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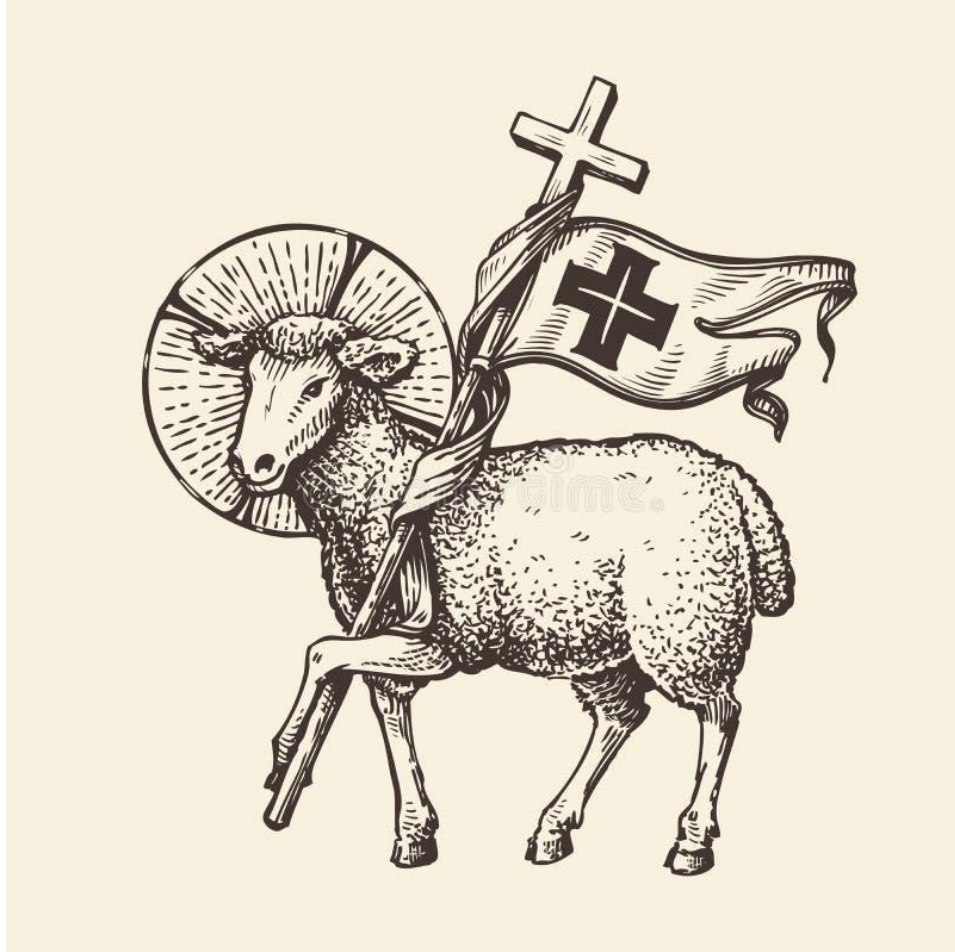
The Lamb

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TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

I. Sheep and Shepherds

- Commentary

Psalm 23

(Cong.) ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

(Women) ²He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me besides the still waters.

³ He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

(Men) ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff,
they comfort me.

(Pastor) ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

(Cong.) ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my
life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

HYMN: 370 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Cong.

1 The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His.
And He is mine forever.

Women

2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Men

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;

Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Pastor

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight,
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

Cong.

6 And so through all the length of
days
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

II. Lambs

- Commentary

Hebrews 11:17-19

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

- Commentary

Isaiah 53:3-7

³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

- Commentary

John 1:29

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

HYMN: The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Children

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Children/Pastor

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Cong.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace.
Amen.

HYMN: “The Lamb” (Children’s choir)

Children/Pastor

2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.

Refrain:

Cong.

3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill

So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill.

Refrain:

18. THE OFFERING

III. The Christmas Lamb

- Commentary

Galatians 4:4-5

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

HYMN: 165 “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who hath truly kept His word
And the sinners' Help and Friend
Now at last to us doth send.

2 What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,

What they longed for many a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.

3 Abram's promised great Reward,
Zion's Helper, Jacob's Lord-
Him of twofold race behold-
Truly came, as long foretold.

- Commentary

Luke 2:8-14

⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

(Children) ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

HYMN: “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens

There shone a holy light.

Refrain:

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior’s birth.

Refrain:

Luke 2:15

¹⁵ So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another,

(**Boys**) “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.”

HYMN: “How Far Is It to Bethlehem” (Children’s choir)

HYMN: 137 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond’ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth.

Luke 2:16-18

¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

HYMN: “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain,

Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain

That Jesus Christ is born!
3 Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;

And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.
Refrain

Luke 2:19-20 (Children)

¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰ Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

HYMN: “He is Born” (Children’s choir)

IV. The Lamb of God

- Commentary

I Peter 2:24-25

²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

John 10:11

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

I Peter 1:18-19

¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

- Commentary

Revelation 5:11-13

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

HYMN: “Alabaré”

Refrain (Duet):

Alabaré, alabaré
Alabaré a mi Señor
Alabaré, alabaré
Alabaré a mi Señor

Duet

1 Juan vio el número de los redimidos
Y todos alababan al Señor
Unos oraban, otros cantaban
Y todos alababan al Señor.

(Children) Refrain:

Children

2 Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood has set us free from ev’ry sin.
Power and riches, And wisdom and strength
And honor and all blessing shall be His.

(All) Refrain:

Cong.

3 Sing with the people, the people of God,
And join creation in a joyful hymn.
Blessing and honor And glory and might
To God and to the Lamb be without end.

(All) Refrain:

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give † you peace.

C: Amen

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS for December 22, 2024

Tuesday 5:30 PM: Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday 10:30 AM: Christmas Day Service

Thursday 11:00 AM: Caroling at Heartis Assisted Living

Sunday 9:00 AM: **Sunday School & Bible Study**
 10:30 AM: **Divine Service**

A Special Offering is being asked to send as a gift to our adopted seminarian Noah Schleusener. Noah is in his second year of seminary.