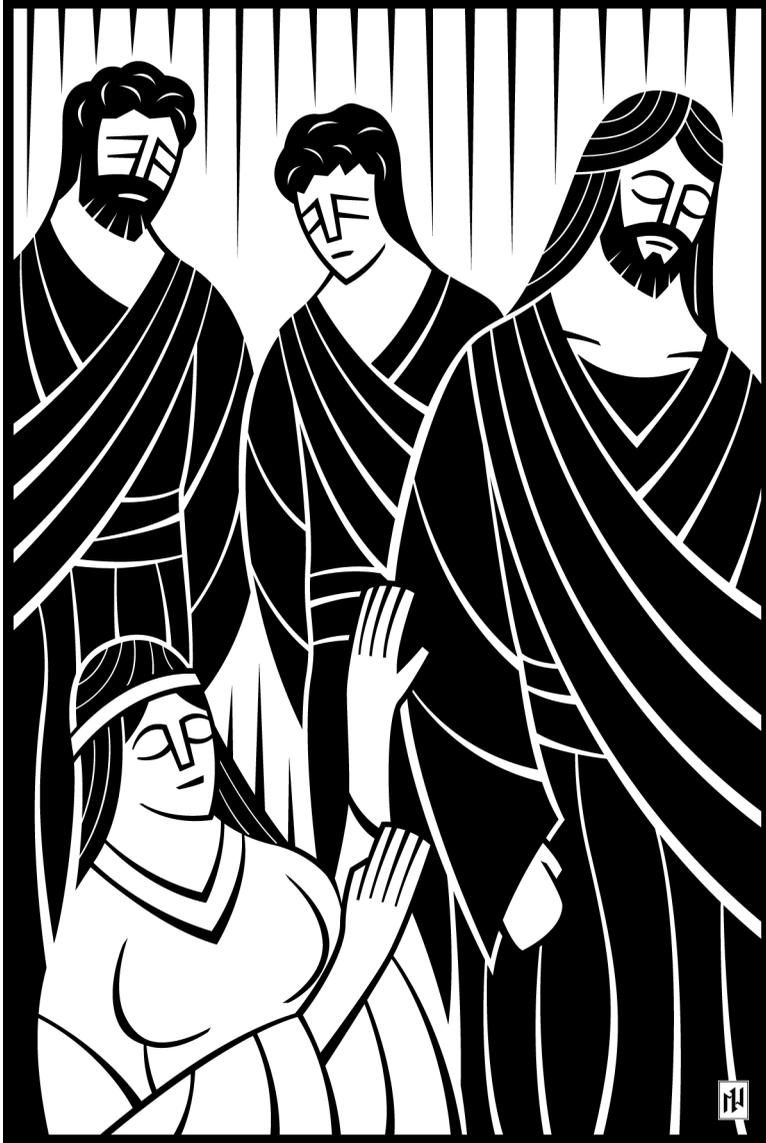


TOO SMALL A THING



The Second Sunday In Lent
Living Shepherd Lutheran Church
365 W. Grand Ave Laramie, WY
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WELCOME TO LIVING SHEPHERD!

A FEW NOTES BEFORE WORSHIP

- *We're so glad you joined us for worship today!*
- *Restrooms are located on your right and on your left immediately after you walk through the double doors next to the fire place.*
- *We love having children in our worship service! However, if your child becomes restless, the café (first door on the left past the restrooms) is a great place to regroup and grab a cup of coffee.*
- *You are our guest! If there is something else we can help you with, please let any one of us know!*
- *Finally, you'll find everything you need for worship printed in this service folder. Lord's blessings on your worship!*

TODAY'S SERVICE

Who is Israel? Well, Israel is Jacob. After Jacob wrestled with God he heard these words, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." (Genesis 32:28) Israel had 12 sons (the twelve tribes of Israel). And from that point forward Israel has been the name most commonly used to refer to Jacob's descendants. But Israel has never been a term reserved only for the physical descendants of Israel. Today we'll dig into who "Israel" really is! Lord's blessings on your worship today.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, in humility You came to this earth, to bring life to us humans. Use Your word to bring me life today. Fill me with appreciation for Your goodness and Your grace as I see Your humility, winning life for me. Bless my worship, O Savior! Amen.

OPENING HYMN

HYMN 340 — OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist
3 The name of Je - sus calms our fears And bids
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He sets
5 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The Lamb



Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
our sor - rows cease. 'Tis mu - sic in the
the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
of God was slain. His life was once an



God and King, The tri - umphs of his grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of your name.
sin - ner's ears; 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
off - 'ring made That you might live a - gain.

6 Glory to God and praise and love
Be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt.
Tune: BEATITUDO (CM) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

INVOCATION

*The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross
remind worshipers of their baptisms.*

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

*The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to
forgive the sins of penitent sinners." For further information see: John 20:21-23.
Also see Luther's Small Catechism, "The Use of the Keys and Confession."*

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

GOD'S WORD

ISAIAH 49:5-9 a

⁵And now the LORD says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength— ⁶he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.”

⁷This is what the LORD says— the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel— to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: “Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

⁸This is what the LORD says: “In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances, ⁹to say to the captives, ‘Come out,’ and to those in darkness, ‘Be free!’ “They will feed beside the roads and find pasture on every barren hill.

PSALM 25 (printed on the next page)

PSALM 25

Refrain



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

Psalm tone



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O LORD.

Refrain

Turn to me and be gracious to me,*
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress*
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*
for I take refuge in you.

**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.**

Refrain

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1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-7

Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

³ It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; ⁶ and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. ⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸ Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

HYMN 413 — WHEN IN THE HOUR OF UTMOST NEED

(The children may come forward during verse 3 for the children's devotion)



1 When in the hour of ut - most need We know not
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's
4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our
5 So that with all our hearts we may To you our



where to look for aid, When days and nights of
meet be - fore your throne; To you, O faith - ful
cries in time of need Through him whose name a -
woes be - fore you lay. Be with us in our
glad thanks - giv - ing pay, Then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought Nor help nor coun - sel yet have brought,
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
an - guish still; Free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
to your Word And now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

Text: Paul Eber, 1511–69, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–c. 1561.



GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

MATTHEW 15:21-28

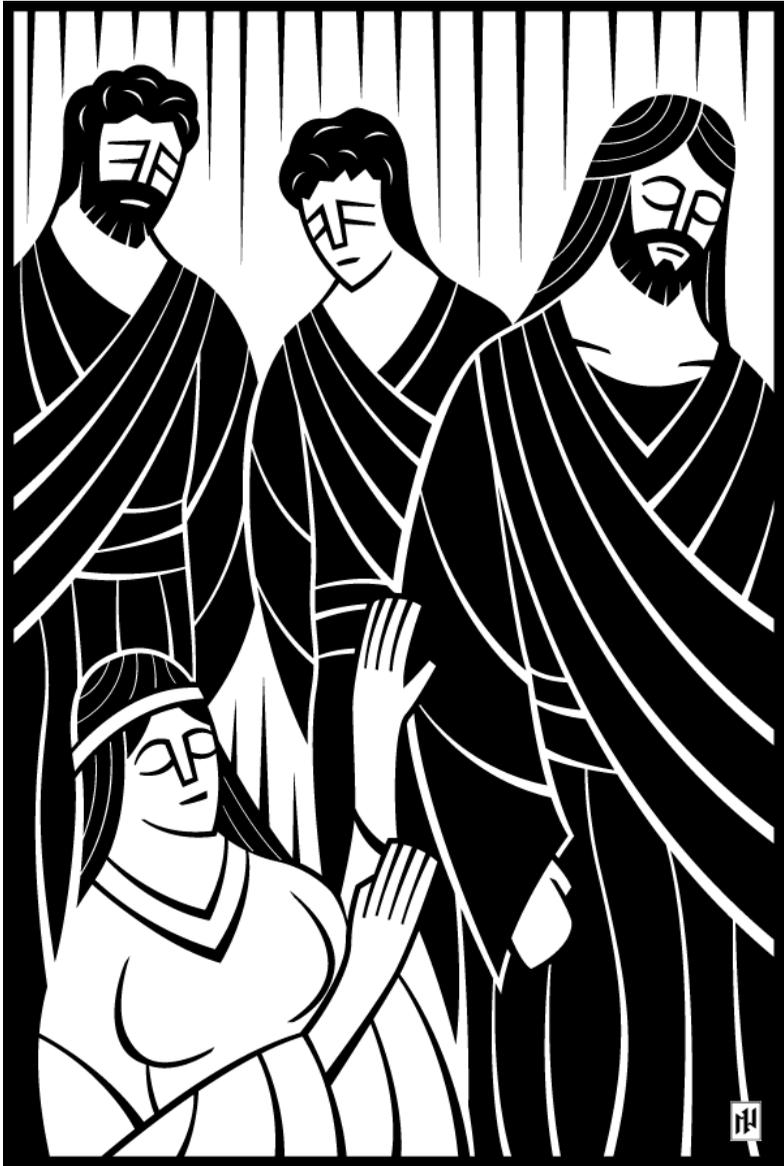
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²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession."

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." ²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. ²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The original text here reads "catholic," a word meaning "universal." The Church consists of all believers in heaven and on earth, of every time in history.*

WORSHIP REGISTERS

*Thanks for visiting us today! We'd love to have a record of your visit!
Any information you'd be willing to share would be greatly appreciated!*

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, the people of Living Shepherd offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. To those visiting, you are our guests. While your gifts are welcome, please do not feel obligated to give. You can also support our ministry by clicking the "give" button at www.LivingShepherd.com

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*We pray on behalf of this church as well as on behalf of
God's people throughout our nation and the world.*

P: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

P: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

P: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

P: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

P: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PREFACE

The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessings. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY –*Sanctus*

Sanctus means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -



in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.
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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use.

The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
- P: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: **Amen.**



LAMB OF GOD—*Agnus Dei*

Jesus is God's Lamb [Agnus Dei], who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



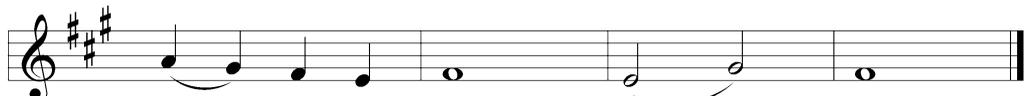
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. In light of our Lord's clear warning concerning His Holy Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, we ask you take the opportunity to join us in studying what our God has to say concerning this Holy Supper prior to communing. If you wish to come forward at the direction of our usher and have not yet declared fellowship with us, you may do so and will receive a blessing.

THIS IS MY
BODY
THIS IS MY
BLOOD



SONG OF SIMEON—*Nunc Dimittis*

*The Nunc Dimittis [“Now dismiss”] is also known as the “Song of Simeon.”
Through God’s Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like
Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.*



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace, as - sured:
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the Son,



For I have seen your prom - ised In - car - nate, sav - ing Word—
All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er three in one;



A Light that will en - light - en All gloom where
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall



Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant, crown - ing glo - ry
ev - er be, God’s tri - une name re - sound - ing



Of those in Is - ra - el!
Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

*The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years.
The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them],
and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].*

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

C: **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

*HYMN 439 — LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME
(printed on the next page in your worship folder)*

439

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
 For you, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en My steps toward home,



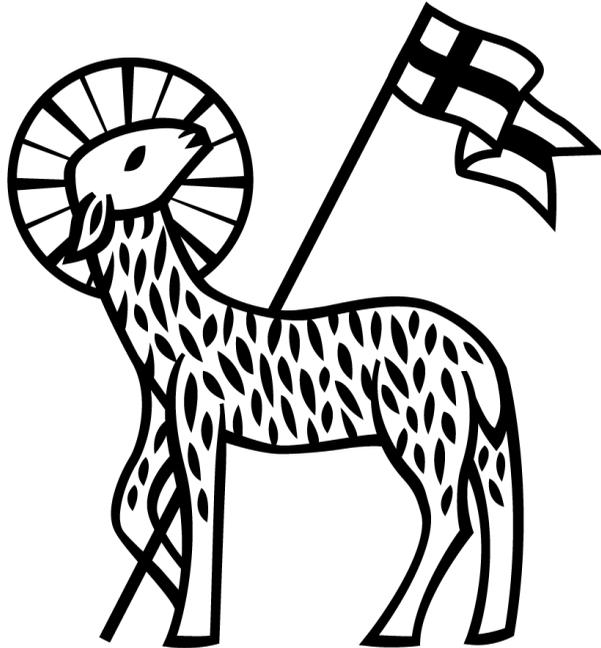
With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 And noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
 For when your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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Tune: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE (74 74 D) P. Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860.



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WELCOME!

We welcome everyone here today and thank you for joining us for worship! We hope that you will join us again soon.

TREATS FROM SWEETS BAKERY AND COFFEE!

We hope you can stick around after worship to join us for some treats from Sweets Bakery and some freshly brewed coffee!

WORSHIP SETUP

Thanks to those who helped set up for worship today! Next week, the Rap and Russow families are on for set up. Set up starts at 8:30 AM.

BIBLE STUDY

Next week we'll continue a 5 week study of the New Testament book of Philippians. Join us at 9 AM!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Phyllis Davis is working on preparing Easter Eggs for our annual Easter Egg hunt. If you're interested in helping with supplies, please speak to Phyllis!

OTHER EVENTS

- LENT SERVICE WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 PM
- BIBLE BASICS CONTINUES THIS THURSDAY AT 7 PM

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