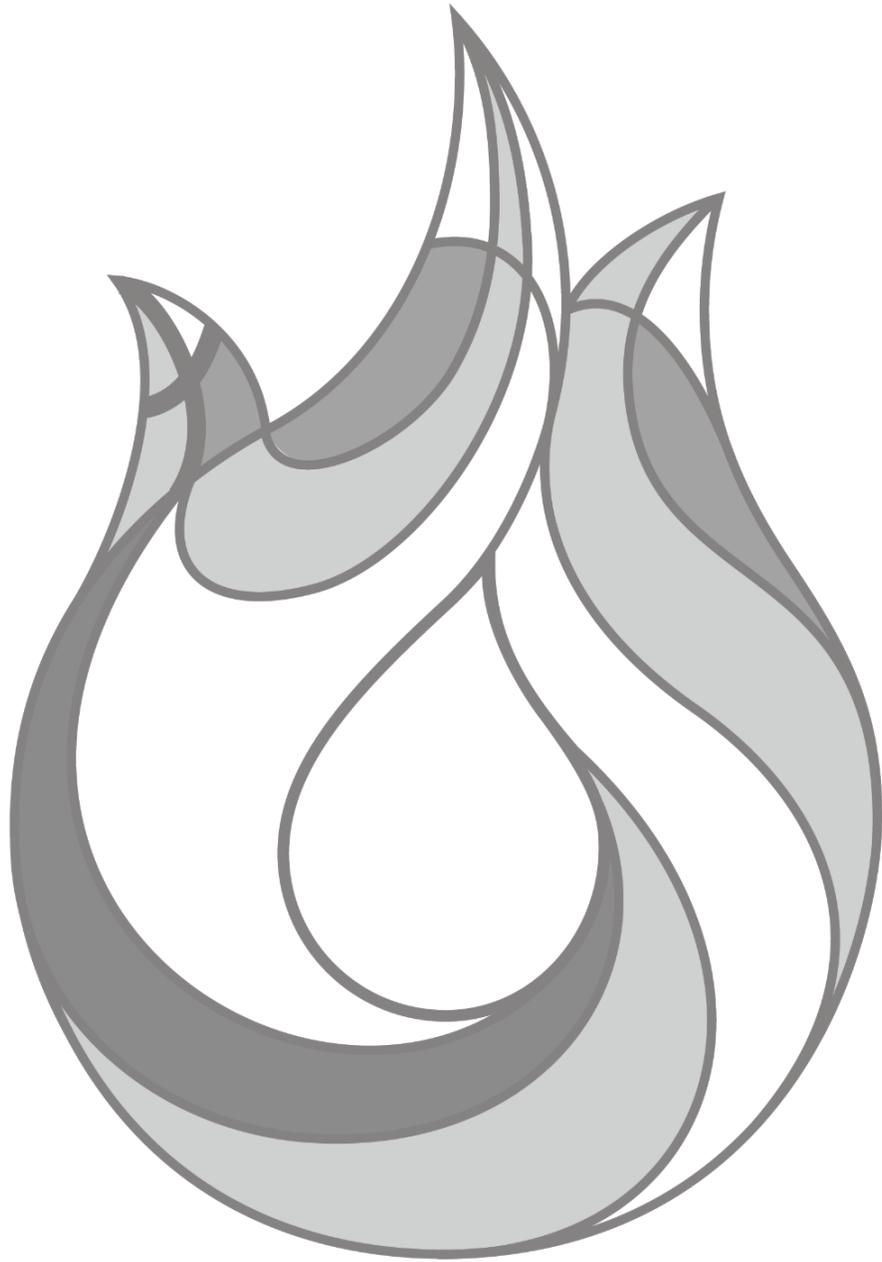
King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.  
self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.  
so I may Rise glo - rious at the awe - full day.  
vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

**When in the night I sleepless lie,  
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,  
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.**

*(Please rise for the last verse which will be SUNG as a ROUND)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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