

LENT EVENING BULLETIN, 1st Wednesday in Lent, February 21, 2024
The Crucified Lamb of God

(P: pastor; C: congregation)

GREETING

All who are able, stand

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

C: Amen

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

C: 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.

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalm 32:1-11 *A Maskil of David.*

(the pastor and congregation recite the psalm together)

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

² **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³ **For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.**

⁴ **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Selah

⁵ **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. Selah**

⁶ **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.**

⁷ **You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah**

⁸ **I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

⁹ **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.**

¹⁰ **Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

¹¹ **Be glad you righteous and rejoice in the Lord.**

Shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

PSALM PRAYER

P: Lord God, you desired to keep from us your wrath and so did not spare your holy servant Jesus Christ, who was wounded for our sins. We are your prodigal children, but we come back to you confessing our sins. Embrace us, that we may rejoice in your mercy together with your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All sit

FIRST LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1: 20-31

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

SECOND LESSON: Luke 9: 20-27

Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one,²² saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.²⁷ But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God." (Lk. 9:20-27 ESV)

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

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All sit

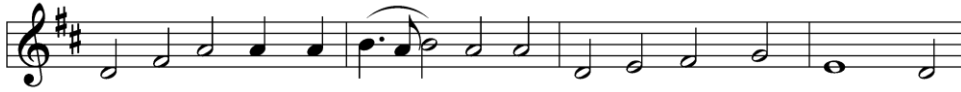
SERMON

All who are able, stand

Hymn: Lamb of God, Pure and Holy - LSB 434



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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LENT RESPONSORY

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

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PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

P: Lord, Your forgiveness rescues us from ever-failed intentions and foolish weakness. Grant to us grace that we may be restored through forgiveness and ever stand before You in the clothing of Your mercy; 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

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

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