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Second Sunday After the Epiphany
1-18-26

Theme - Jesus is the Lamb of God

For centuries Israel offered sacrifices to God for sin. Over and over, a substitute shed its blood to indicate forgiveness. Then Jesus appeared, the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world. He died as the substitute for sinful mankind. Connected to him by faith, you have new perspective and new motivation for living a Christian life.

† GOD CALLS †

CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalm 40

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me,
ALL: And heard my cry.

Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock
ALL: and gave me a firm place to stand.

Pastor He put a new song in my mouth,
ALL: A hymn of praise to our God.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
ALL: Amen!

OPENING SONG
“This the Feast of Victory”

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation.**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all!
ALL: And also with you!

† GOD SPEAKS †

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**OLD TESTAMENT
Isaiah 53:4-7**

Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

EPISTLE
1 Peter 1:18-21

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL
John 1:29-42

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³² Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”^[a]

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”
³⁹ “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter^[b]).

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BRINGING OUR BLESSING

with Thanksgiving in our Offering

PRAYERS

THE 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.

SONG “The Lamb”

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heaven His praise to sing.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong 'Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

MESSAGE

† GOD GIVES †

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God as His dear children. But we have sinned against him. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

ALL: Merciful Father, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven you all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. So I declare with great joy, “your sins are forgiven!” In the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

SONG “This is the Gift of God”

Because of His love, rich in mercy,
He made us alive in Him.
Saved us from death, Rescued the sinners,
This is the gift of God.

Holy is the Lamb of God.
Holy is the One who loved.
Not by works, but by His blood.
This is the gift of God.

Before the creation we were chosen,
Adopted into His love.
Glorious grace lavished upon us,
This is the gift of God.

Holy is the Lamb of God.
Holy is the One who loved.
Not by works, but by His blood.
This is the gift of God.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION “Lamb of God” - LSB 550

Your only Son no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died;
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood.
Till I am just a lamb of God.

At the Lamb's high feast We Sing LSB 633

vs1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercèd side.
Alleluia!

vs 2Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His Body for the feast--

**Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!**

**3. Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!**

**4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!**

**5. Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!**

**6. Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grace enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!**

**7. Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!**

**8. Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days;
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!**

DISMISSAL

CLOSING SONG “There is a Redeemer”

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory I will see His face,
and there I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.**

† GOD BLESSES †

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all!

ALL: Amen.

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!